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New Hampshire Employment Update



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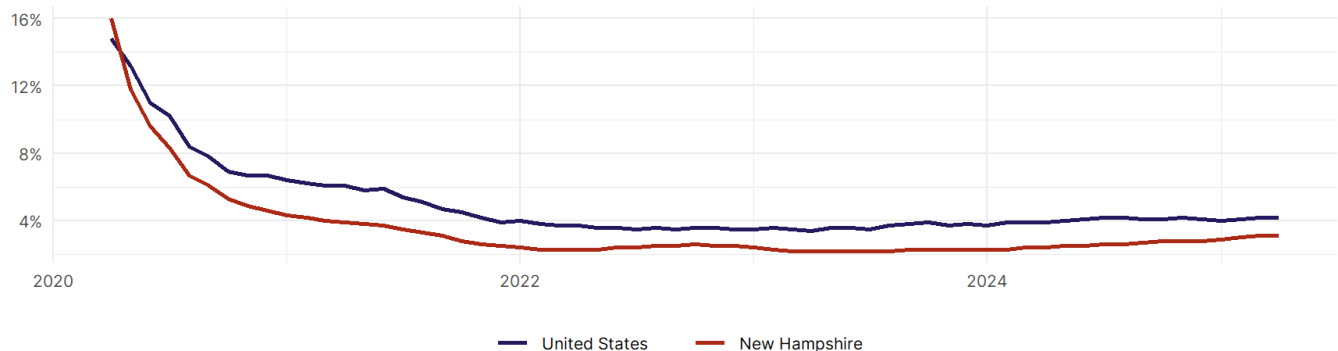
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

New Hampshire Employment Snapshot

- In April, **New Hampshire lost 1,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.1 percent.** In the prior month, New Hampshire added 900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **New Hampshire added 8,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 2.4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** New Hampshire **is tied for 20th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **New Hampshire's private sector lost 1,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 7,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, New Hampshire added 800 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in New Hampshire **fell by 695**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 2,763.
- **New Hampshire's labor force participation rate fell to 65.7 percent** in April from 65.8 percent and **ranks 11th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.

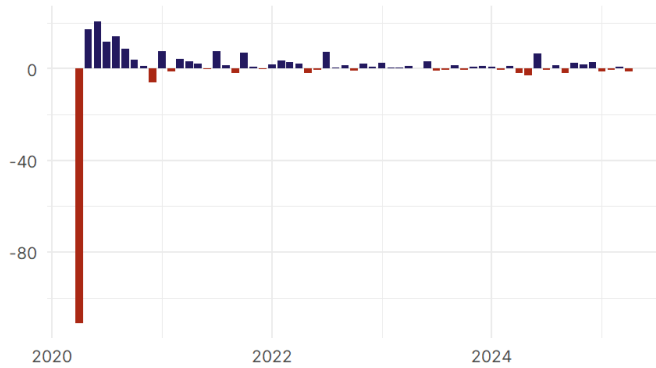
New Hampshire
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

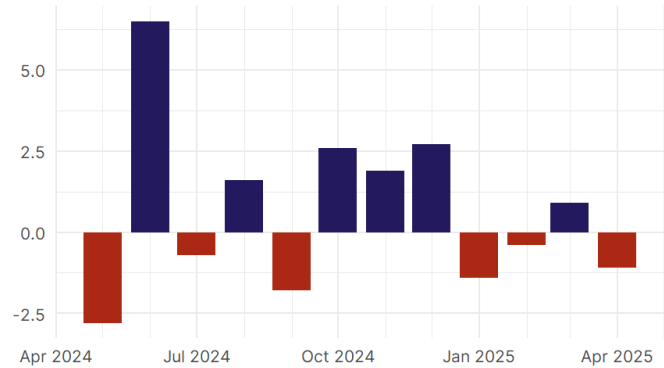
New Hampshire Payroll Employment

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



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

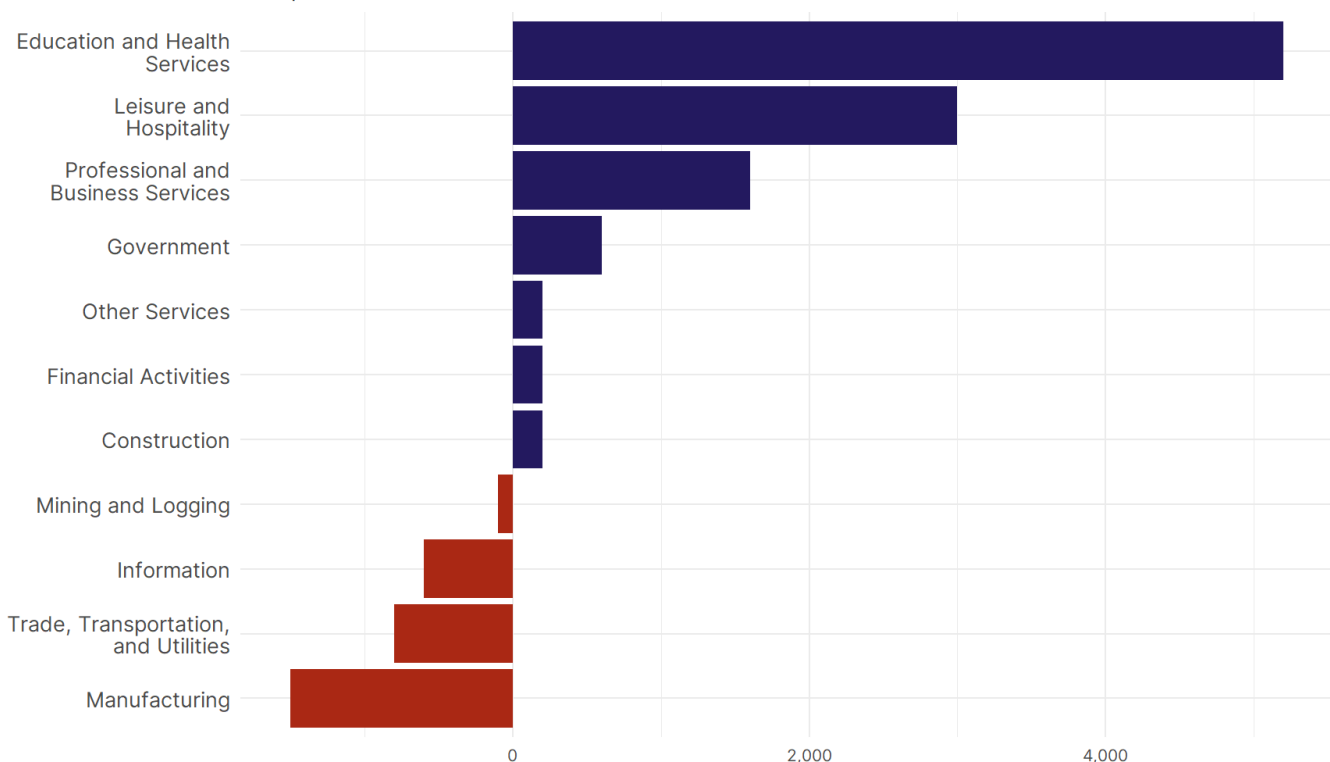
New Hampshire Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
Monthly change, past 12 months (thousands)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

- **New Hampshire lost 1,100 net payroll jobs, or -0.2 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, New Hampshire added 900 jobs. New Hampshire 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**. New Hampshire is tied for 20th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **New Hampshire lost 1,000 private sector jobs, or -0.2 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during April. In the prior month, New Hampshire added 800 jobs. New Hampshire private sector payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 167,000 jobs in April, or 0.1 percent**. New Hampshire is tied for 16th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

Change in New Hampshire
Payroll Employment by Sector
over past 12 months



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

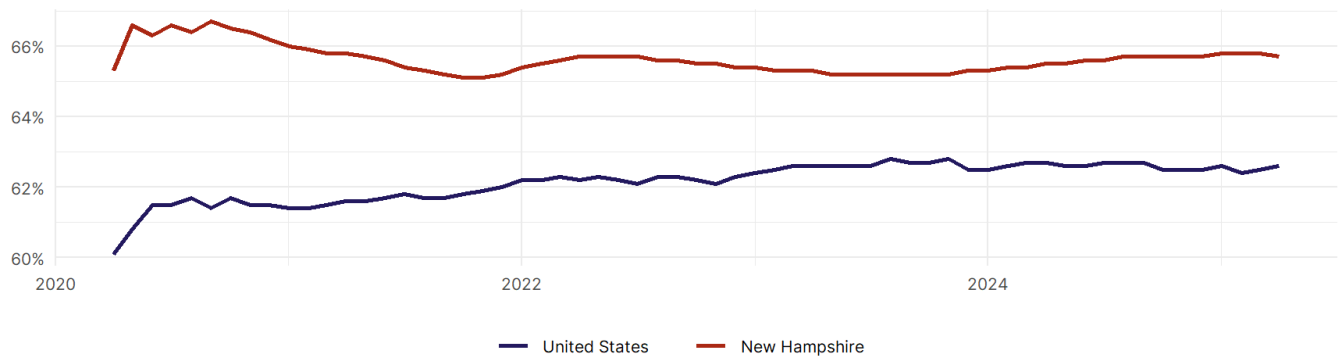
- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during April were **Leisure and Hospitality (300)** and **Education and Health Services (200)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Professional and Business Services (-600)** and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-700)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (5,200)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (3,000)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-800)** and **Manufacturing (-1,500)**.

New Hampshire Labor Force

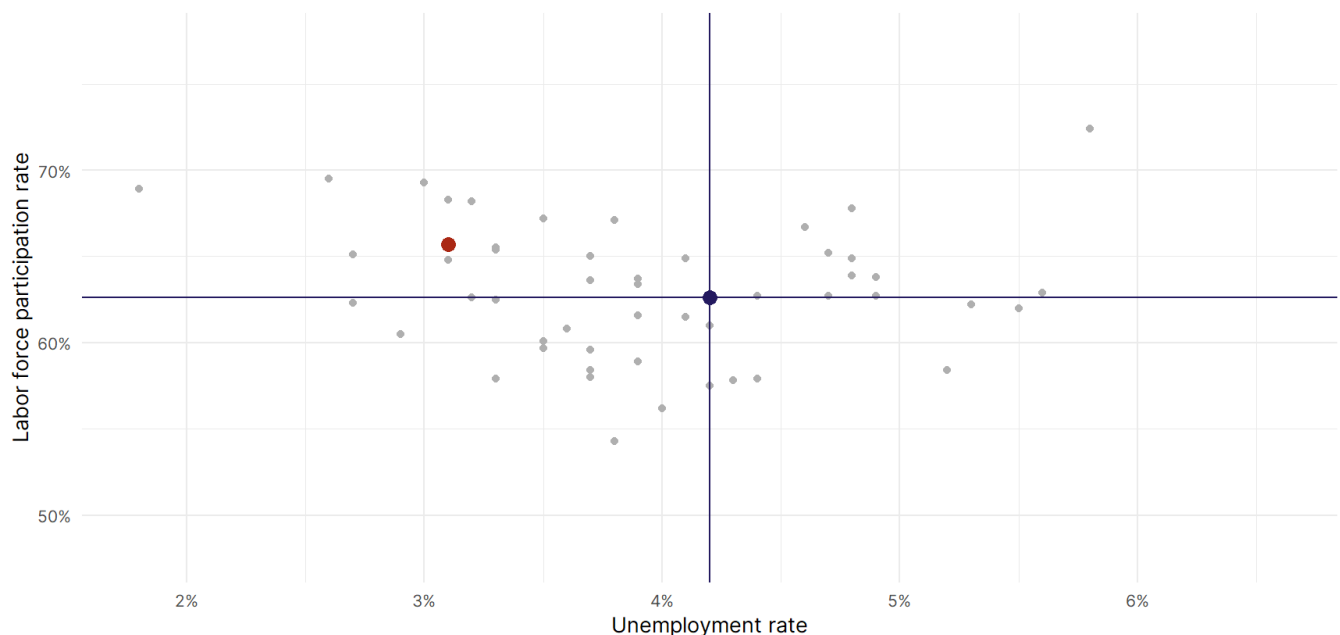
The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

- The labor force participation rate in **New Hampshire fell to 65.7 percent in April from 65.8 percent in the prior month.**
- **New Hampshire ranks 11th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in New Hampshire was **69 percent** occurring in November 2019, and the 10-year low was **65.1 percent** occurring in November 2021.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.6 percent** in April.

New Hampshire
Labor Force Participation Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted



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