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California Employment Update



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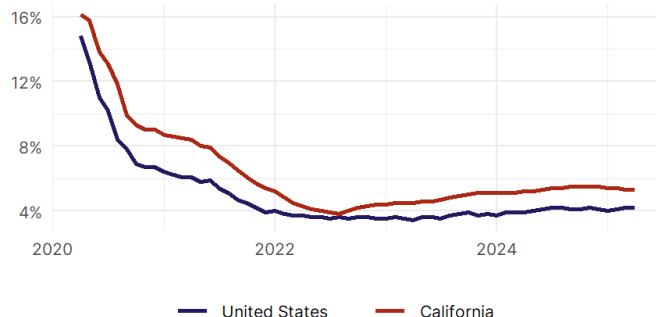
United States Employment Snapshot

- In April, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 5, rose in 20, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in April.
- In April, **payroll jobs rose in 40 states and fell in 11.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.4 percent in **Mississippi**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.2 percent in **Vermont**.

California Employment Snapshot

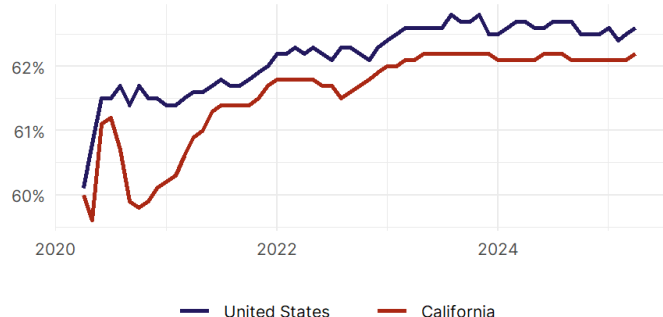
- In April, **California added 17,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.3 percent.** In the prior month, California lost 6,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **California added 68,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 5.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** California **ranks 43rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **California's private sector added 13,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 9,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, California lost 13,900 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in California **rose by 39,311**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 118,670.
- **California's labor force participation rate rose to 62.2 percent** in April from 62.1 percent and **ranks 32nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.1 percentage points.

California
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

California
Labor Force Participation Rate



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