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## Washington Employment Update



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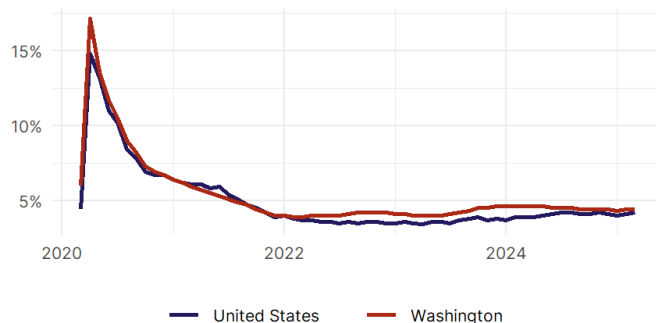
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Washington Employment Snapshot

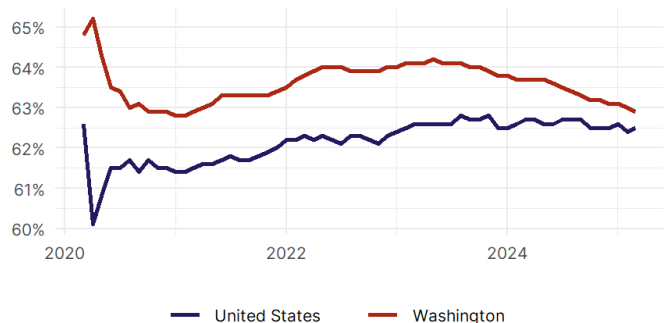
- In March, **Washington added 3,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent.** In the prior month, Washington lost 9,300 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Washington added 40,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 4.6 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Washington **is tied for 15th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Washington's private sector added 5,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 32,600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Washington lost 7,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Washington **fell by 5,248**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 11,542.
- **Washington's labor force participation rate fell to 62.9 percent** in March from 63 percent and **is tied for 25th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.8 percentage points.

Washington  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Washington  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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