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Employment Update



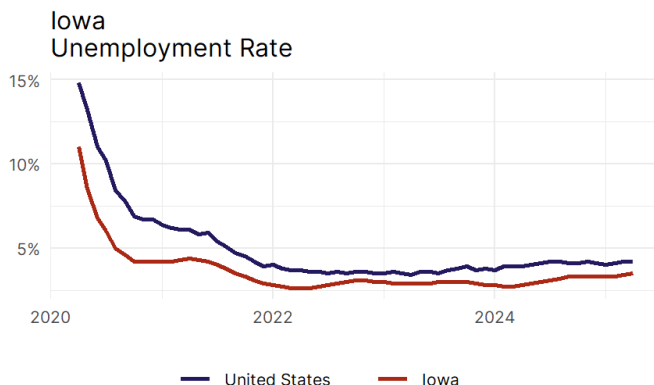
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United States Employment Snapshot

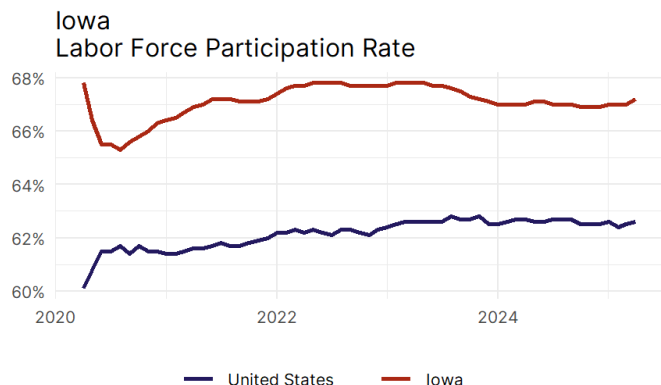
- In April, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 5, rose in 20, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained 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**.

Iowa Employment Snapshot

- In April, **Iowa added 5,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.5 percent.** In the prior month, Iowa added 200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Iowa lost 3,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 2.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Iowa **ranks 51st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Iowa's private sector added 4,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 6,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Iowa added 300 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Iowa **rose by 2,957**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 4,449.
- **Iowa's labor force participation rate rose to 67.2 percent** in April from 67 percent and **ranks 8th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted



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