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## Mississippi Employment Update



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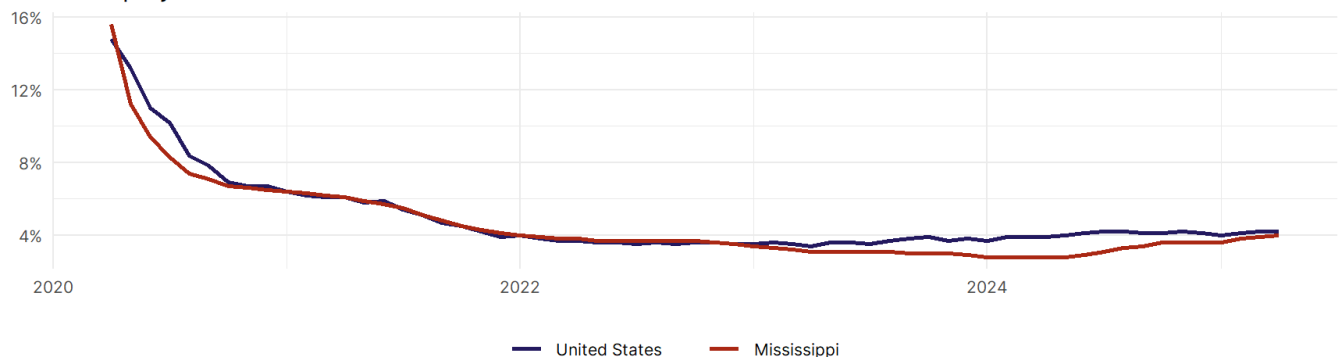
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Mississippi Employment Snapshot

- In April, **Mississippi added 4,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4 percent.** In the prior month, Mississippi lost 1,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Mississippi added 14,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 1.2 percentage points from 2.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Mississippi **is tied for 13th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Mississippi's private sector added 4,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 12,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 1,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Mississippi **rose by 645**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 19,184.
- **Mississippi's labor force participation rate rose to 56.2 percent** in April from 56.1 percent and **ranks 50th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 1.4 percentage points.

Mississippi  
Unemployment Rate

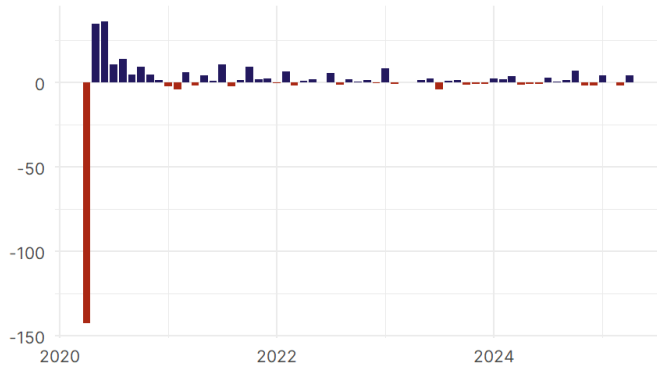


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## Mississippi Payroll Employment

### Mississippi Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

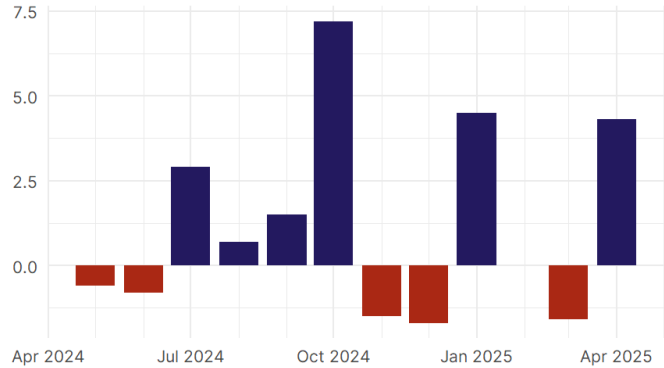
Monthly change, past five years (thousands)



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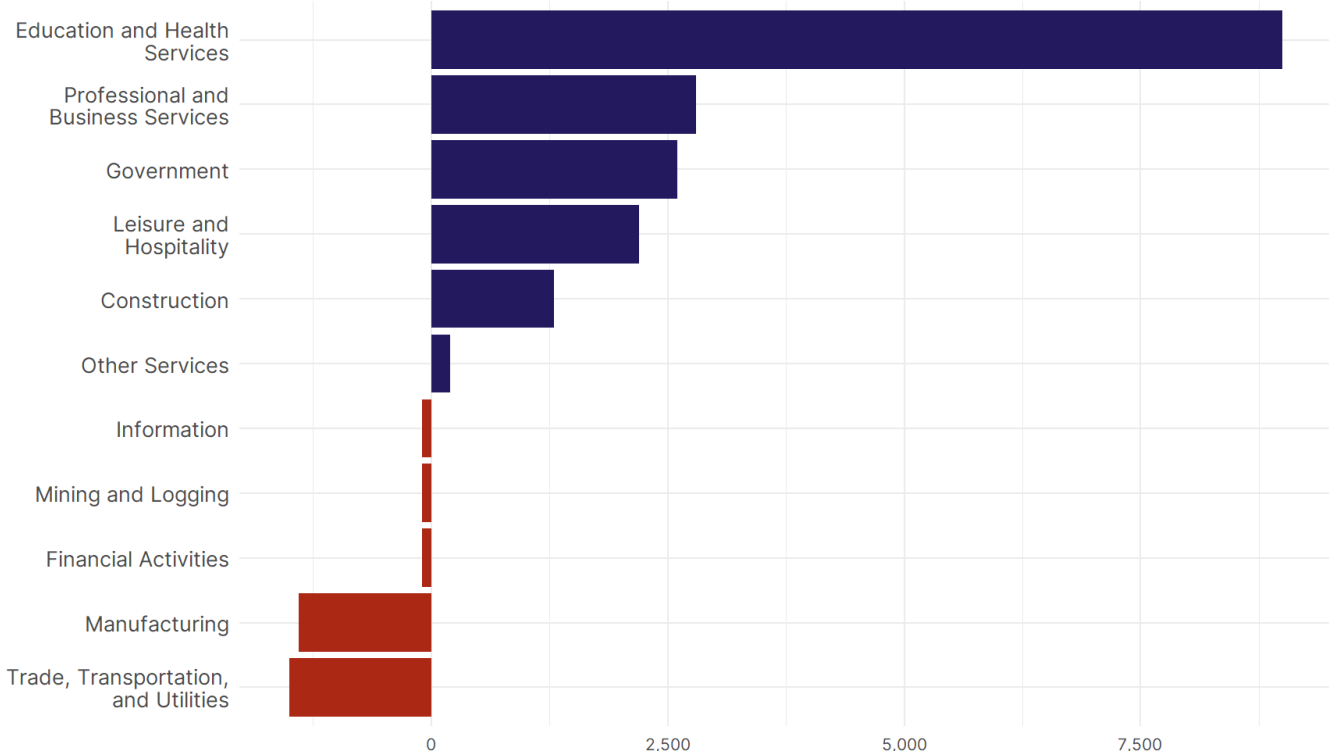
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- **Mississippi added 4,300 net payroll jobs, or 0.4 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 1,600 jobs. Mississippi nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **6 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Mississippi is tied for 13th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Mississippi added 4,500 private sector jobs, or 0.5 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 1,800 jobs. Mississippi private sector payroll employment has increased in **6 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 167,000 jobs in April, or 0.1 percent.** Mississippi ranks 15th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

### Change in Mississippi Payroll Employment by Sector over past 12 months



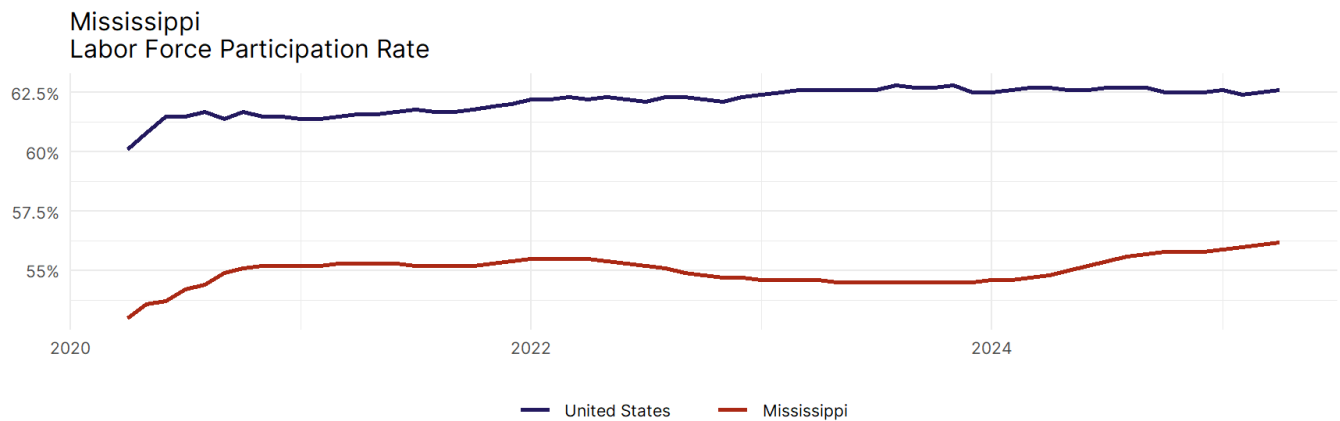
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- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during April were **Education and Health Services (2,500)** and **Professional and Business Services (2,100)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Government (-200)** and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-300)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (9,000)** and **Professional and Business Services (2,800)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Manufacturing (-1,400)** and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,500)**.

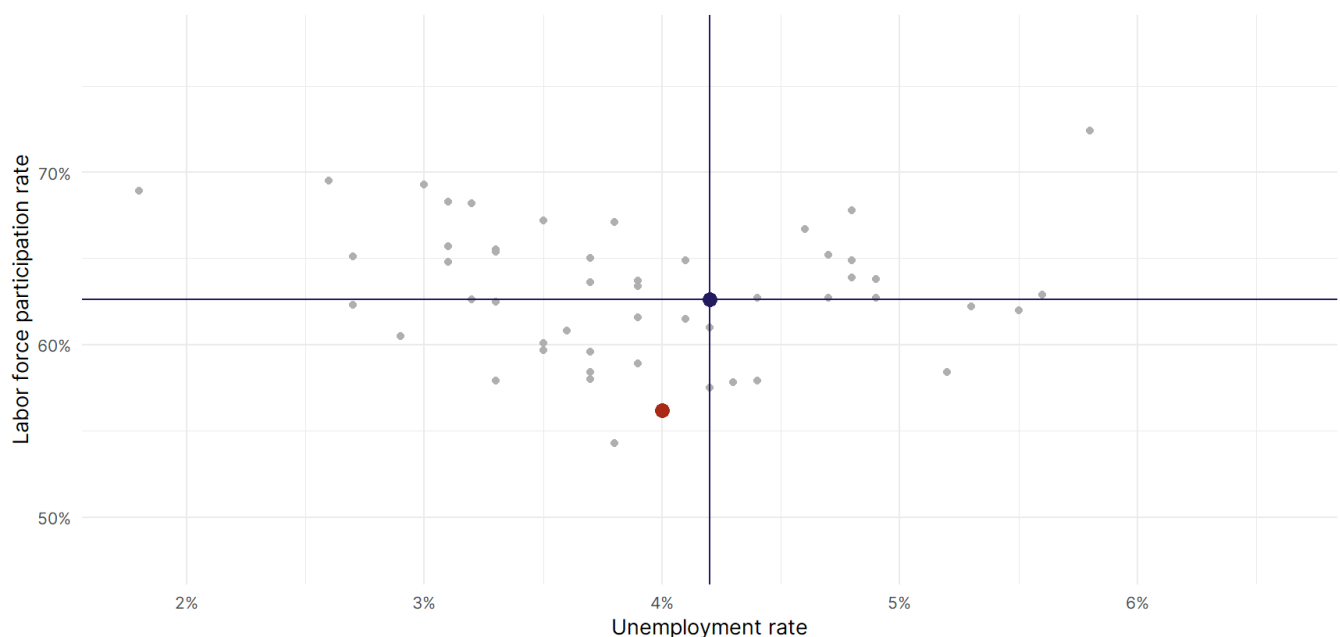
### Mississippi Labor Force

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 **Mississippi rose to 56.2 percent in April from 56.1 percent in the prior month**.
- **Mississippi ranks 50th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi was **56.4 percent** occurring in September 2019, and the 10-year low was **53 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.6 percent** in April.



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