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Employment Update



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United States Employment Snapshot

- In March, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia unemployment fell in 15, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 19.
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in **Nevada**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent.
- In March, payroll jobs rose in 38 states and fell in 12. The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Connecticut**.

New Mexico Employment Snapshot

- In March, New Mexico added 1,000 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to
 4.3 percent. In the prior month, New Mexico added 400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, New Mexico added 11,800 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.4
 percentage points from 3.9 percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** New Mexico **is tied for 9th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **New Mexico's private sector added 900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 10,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, New Mexico added 600 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in New Mexico rose by 565, and over the past 12 months it rose by 5,234.
- New Mexico's labor force participation rate remained steady at 57.8 percent in March and is tied for 47th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.

