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## West Virginia Employment Update



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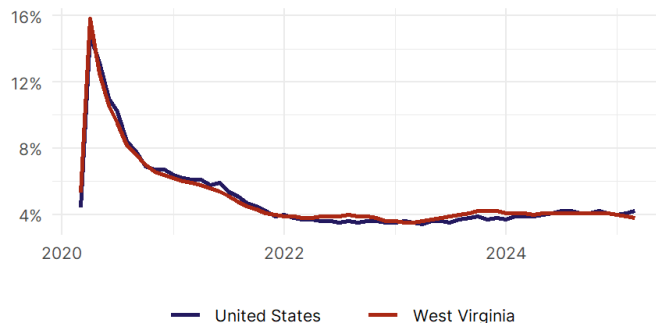
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### West Virginia Employment Snapshot

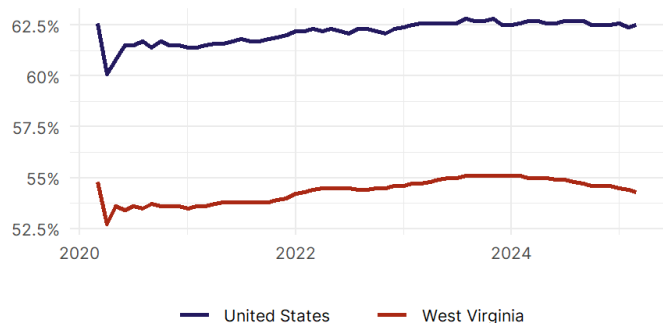
- In March, **West Virginia lost 1,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.8 percent.** In the prior month, West Virginia added 4,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **West Virginia lost 2,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points from 4.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** West Virginia **is tied for 48th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **West Virginia's private sector lost 600 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 500 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, West Virginia added 3,500 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in West Virginia **fell by 846**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 6,855.
- **West Virginia's labor force participation rate fell to 54.3 percent** in March from 54.4 percent and **ranks 51st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.7 percentage points.

West Virginia  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

West Virginia  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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