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Illinois Employment Update



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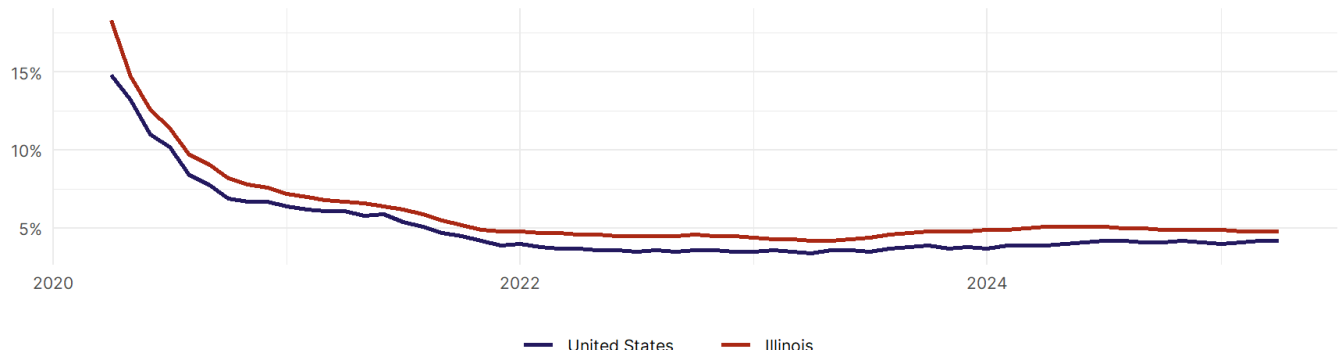
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Illinois Employment Snapshot

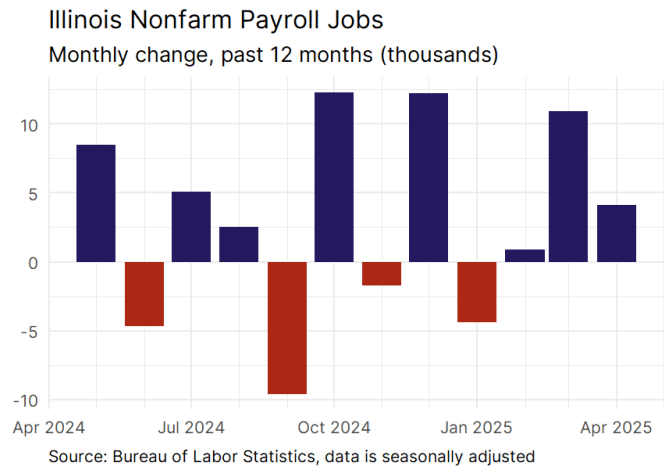
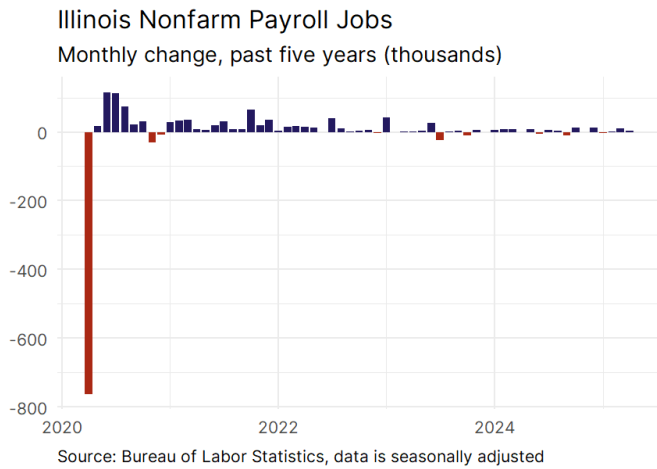
- In April, **Illinois added 4,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8 percent.** In the prior month, Illinois added 10,900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Illinois added 36,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points from 5.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Illinois **is tied for 38th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Illinois's private sector added 1,400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 19,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Illinois added 9,700 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Illinois **fell by 2,729**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 37,790.
- **Illinois's labor force participation rate remained steady at 64.9 percent** in April and **is tied for 17th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.1 percentage points.

Illinois
Unemployment Rate

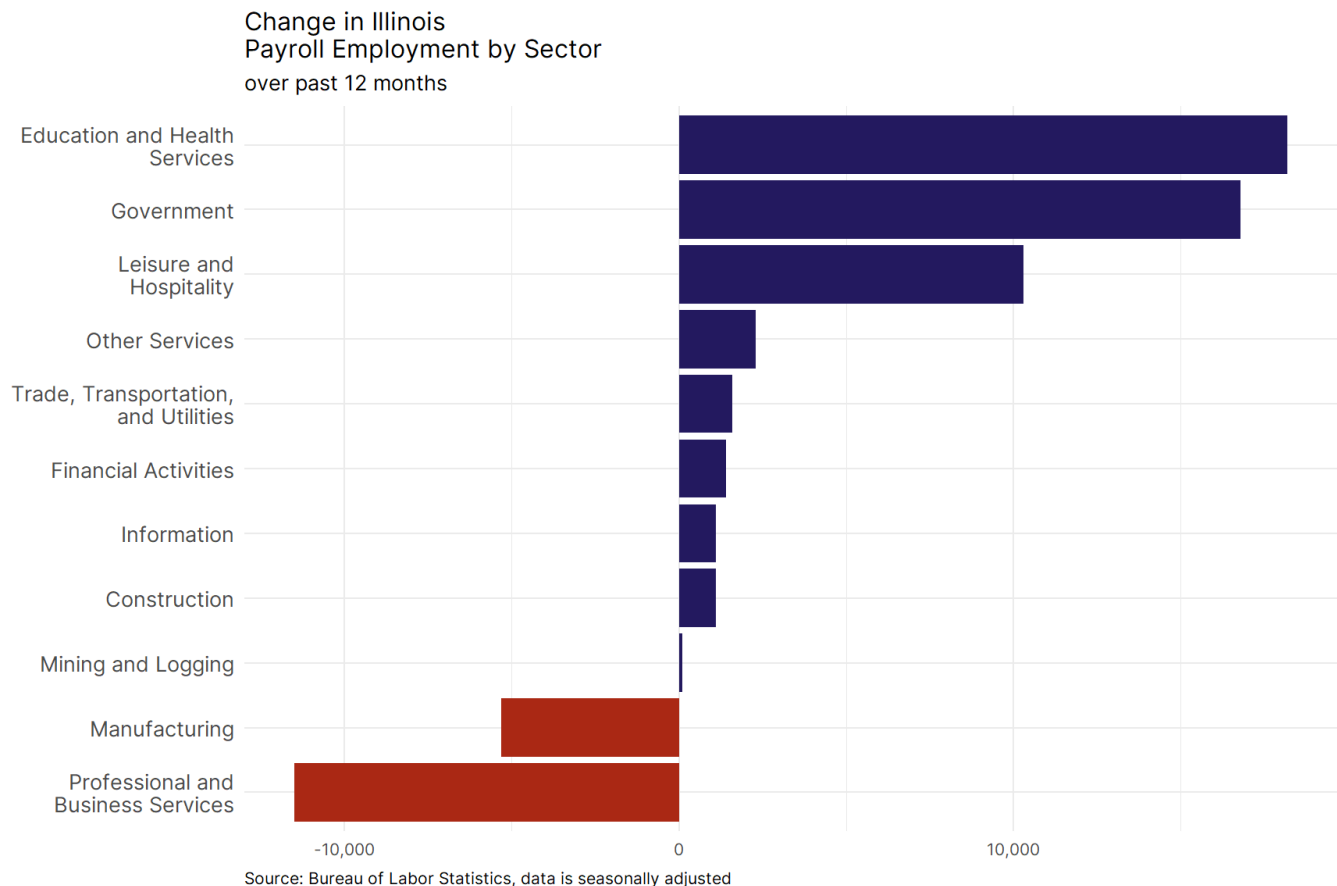


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Illinois Payroll Employment



- **Illinois added 4,100 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Illinois added 10,900 jobs. Illinois nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent**. Illinois is tied for 38th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Illinois added 1,400 private sector jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Illinois added 9,700 jobs. Illinois private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 167,000 jobs in April, or 0.1 percent**. Illinois is tied for 39th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

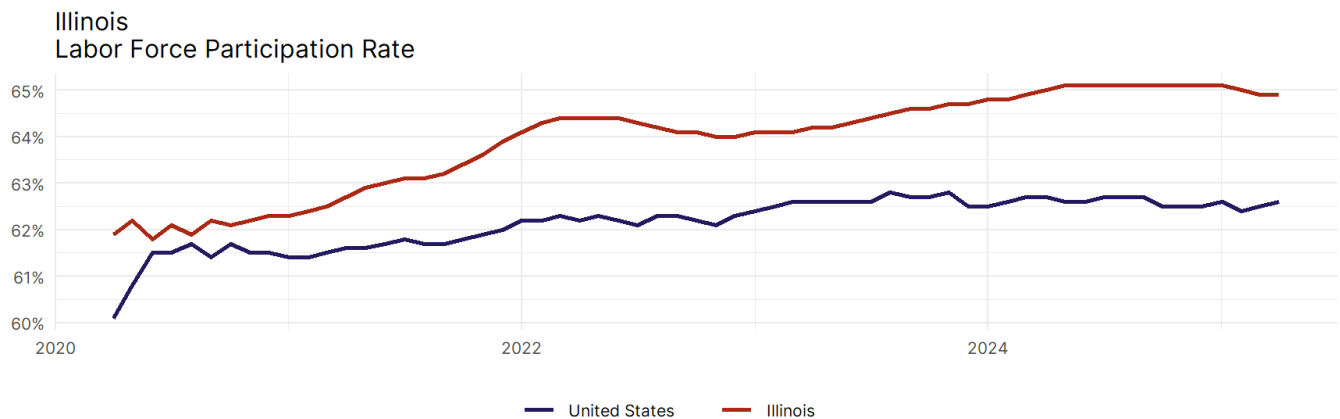


- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during April were **Government (2,700)** and **Education and Health Services (1,700)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Manufacturing (-1,200)** and **Professional and Business Services (-1,400)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (18,200)** and **Government (16,800)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Manufacturing (-5,300)** and **Professional and Business Services (-11,500)**.

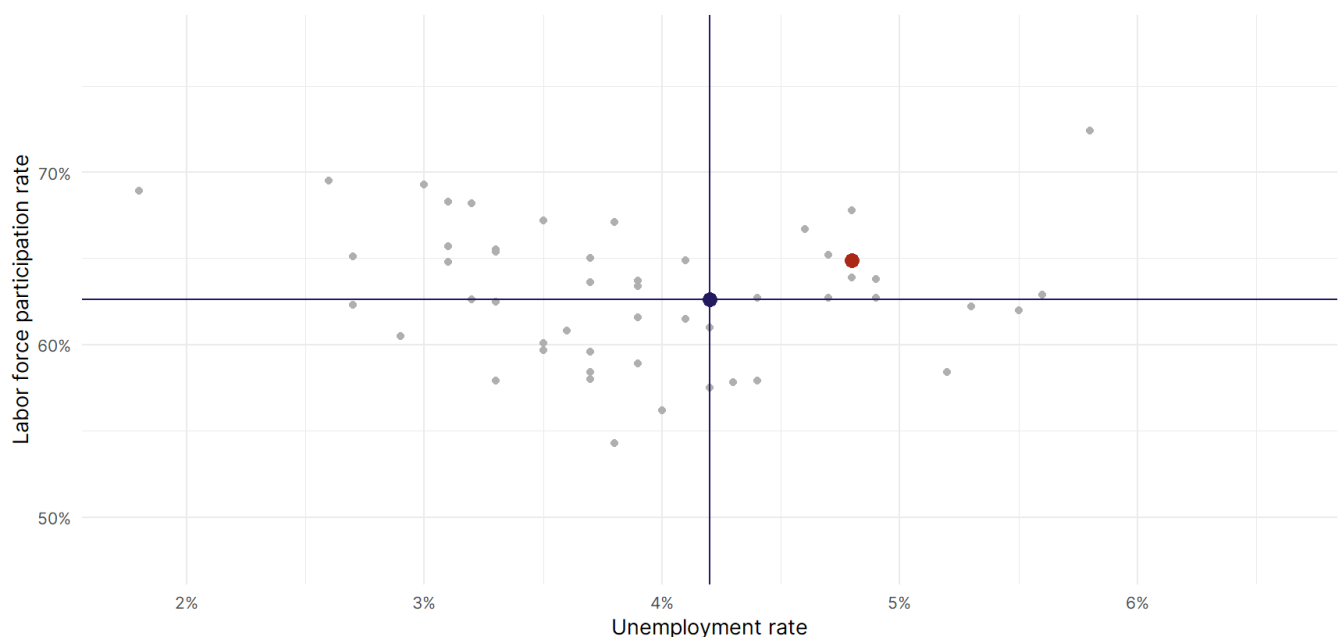
Illinois Labor Force

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 **Illinois remained unchanged at 64.9 percent in April**.
- **Illinois is tied for 17th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Illinois was **65.6 percent** occurring in April 2016, and the 10-year low was **61.8 percent** in June 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.6 percent** in April.



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