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## Minnesota Employment Update



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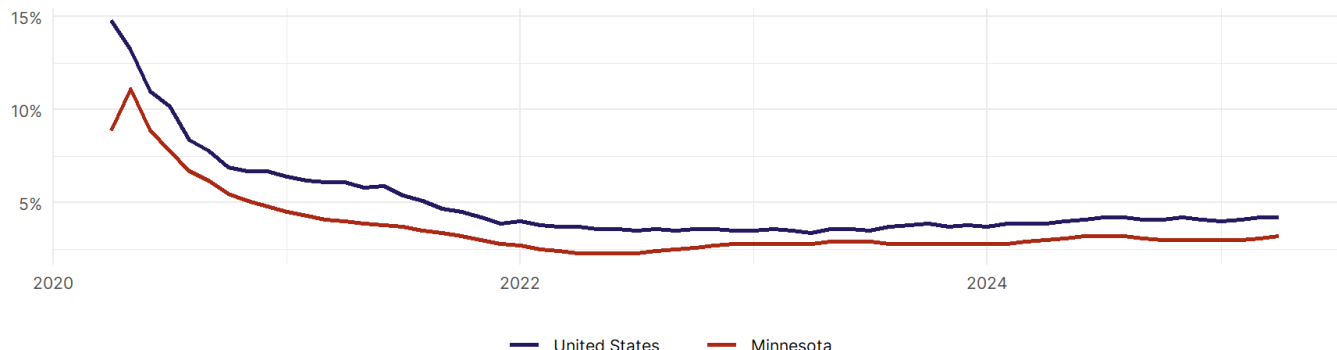
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Minnesota Employment Snapshot

- In April, **Minnesota lost 1,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.2 percent.** In the prior month, Minnesota added 12,300 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Minnesota added 40,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points from 3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Minnesota **is tied for 10th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Minnesota's private sector lost 800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 30,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Minnesota added 11,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Minnesota **rose by 490**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 23,959.
- **Minnesota's labor force participation rate remained steady at 68.2 percent** in April and **ranks 6th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.1 percentage points.

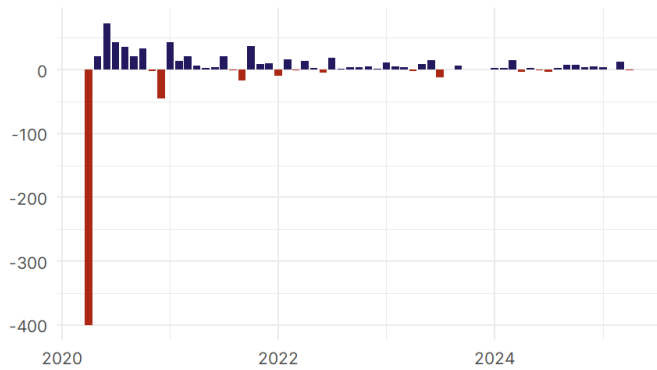
Minnesota  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

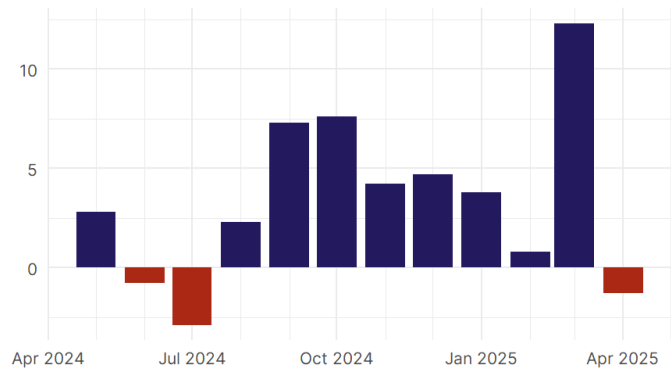
## Minnesota Payroll Employment

Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs  
Monthly change, past five years (thousands)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

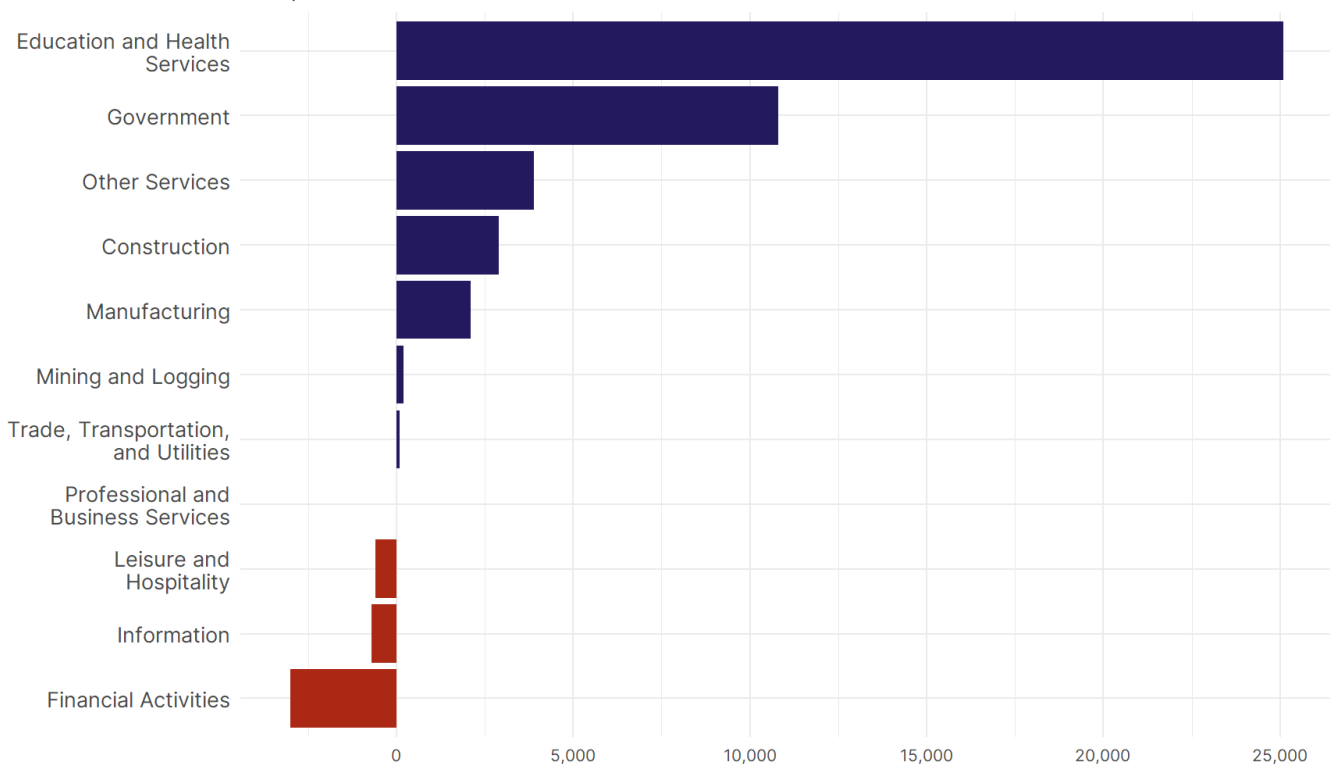
Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs  
Monthly change, past 12 months (thousands)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

- **Minnesota lost 1,300 net payroll jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Minnesota added 12,300 jobs. Minnesota nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent**. Minnesota is tied for 10th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Minnesota lost 800 private sector jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Minnesota added 11,200 jobs. Minnesota 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**. Minnesota is tied for 16th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

Change in Minnesota  
Payroll Employment by Sector  
over past 12 months



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

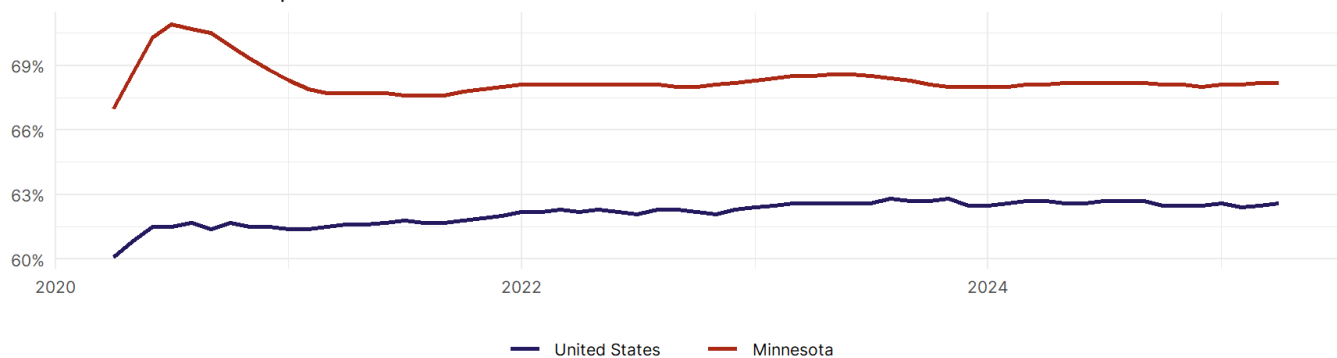
- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during April were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (1,600)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (1,600)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Professional and Business Services (-2,000)** and **Education and Health Services (-2,400)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (25,100)** and **Government (10,800)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Information (-700)** and **Financial Activities (-3,000)**.

### Minnesota Labor Force

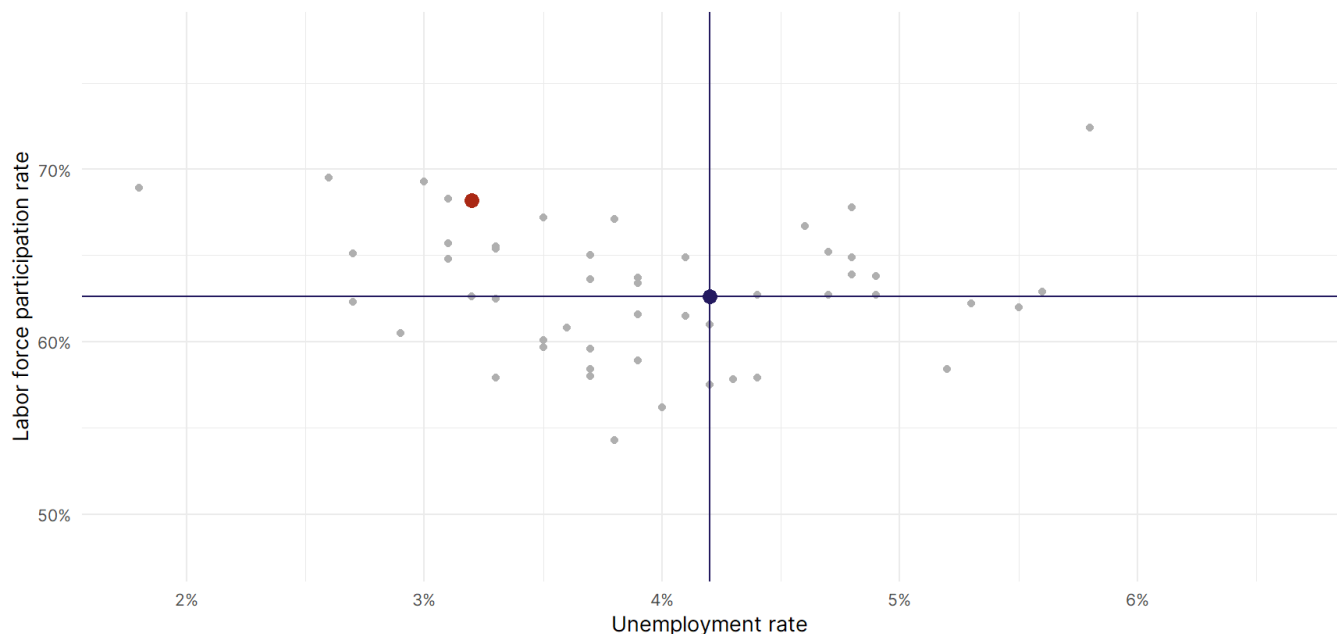
The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

- The labor force participation rate in **Minnesota remained unchanged at 68.2 percent in April**.
- **Minnesota ranks 6th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Minnesota was **70.9 percent** in July 2020, and the 10-year low was **67 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.6 percent** in April.

Minnesota  
Labor Force Participation Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted



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