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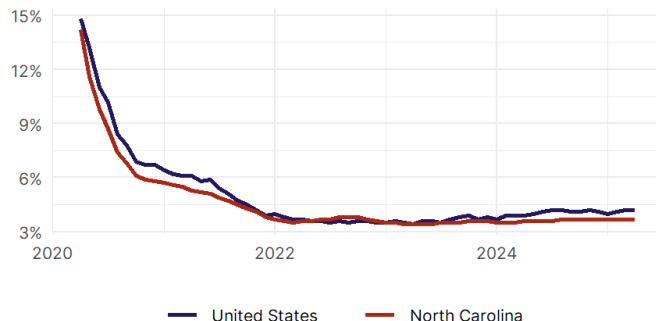
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

North Carolina Employment Snapshot

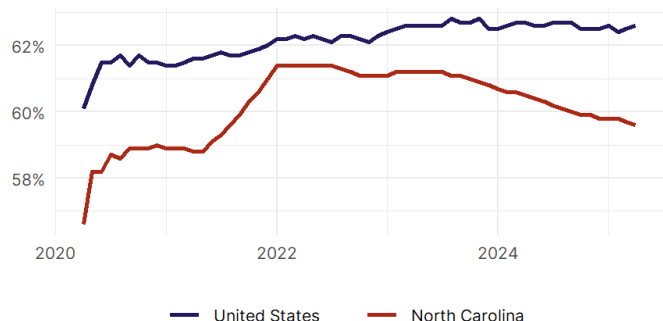
- In April, **North Carolina added 18,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.7 percent**. In the prior month, North Carolina added 13,400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **North Carolina added 76,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 3.6 percent**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent**. North Carolina **is tied for 6th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **North Carolina's private sector added 17,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 60,900 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, North Carolina added 12,300 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in North Carolina **fell by 81**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 1,063.
- North Carolina's labor force participation rate fell to 59.6 percent** in April from 59.7 percent and **ranks 41st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.9 percentage points.

North Carolina
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

North Carolina
Labor Force Participation Rate



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