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Tennessee Employment Update



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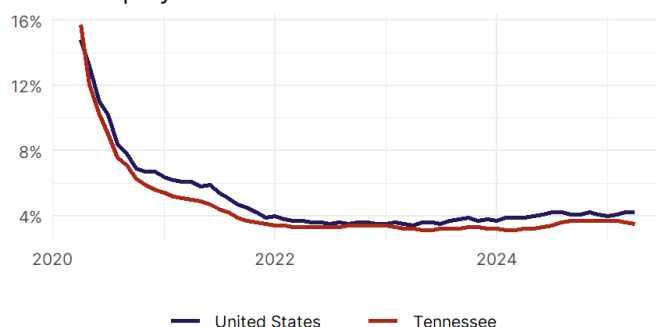
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Tennessee Employment Snapshot

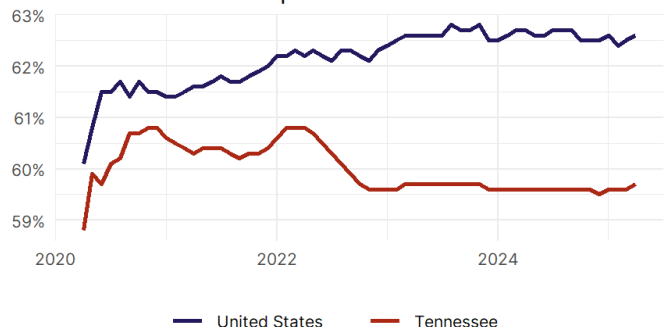
- In April, **Tennessee added 8,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.5 percent.** In the prior month, Tennessee added 1,400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Tennessee added 24,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points from 3.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Tennessee **is tied for 35th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Tennessee's private sector added 8,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 15,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Tennessee added 500 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Tennessee **rose by 12,741**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 33,443.
- **Tennessee's labor force participation rate rose to 59.7 percent** in April from 59.6 percent and **ranks 40th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.1 percentage points.

Tennessee
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Tennessee
Labor Force Participation Rate



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