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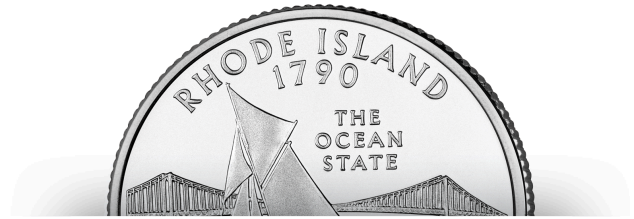
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Rhode Island Employment Update



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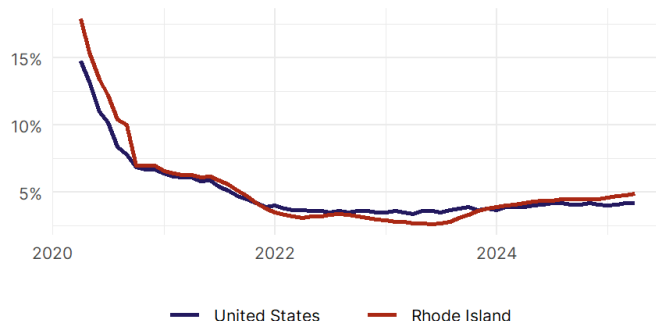
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Rhode Island Employment Snapshot

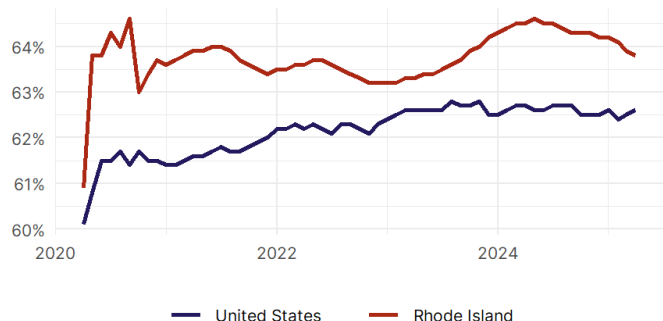
- In April, **Rhode Island added 300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.9 percent.** In the prior month, Rhode Island added 500 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Rhode Island added 4,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 4.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Rhode Island **is tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Rhode Island's private sector added 100 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 3,600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Rhode Island added 800 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Rhode Island **fell by 1,177**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 6,559.
- **Rhode Island's labor force participation rate fell to 63.8 percent** in April from 63.9 percent and **ranks 21st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.7 percentage points.

Rhode Island
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Rhode Island
Labor Force Participation Rate



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