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## South Dakota Employment Update



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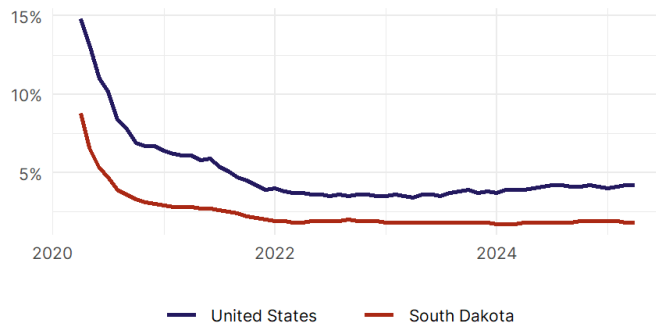
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### South Dakota Employment Snapshot

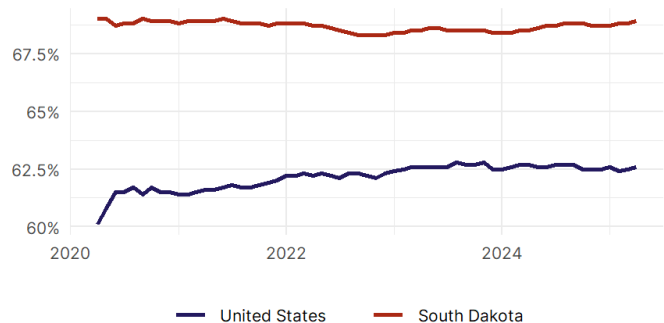
- In April, **South Dakota added 1,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 1.8 percent.** In the prior month, South Dakota added 400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **South Dakota added 6,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** South Dakota **is tied for 13th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **South Dakota's private sector added 1,800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 4,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, South Dakota added 400 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in South Dakota **rose by 777**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 6,889.
- **South Dakota's labor force participation rate rose to 68.9 percent** in April from 68.8 percent and **ranks 4th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.4 percentage points.

South Dakota  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

South Dakota  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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