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## Massachusetts

### Employment Update



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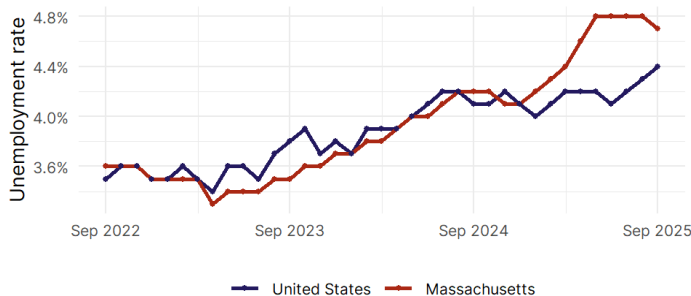
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In September, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 10, rose in 21, and remained unchanged in 20.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 2 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.4 percent.
- In September, **payroll jobs rose in 30 states and fell in 20.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.6 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Alaska, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.**

### Massachusetts Employment Snapshot

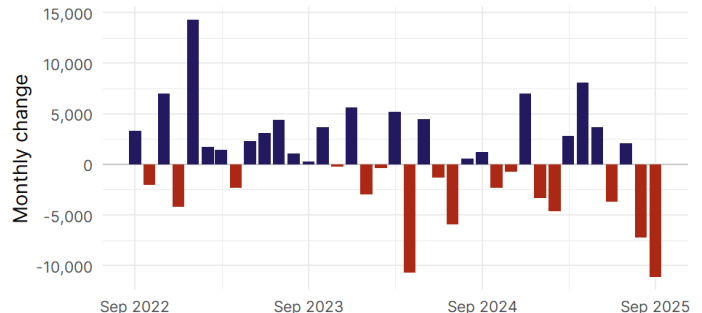
- In September, **Massachusetts lost 11,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent.** In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 7,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Massachusetts lost 9,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage points from 4.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 119,000 in September, or 0.1 percent.** Massachusetts **ranked 49th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In September, **Massachusetts's private sector lost 10,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 6,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 6,700 net private payroll jobs.
- In September, employment in Massachusetts **fell by 1,276**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 19,997.
- **Massachusetts's labor force participation rate fell to 66.8 percent** in September from 66.9 percent and **ranked 10th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.4 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Massachusetts  
September 2022 to September 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Massachusetts  
September 2022 to September 2025



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