

Representative David Schweikert, Chairman





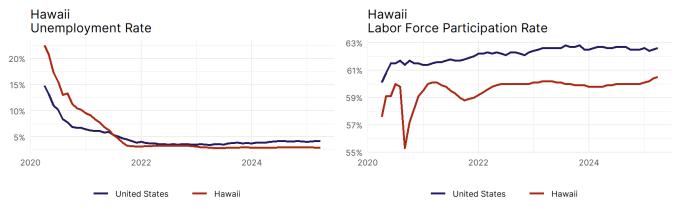
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United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Hawaii Employment Snapshot

- In April, **Hawaii added 1,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.9 percent**. In the prior month, Hawaii added 3,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, Hawaii added 17,000 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate remained unchanged.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Hawaii **ranks 1st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Hawaii's private sector added 3,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 14,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Hawaii added 1,700 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Hawaii rose by 2,074, and over the past 12 months it rose by 9,894.
- Hawaii's labor force participation rate rose to 60.5 percent in April from 60.4 percent and ranks 38th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.7 percentage points.



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