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## Maryland Employment Update



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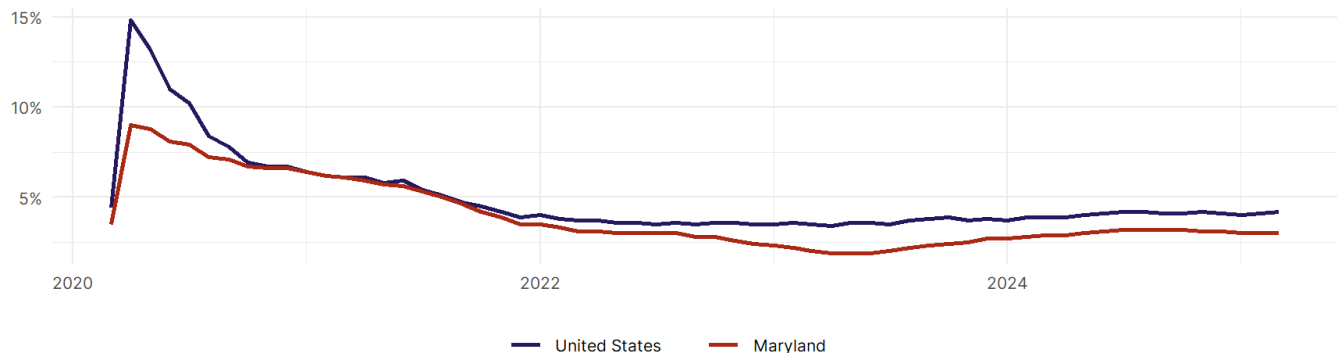
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Maryland Employment Snapshot

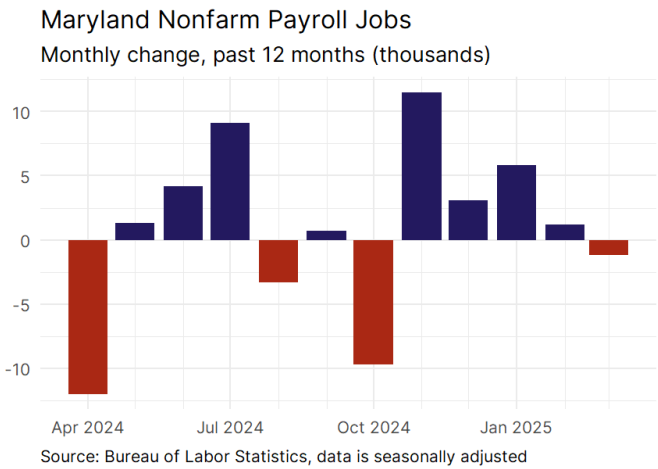
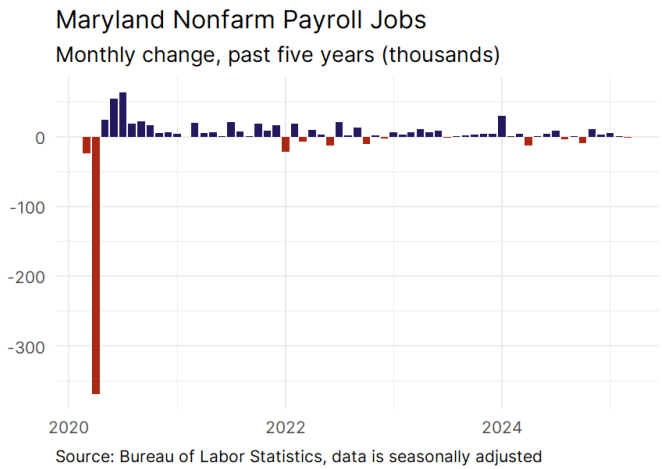
- In March, **Maryland lost 1,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3 percent.** In the prior month, Maryland added 1,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Maryland added 10,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 2.9 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Maryland **is tied for 39th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Maryland's private sector added 2,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 1,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Maryland added 2,500 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Maryland **fell by 7,079**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 6,790.
- **Maryland's labor force participation rate fell to 64.9 percent** in March from 65 percent and **is tied for 16th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.5 percentage points.

Maryland  
Unemployment Rate

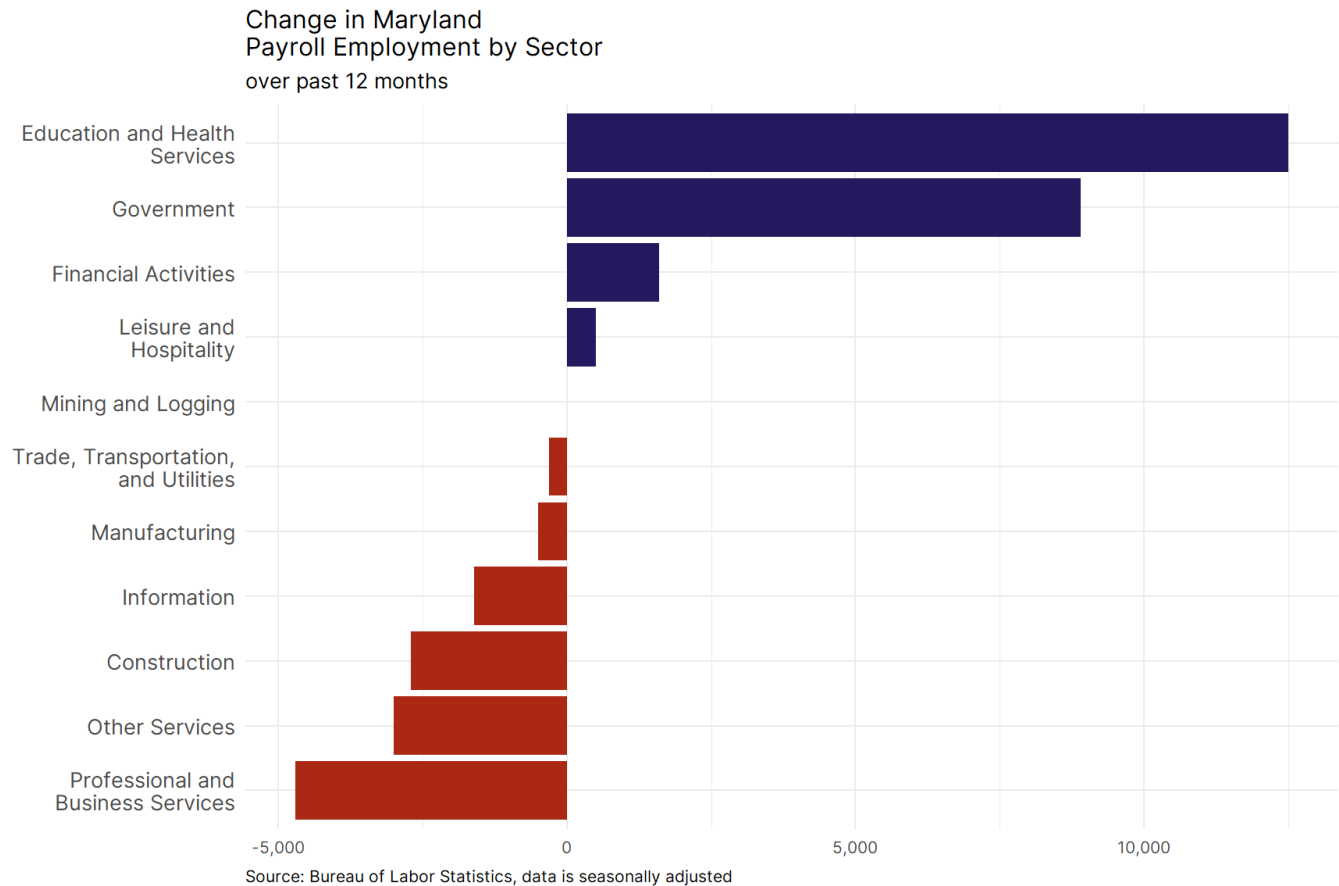


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

# Maryland Payroll Employment



- **Maryland lost 1,200 net payroll jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Maryland added 1,200 jobs. Maryland nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent**. Maryland is tied for 39th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Maryland added 2,300 private sector jobs, or 0.1 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Maryland added 2,500 jobs. Maryland private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 209,000 jobs in March, or 0.2 percent**. Maryland is tied for 42nd in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.



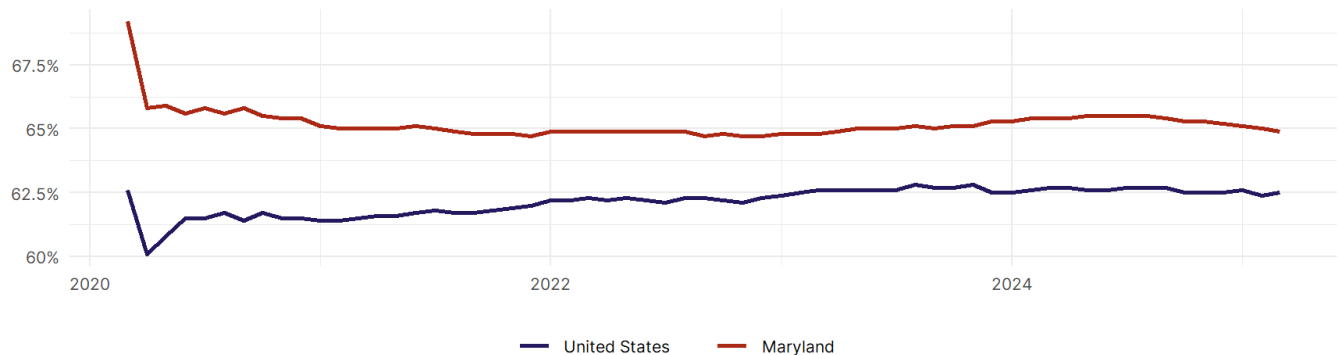
- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Professional and Business Services (3,900)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (900)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Other Services (-1,600)** and **Government (-3,500)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (12,500)** and **Government (8,900)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Other Services (-3,000)** and **Professional and Business Services (-4,700)**.

### Maryland Labor Force

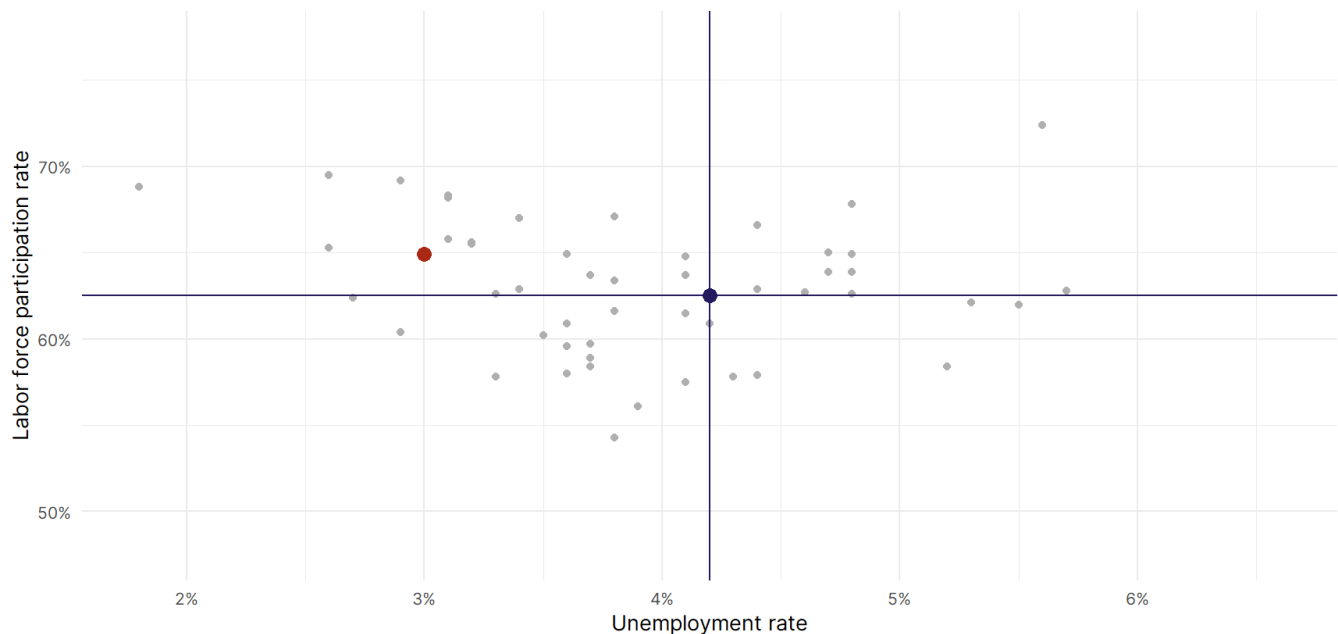
The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

- The labor force participation rate in **Maryland fell to 64.9 percent in March from 65 percent in the prior month.**
- **Maryland is tied for 16th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Maryland was **69.3 percent** occurring in February 2020, and the 10-year low was **64.7 percent** occurring in December 2022.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.

Maryland  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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