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Colorado Employment Update



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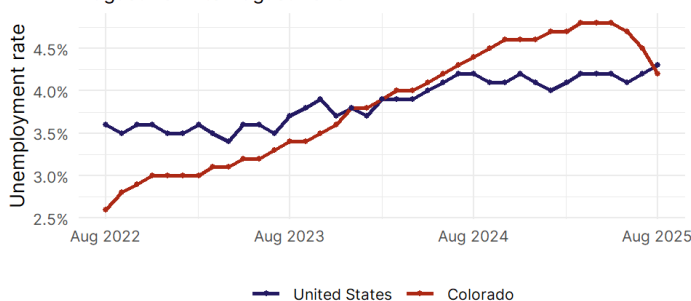
United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Colorado Employment Snapshot

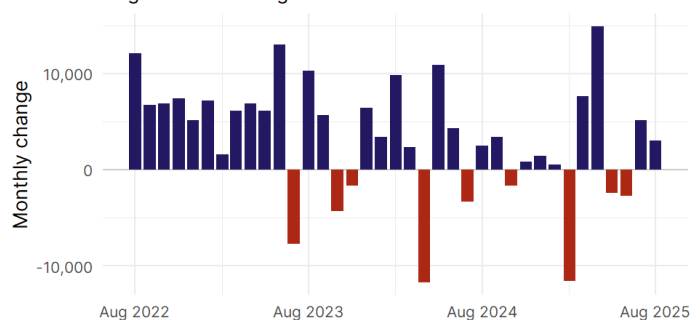
- In August, **Colorado added 3,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point to 4.2 percent.** In the prior month, Colorado added 5,100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Colorado added 18,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 4.4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Colorado is **tied for 33rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Colorado's private sector added 3,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 8,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Colorado added 4,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Colorado **rose by 4,219**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 4,620.
- **Colorado's labor force participation rate fell to 67.4 percent** in August from 67.6 percent and **ranks 8th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.7 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Colorado
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Colorado
August 2022 to August 2025



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