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## Mississippi Employment Update



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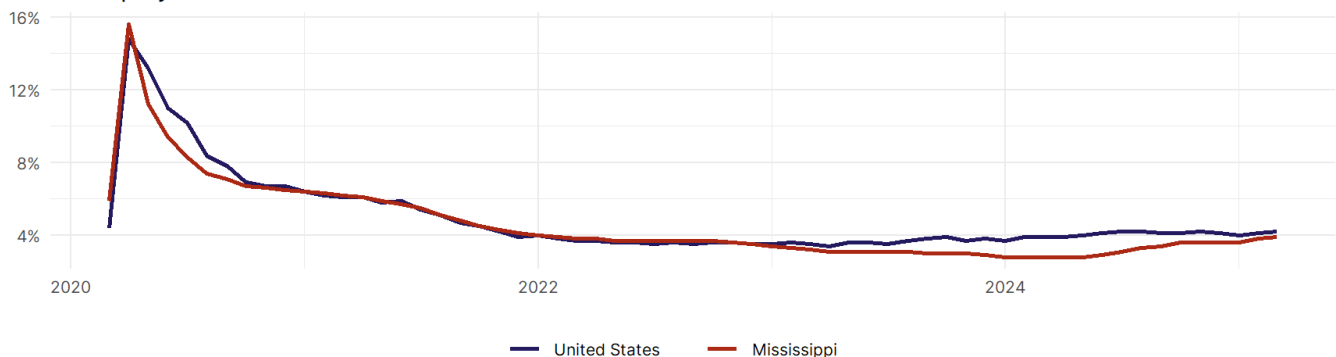
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Mississippi Employment Snapshot

- In March, **Mississippi lost 2,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent.** In the prior month, Mississippi remained unchanged with 0 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Mississippi added 8,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 1.1 percentage points from 2.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Mississippi is **tied for 29th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Mississippi's private sector lost 2,800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 5,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 400 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Mississippi **rose by 880**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 21,615.
- **Mississippi's labor force participation rate rose to 56.1 percent** in March from 56 percent and **ranks 50th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 1.4 percentage points.

Mississippi  
Unemployment Rate

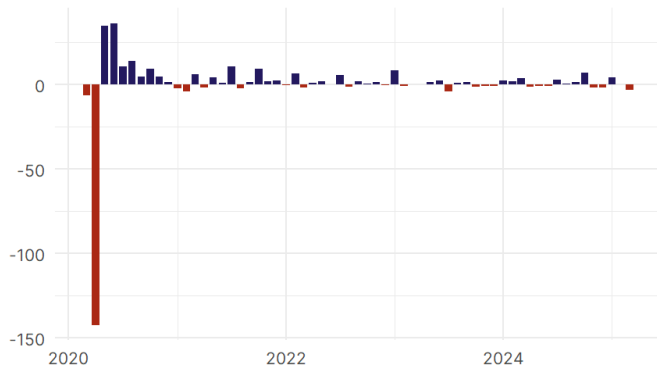


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## Mississippi Payroll Employment

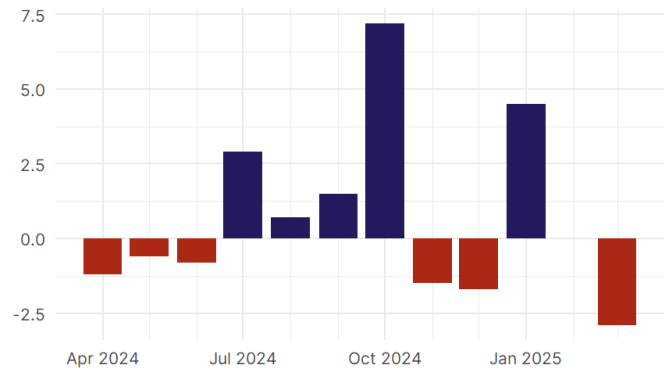
### Mississippi Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly change, past five years (thousands)



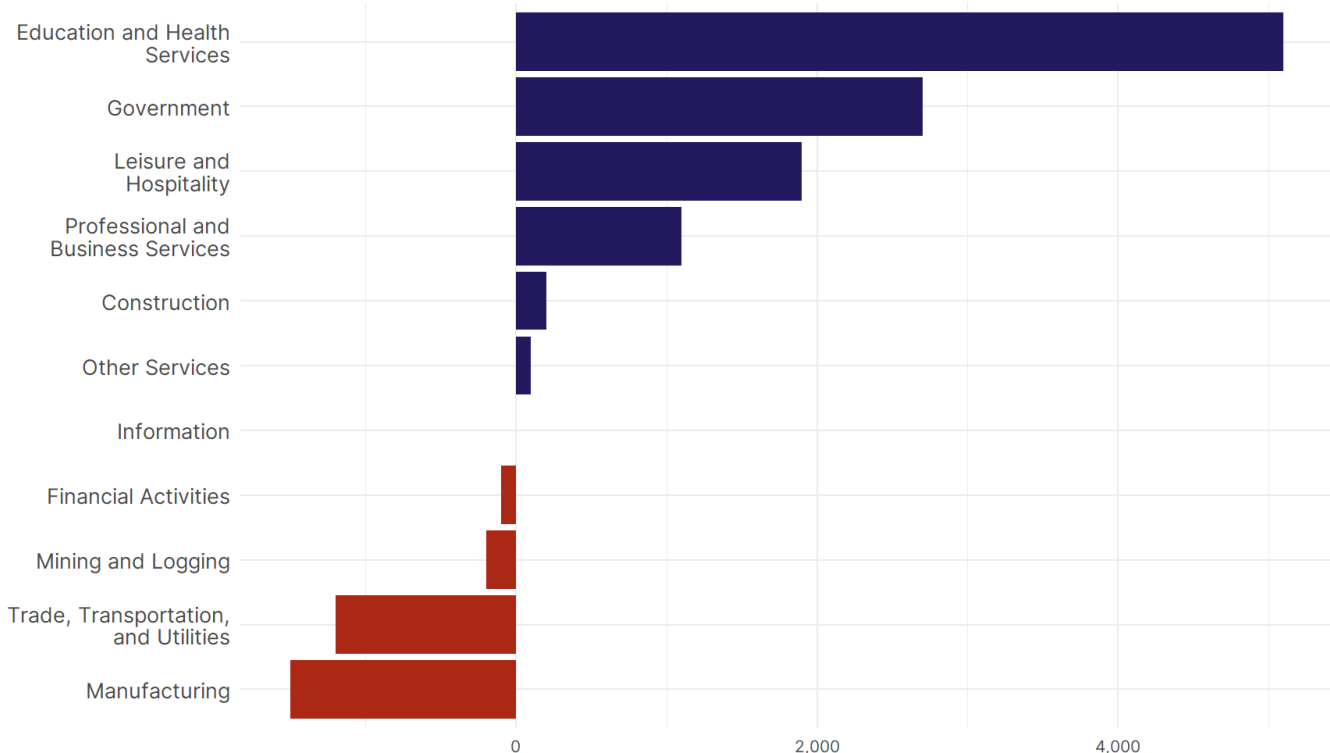
### Mississippi Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly change, past 12 months (thousands)



- **Mississippi lost 2,900 net payroll jobs, or -0.2 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Mississippi remained unchanged with 0 jobs. Mississippi nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **5 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent**. Mississippi is tied for 29th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Mississippi lost 2,800 private sector jobs, or -0.3 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 400 jobs. Mississippi private sector payroll employment has increased in **5 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 209,000 jobs in March, or 0.2 percent**. Mississippi is tied for 29th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

### Change in Mississippi Payroll Employment by Sector over past 12 months

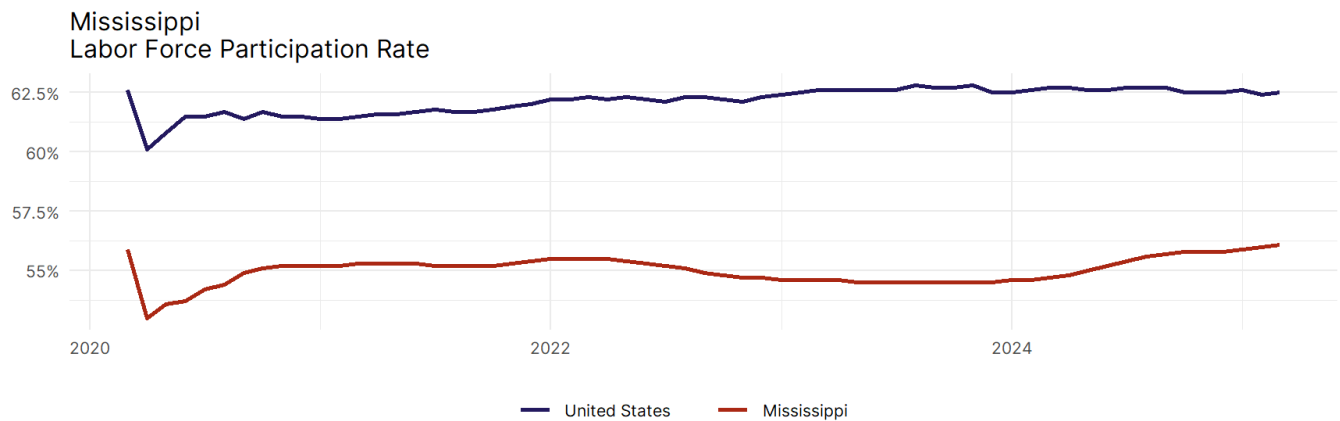


- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Education and Health Services (500)** and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (100)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Professional and Business Services (-900)** and **Construction (-1,800)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (5,100)** and **Government (2,700)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,200)** and **Manufacturing (-1,500)**.

### Mississippi 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 **Mississippi rose to 56.1 percent in March from 56 percent in the prior month**.
- **Mississippi ranks 50th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi was **56.4 percent** occurring in September 2019, and the 10-year low was **53 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

