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Nevada

Employment Update

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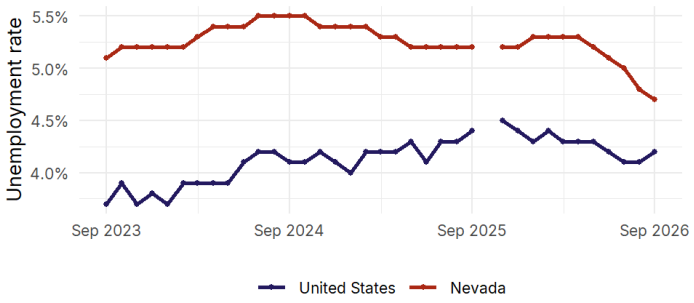
United States Employment Snapshot

- In September, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 18, rose in 9, and remained unchanged in 24.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.6 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 4.2 percent.
- In September, **payroll jobs rose in 24 states and fell in 25.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **South Carolina**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.4 percent in **Missouri and Wisconsin**.

Nevada Employment Snapshot

- In September, **Nevada added 1,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent**. In the prior month, Nevada added 3,900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Nevada added 25,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points from 5.2 percent**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 29,000 in September, or 0 percent.** Nevada **ranks 3rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In September, **Nevada's private sector added 1,600 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 25,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Nevada added 2,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In September, employment in Nevada **fell by 3,052**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 904.
- **Nevada's labor force participation rate fell to 62.3 percent** in September from 62.6 percent and **ranks 23rd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.9 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Nevada
September 2023 to September 2026



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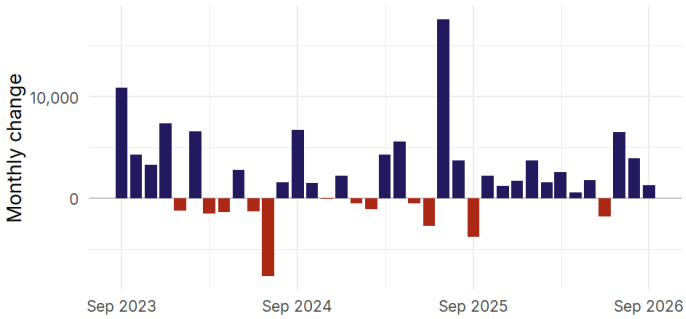
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Nevada
September 2023 to September 2026



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