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## North Dakota

### Employment Update



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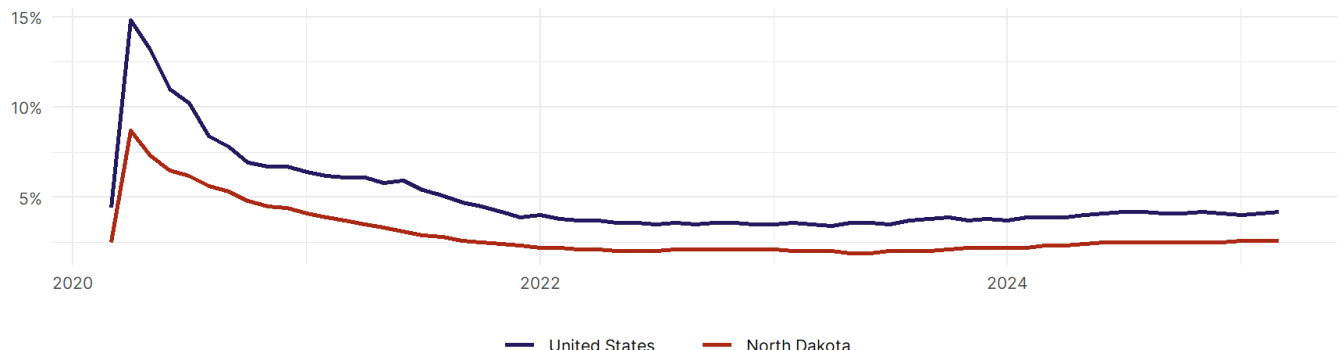
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### North Dakota Employment Snapshot

- In March, **North Dakota added 1,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.6 percent.** In the prior month, North Dakota lost 100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **North Dakota added 4,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points from 2.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** North Dakota **is tied for 19th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **North Dakota's private sector added 700 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 2,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, North Dakota lost 200 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in North Dakota **rose by 384**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 4,351.
- **North Dakota's labor force participation rate rose to 69.5 percent** in March from 69.4 percent and **ranks 2nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.

North Dakota  
Unemployment Rate

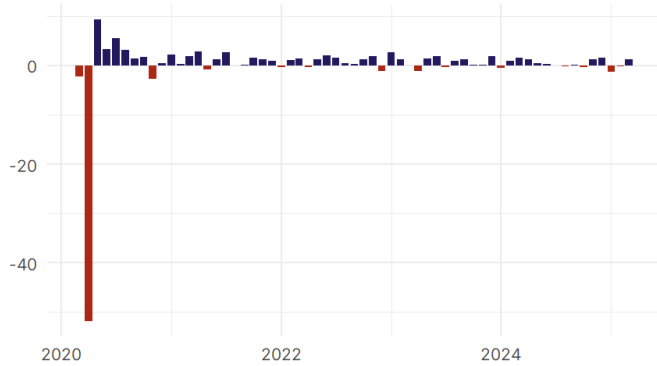


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## North Dakota Payroll Employment

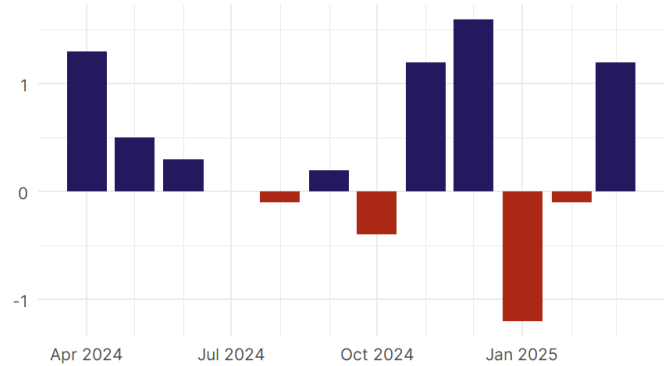
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Monthly change, past five years (thousands)



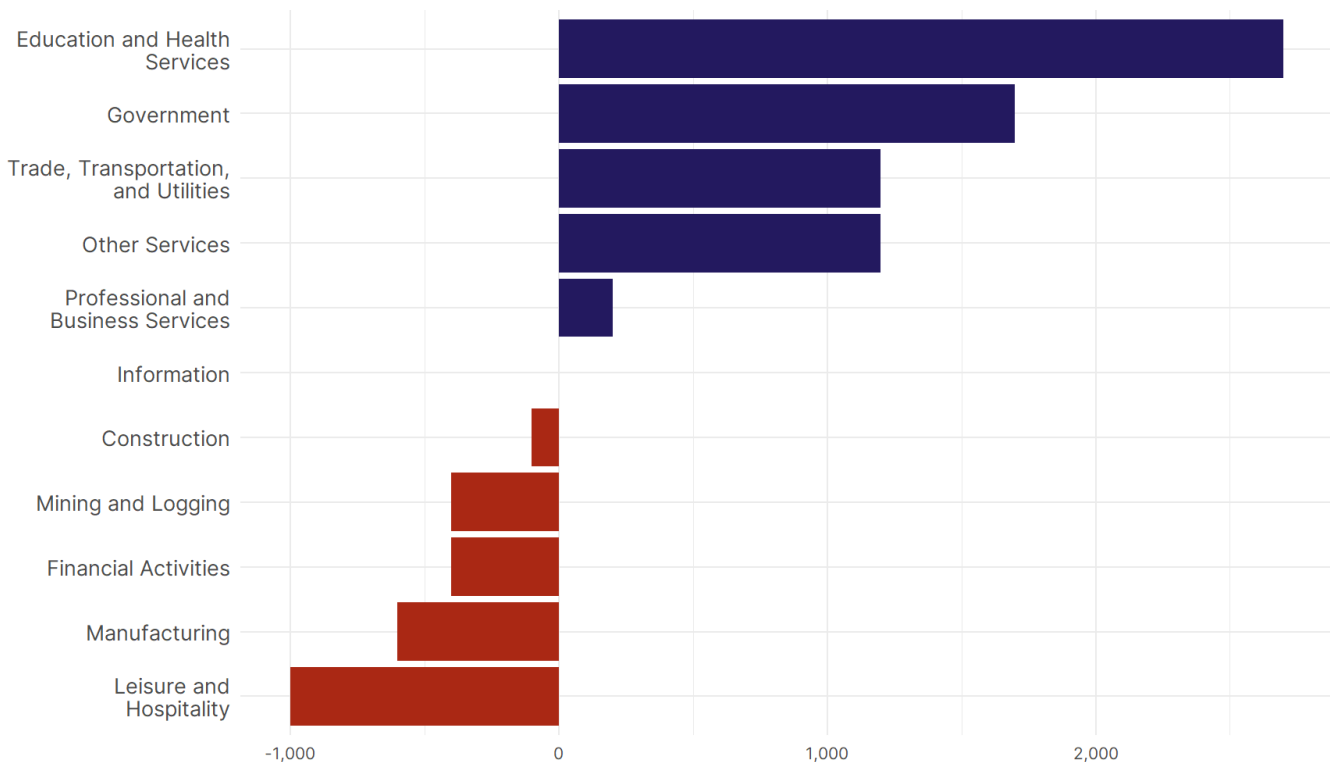
### North Dakota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly change, past 12 months (thousands)



- **North Dakota added 1,200 net payroll jobs, or 0.3 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, North Dakota lost 100 jobs. North Dakota nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent**. North Dakota is tied for 19th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **North Dakota added 700 private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, North Dakota lost 200 jobs. North Dakota private sector payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 209,000 jobs in March, or 0.2 percent**. North Dakota is tied for 23rd in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

### Change in North Dakota Payroll Employment by Sector over past 12 months

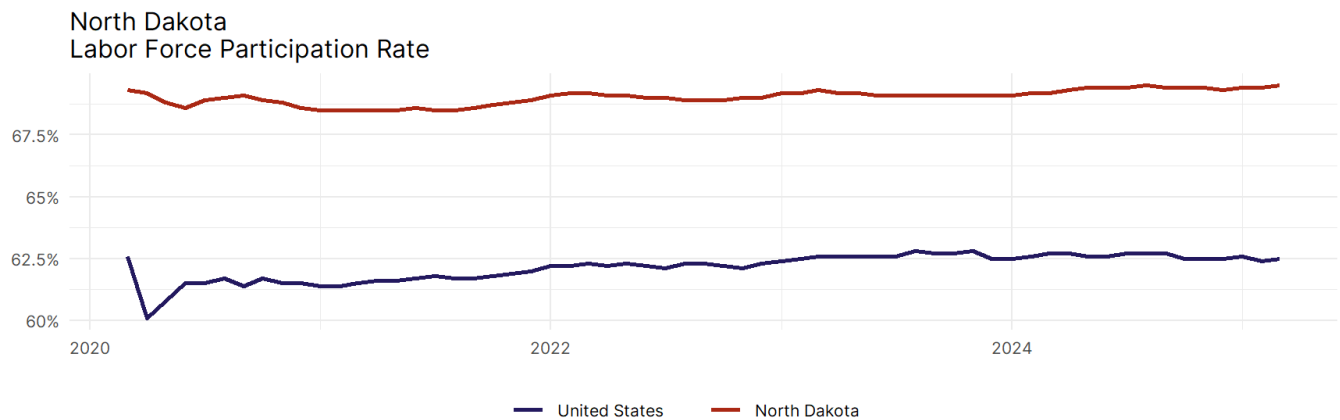


- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Education and Health Services tied with Other Services; and Government (500)** and **Professional and Business Services (300)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200)** and **Construction (-400)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (2,700)** and **Government (1,700)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Manufacturing (-600)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (-1,000)**.

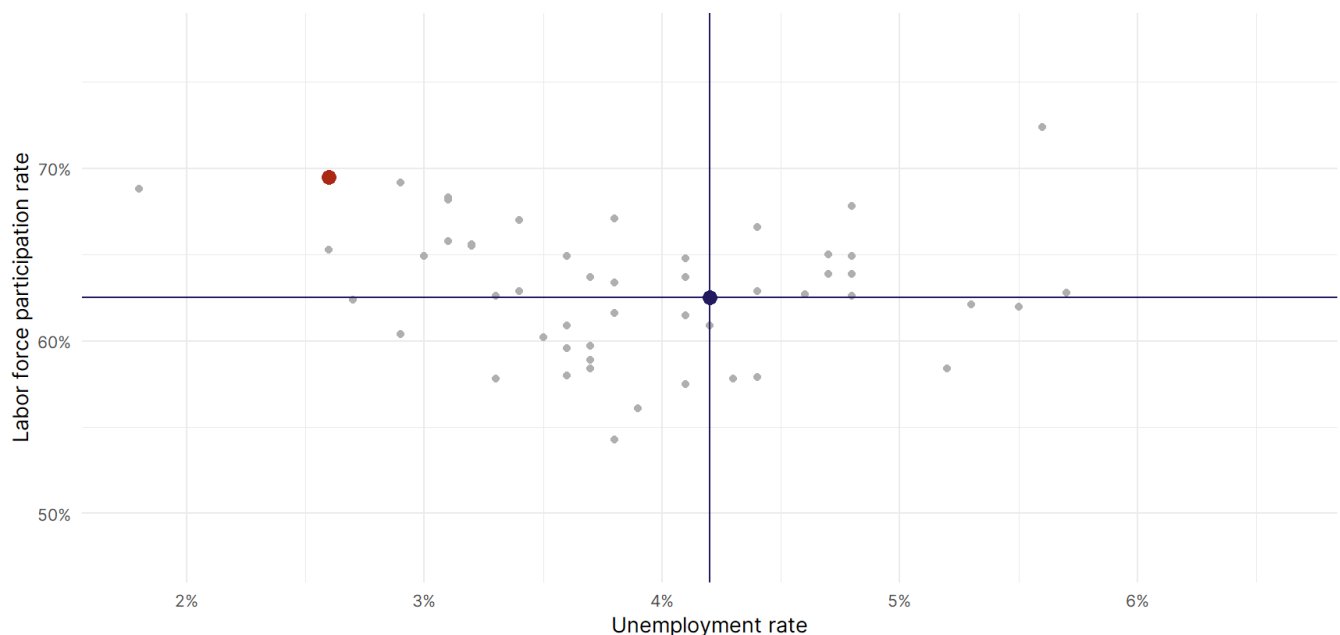
### North Dakota Labor Force

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 **North Dakota rose to 69.5 percent in March from 69.4 percent in the prior month.**
- **North Dakota ranks 2nd** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in North Dakota was **71.2 percent** in March 2015, and the 10-year low was **68.5 percent** occurring in August 2021.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.



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