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## **United States** Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

## **Utah Employment Snapshot**

- In August, **Utah added 8,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.3 percent**. In the prior month, Utah lost 4,300 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, Utah added 30,400 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate remained unchanged.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Utah **ranks 4th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Utah's private sector added 4,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 22,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Utah lost 500 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Utah fell by 3,276, and over the past 12 months it rose by 2,394.
- **Utah's labor force participation rate fell to 67.6 percent** in August from 67.8 percent and **ranks 6th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 1.3 percentage points.

