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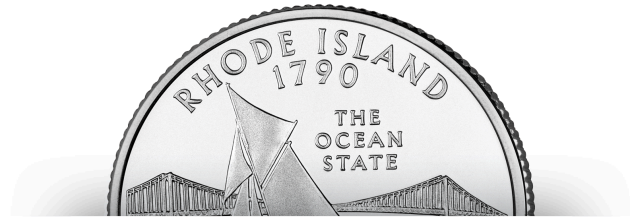
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## Rhode Island Employment Update



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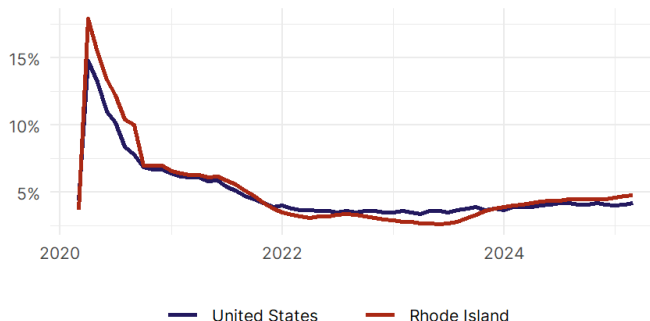
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Rhode Island Employment Snapshot

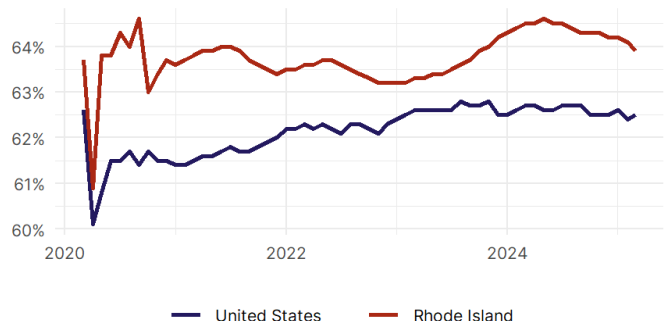
- In March, **Rhode Island added 400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.8 percent.** In the prior month, Rhode Island added 800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Rhode Island added 3,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 4.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Rhode Island **is tied for 29th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Rhode Island's private sector added 800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 3,900 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Rhode Island added 1,000 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Rhode Island **fell by 2,183**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 4,959.
- **Rhode Island's labor force participation rate fell to 63.9 percent** in March from 64.1 percent and **is tied for 20th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.6 percentage points.

Rhode Island  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Rhode Island  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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