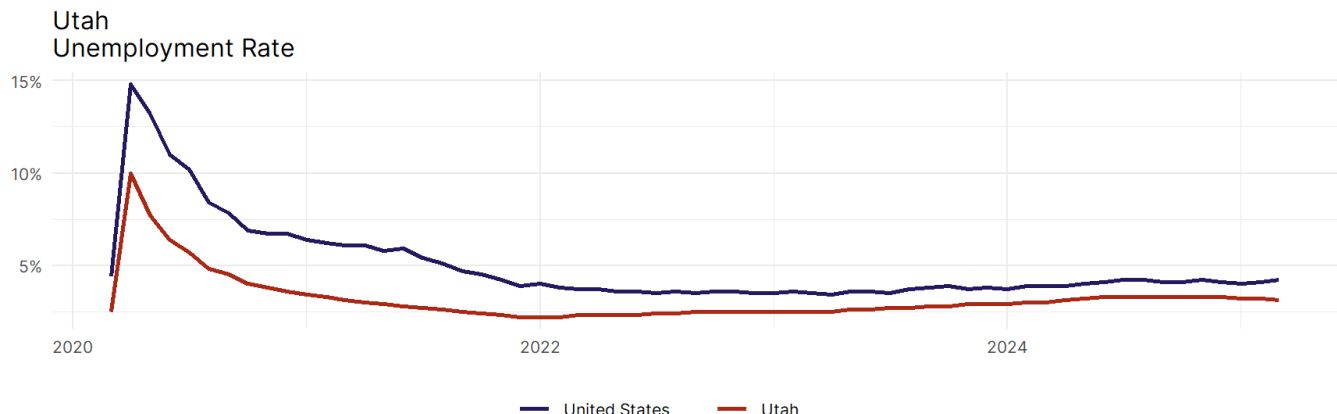# Utah
Employment Update

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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**.
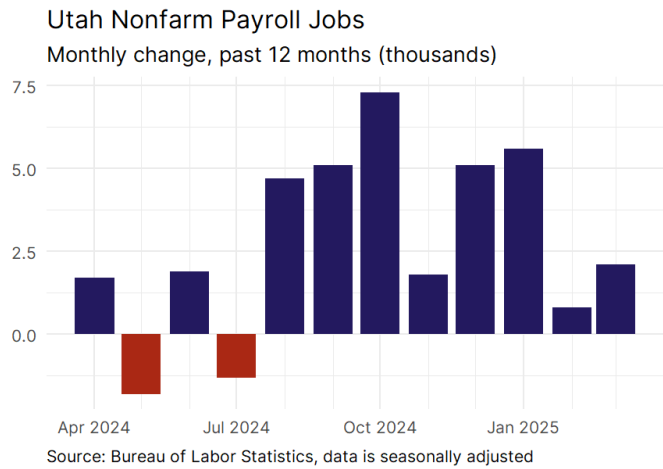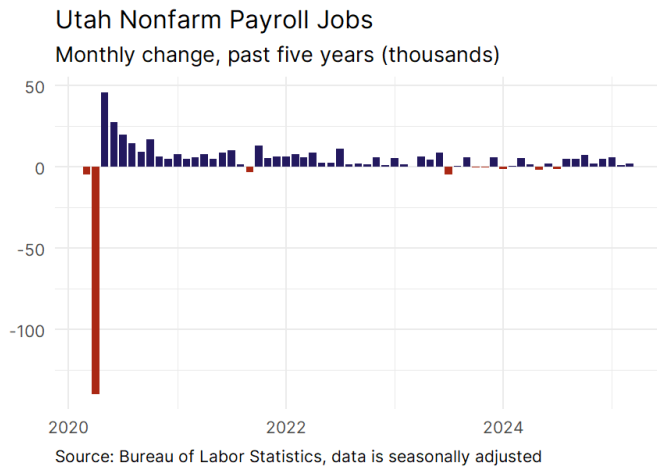
Utah Employment Snapshot

- In March, **Utah added 2,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.1 percent**. In the prior month, Utah added 800 net payroll jobs.

- Over the past 12 months, **Utah added 33,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 3 percent**.

- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Utah **ranks 3rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

- In March, **Utah's private sector added 1,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 22,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Utah lost 300 net private payroll jobs.

- In March, employment in Utah **rose by 2,049**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 21,723.

- **Utah's labor force participation rate fell to 68.3 percent** in March from 68.4 percent and **ranks 5th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.6 percentage points.
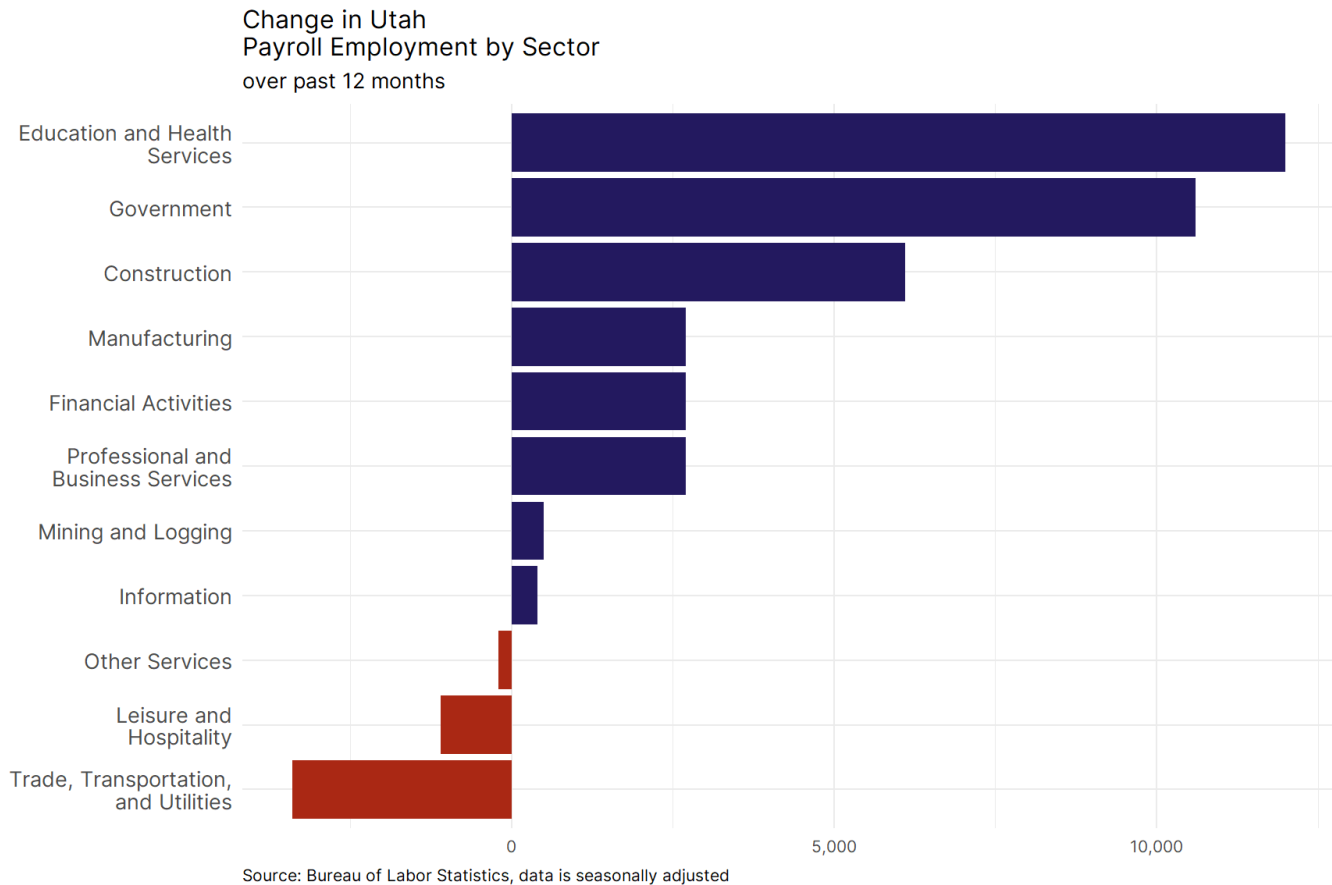
Utah
Unemployment Rate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Utah Payroll Employment

Utah Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
Monthly change, past five years (thousands)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Utah Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
Monthly change, past 12 months (thousands)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

- **Utah added 2,100 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Utah added 800 jobs. Utah nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **10 of the past 12 months.**

- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Utah ranks 3rd in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

- **Utah added 1,200 private sector jobs, or 0.1 percent.** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Utah lost 300 jobs. Utah 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.** Utah is tied for 5th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

Change in Utah
Payroll Employment by Sector
over past 12 months

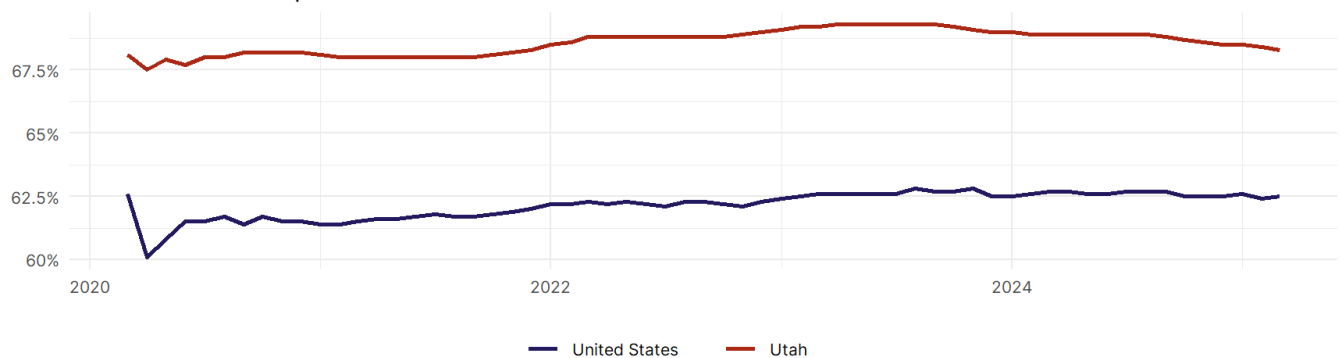Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Professional and Business Services (1,400)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (1,000).**

- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-600)** and **Education and Health Services (-800).**

- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (12,000)** and **Government (10,600).**

- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Leisure and Hospitality (-1,100)** and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-3,400).**
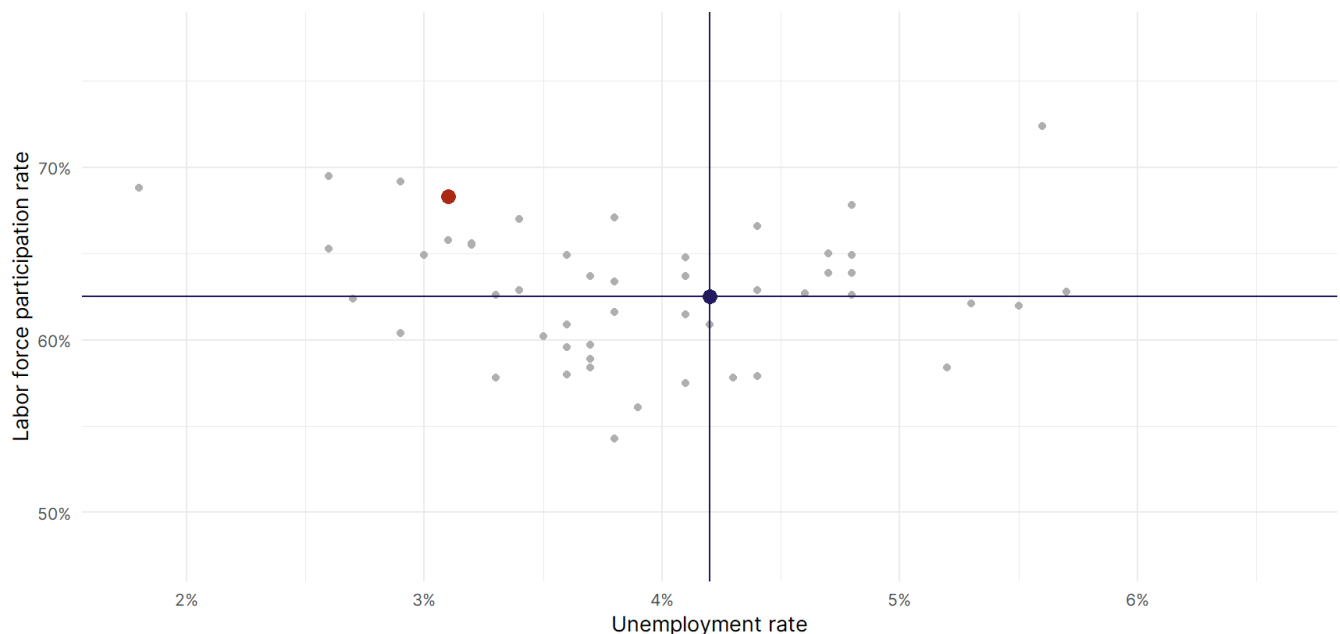
Utah Labor Force

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 **Utah fell to 68.3 percent in March from 68.4 percent in the prior month**.

- **Utah ranks 5th** in the nation.

- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Utah was **69.3 percent** occurring in September 2023, and the 10-year low was **67.5 percent** in April 2020.

- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.

Utah
Labor Force Participation Rate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

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