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## Wisconsin Employment Update



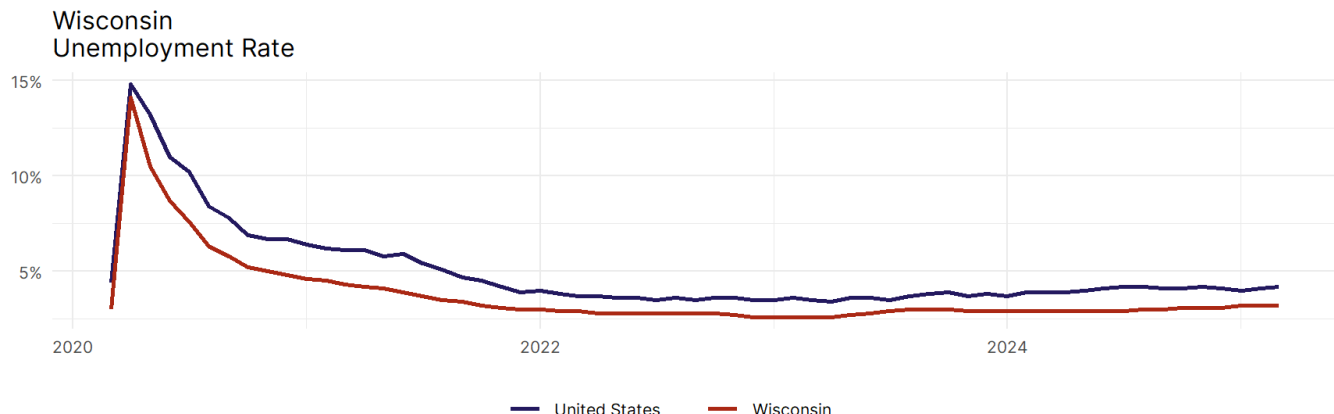
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### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

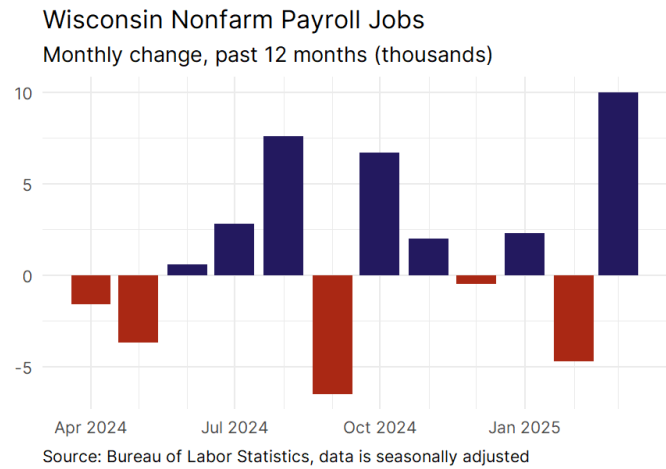
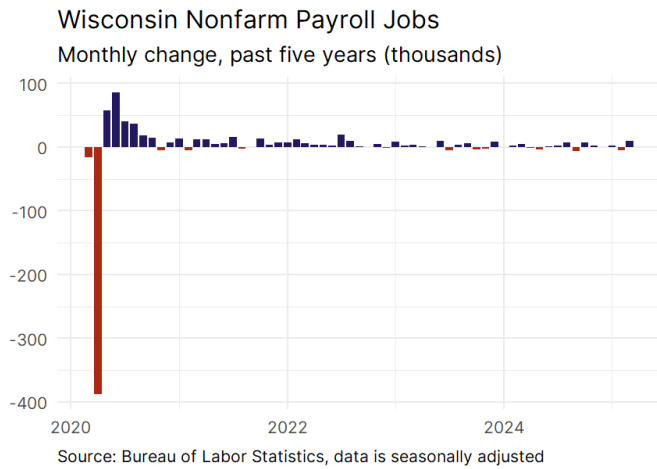
### Wisconsin Employment Snapshot

- In March, **Wisconsin added 10,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.2 percent.** In the prior month, Wisconsin lost 4,700 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Wisconsin added 15,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points from 2.9 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Wisconsin **is tied for 34th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Wisconsin's private sector added 11,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 15,200 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Wisconsin lost 900 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Wisconsin **fell by 5,549**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 3,041.
- **Wisconsin's labor force participation rate fell to 65.6 percent** in March from 65.7 percent and **ranks 12th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.3 percentage points.

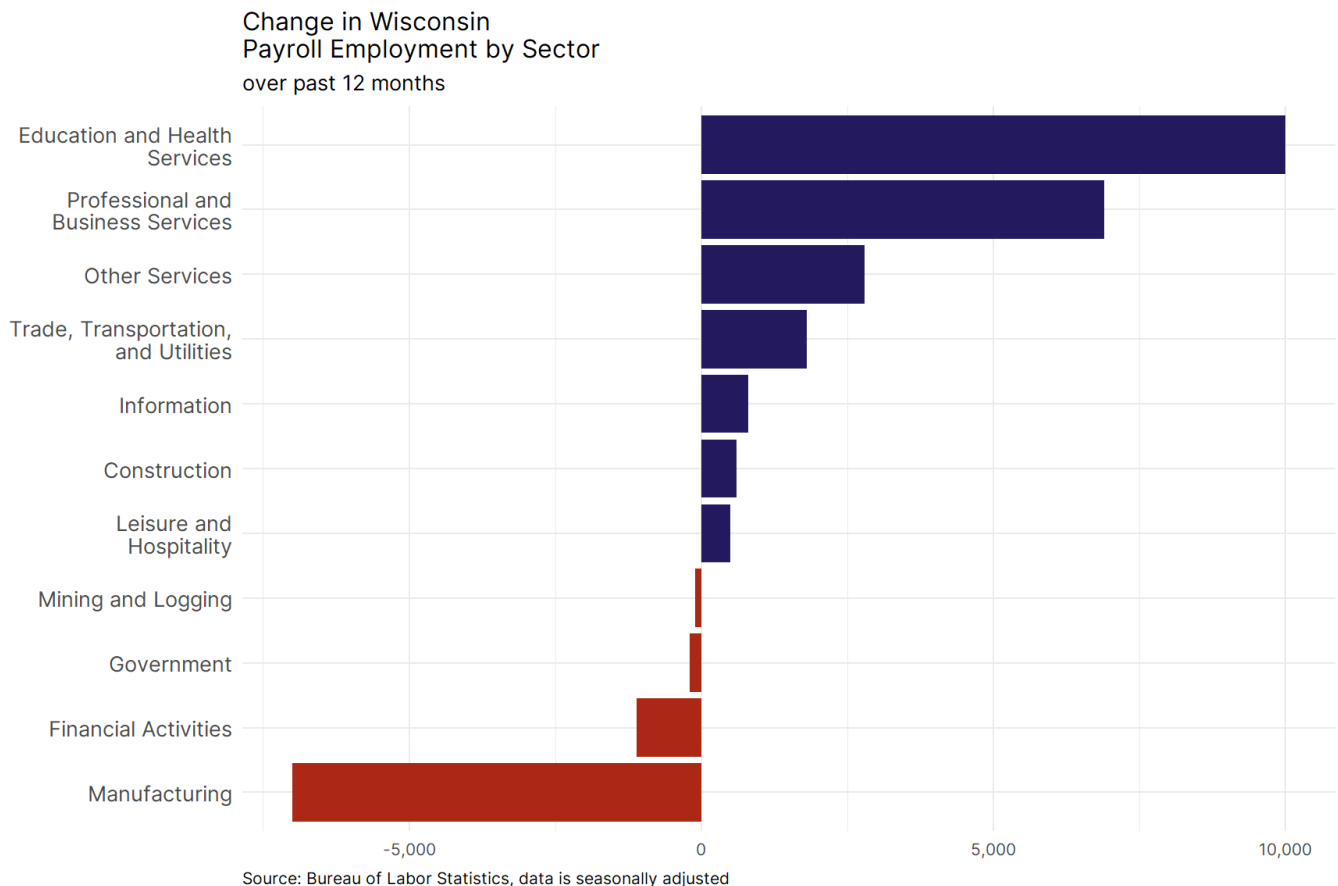


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

## Wisconsin Payroll Employment



- **Wisconsin added 10,000 net payroll jobs, or 0.3 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Wisconsin lost 4,700 jobs. Wisconsin 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**. Wisconsin is tied for 34th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Wisconsin added 11,500 private sector jobs, or 0.4 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Wisconsin lost 900 jobs. Wisconsin 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**. Wisconsin is tied for 29th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

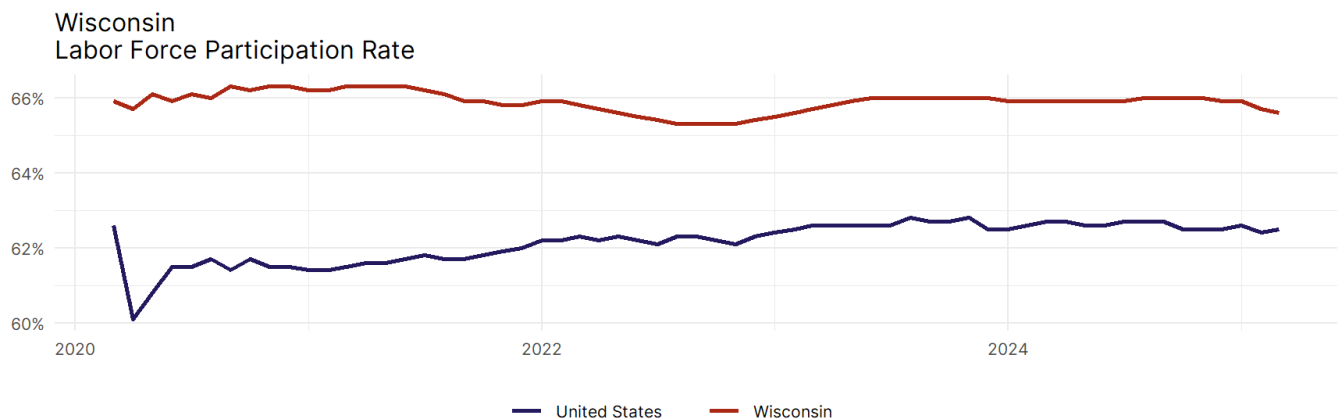


- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Professional and Business Services (3,800)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (3,200)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Other Services (-400)** and **Government (-1,500)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (10,000)** and **Professional and Business Services (6,900)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Financial Activities (-1,100)** and **Manufacturing (-7,000)**.

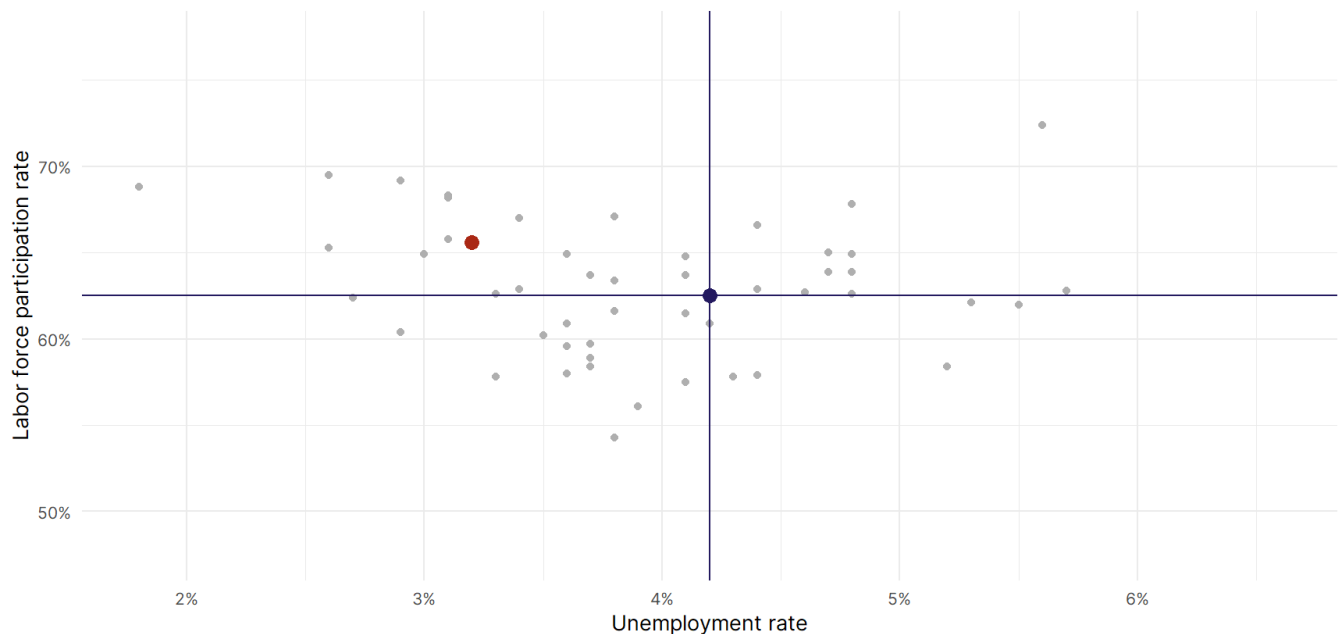
### Wisconsin Labor Force

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 **Wisconsin fell to 65.6 percent in March from 65.7 percent in the prior month.**
- **Wisconsin ranks 12th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Wisconsin was **68.2 percent** occurring in August 2017, and the 10-year low was **65.3 percent** occurring in November 2022.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.



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