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## Virginia Employment Update



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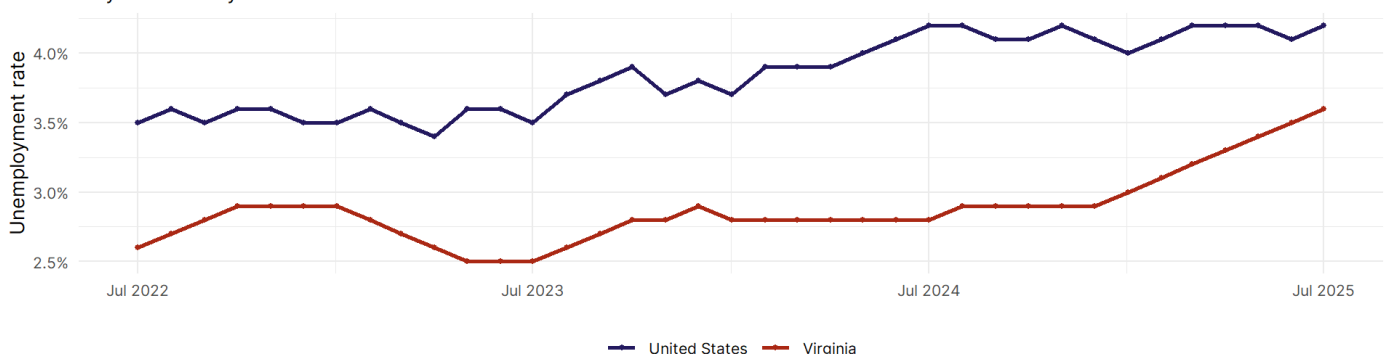
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In July, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 6, rose in 15, and remained unchanged in 30.**
- 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 4.2 percent.
- In July, **payroll jobs rose in 31 states and fell in 20.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.6 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.5 percent in **Wyoming**.

### Virginia Employment Snapshot

- In July, **Virginia added 600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.6 percent.** In the prior month, Virginia lost 5,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Virginia added 35,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage points from 2.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 73,000 in July, or 0 percent.** Virginia **is tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In July, **Virginia's private sector lost 3,600 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 23,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Virginia lost 7,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In July, employment in Virginia **fell by 8,380**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 65,401.
- **Virginia's labor force participation rate fell to 64.9 percent** in July from 65 percent and **ranks 14th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 1 percentage point.

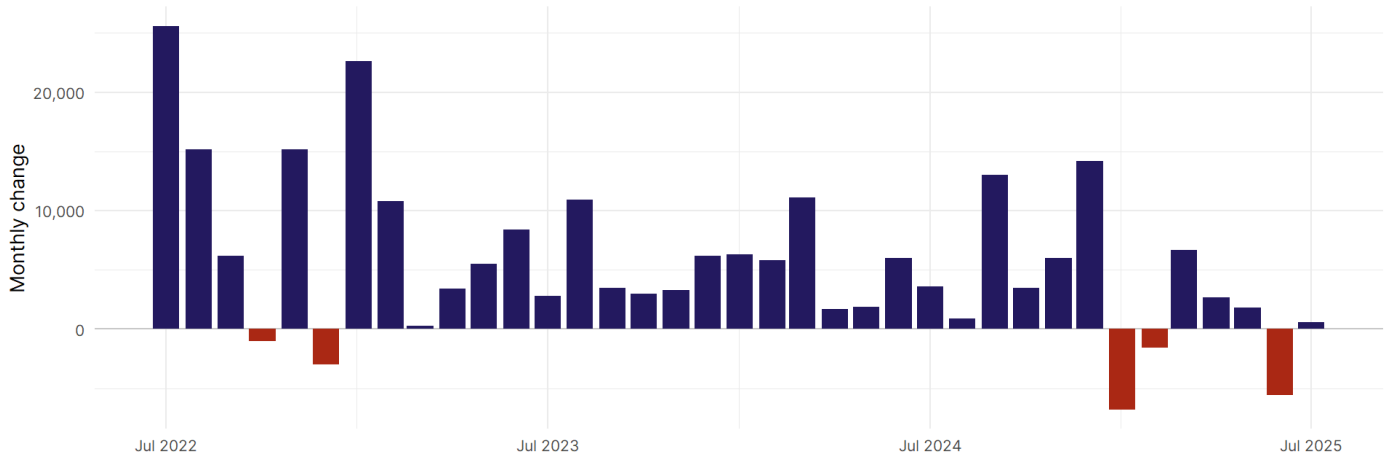
Unemployment Rate in Virginia  
July 2022 to July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

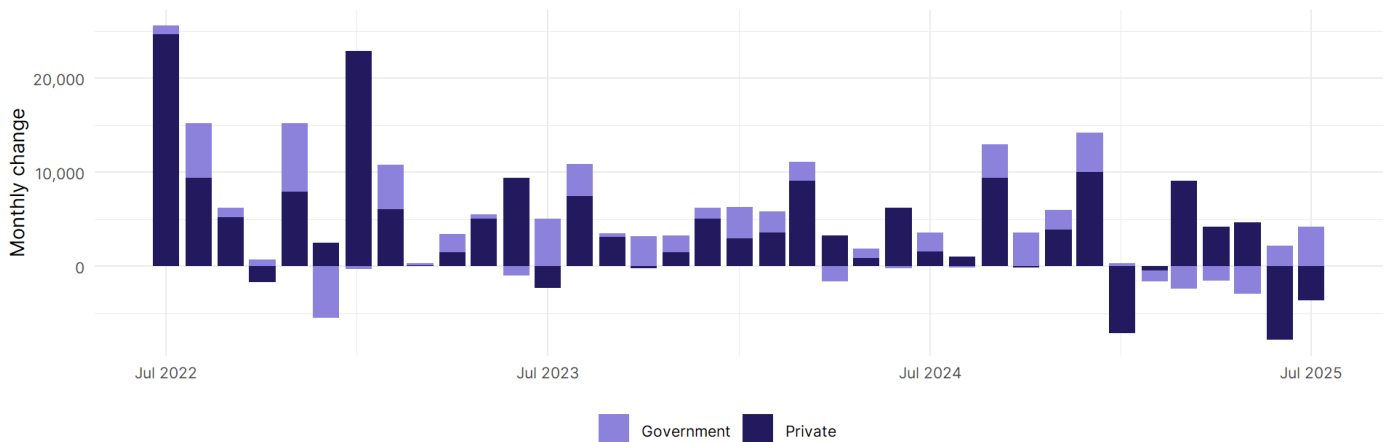
## Virginia Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Virginia  
July 2022 to July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Virginia  
July 2022 to July 2025

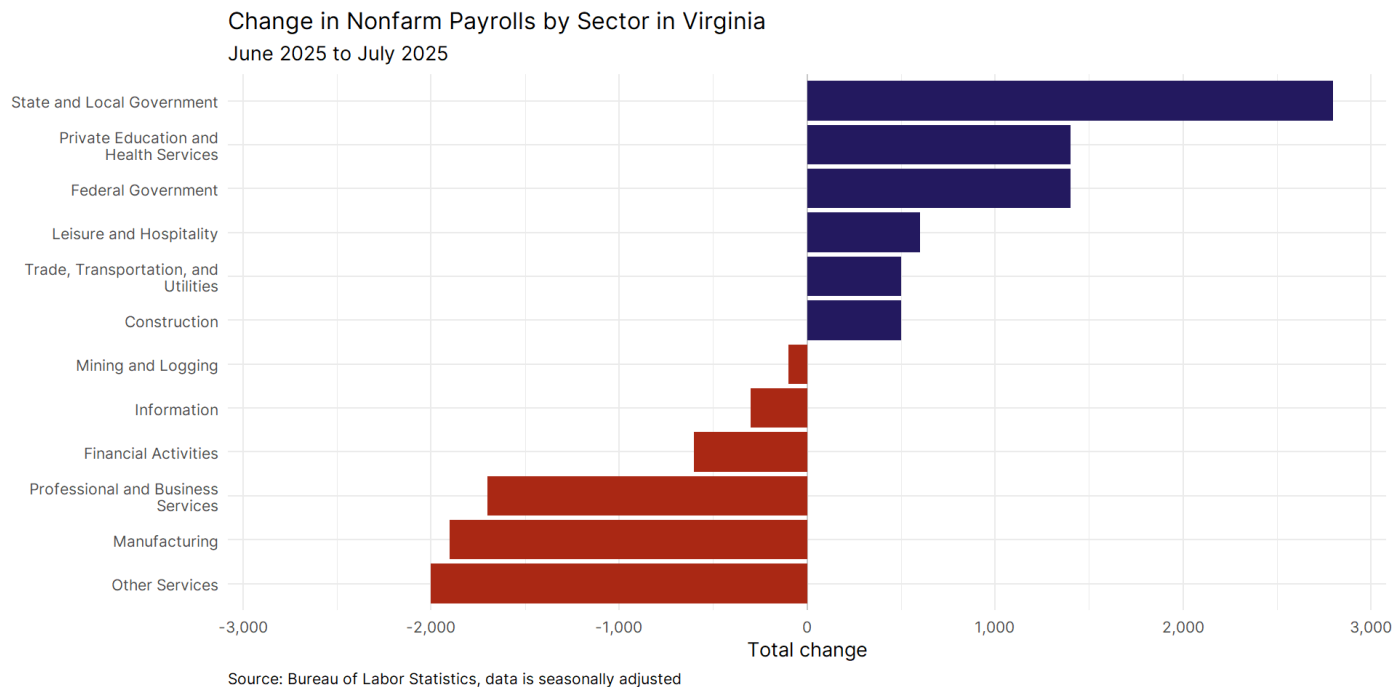


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- **Virginia added 600 net payroll jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Virginia lost 5,600 jobs. Virginia nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 73,000 in July, or 0 percent**. Virginia is tied for 27th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Virginia lost 3,600 private sector jobs, or -0.1 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Virginia lost 7,800 jobs. Virginia private sector payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 83,000 jobs in July, or 0.1 percent**. Virginia is tied for 31st in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

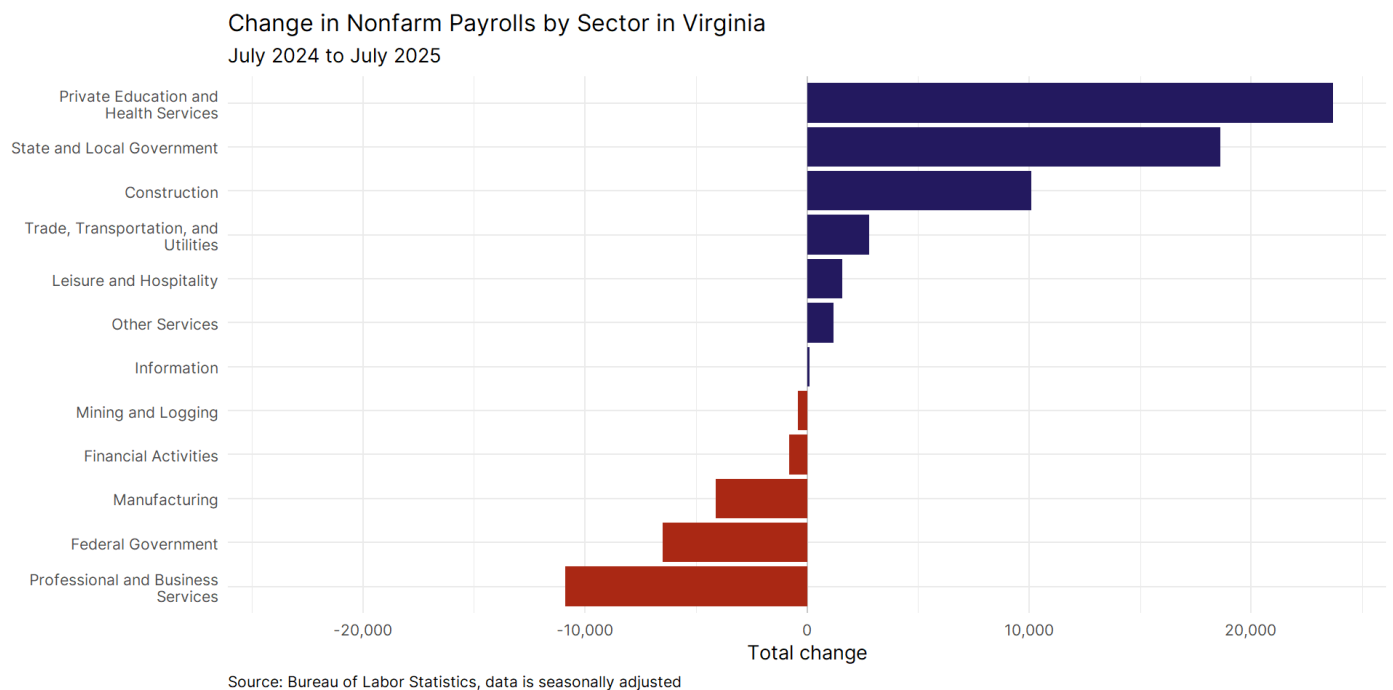
From June 2025 to July 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (+2,800) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+1,400).
- The worst performing sectors were **Other Services** (-2,000) and **Manufacturing** (-1,900).



From July 2024 to July 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+23,700) and **State and Local Government** (+18,600).
- The worst performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (-10,900) and **Federal Government** (-6,500).

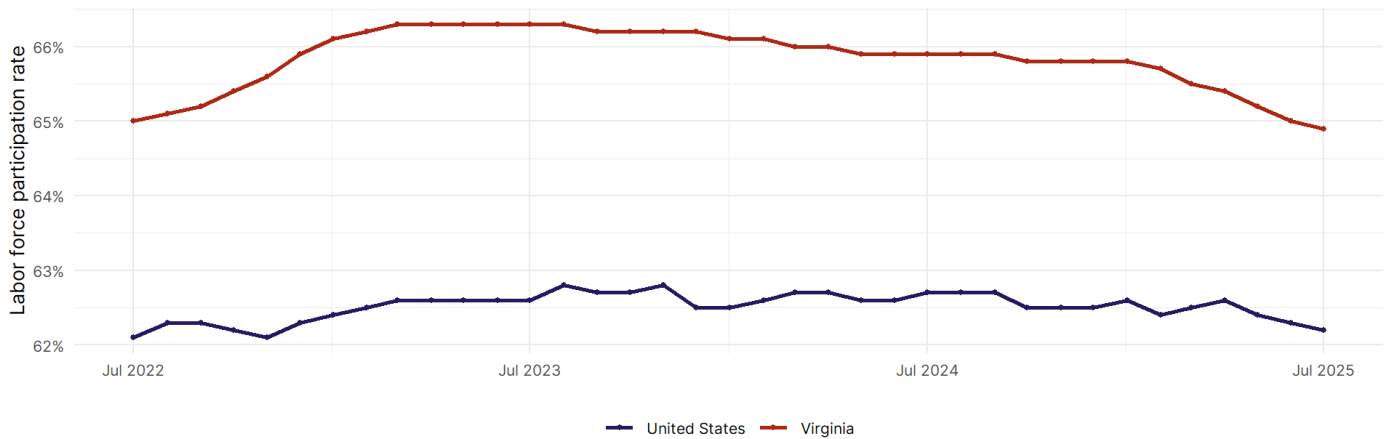


## Virginia Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

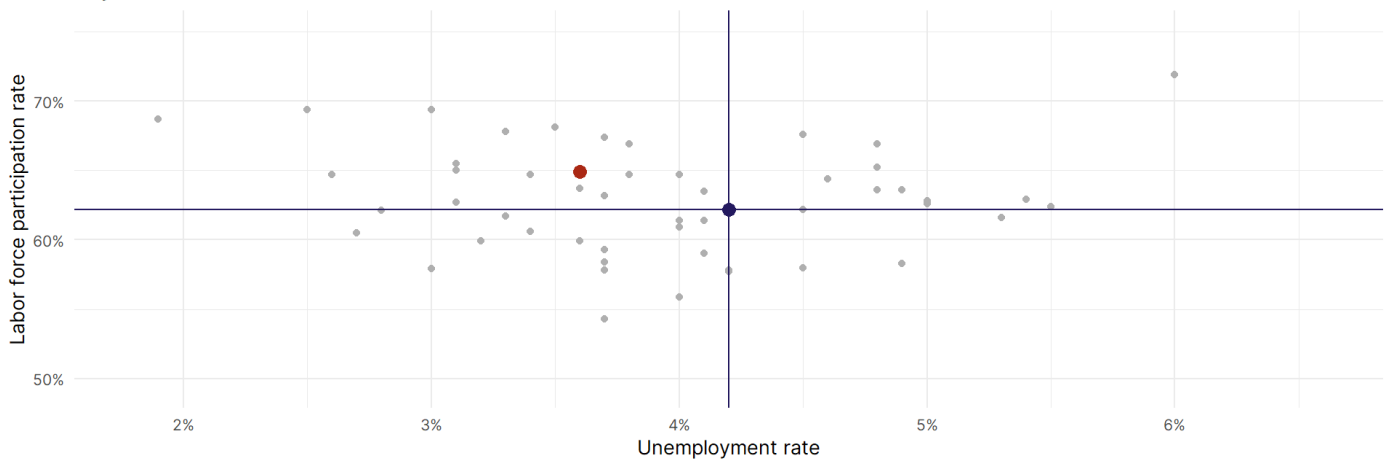
- The labor force participation rate in **Virginia fell to 64.9 percent in July from 65 percent in the prior month.**
- **Virginia ranks 14th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Virginia was **66.3 percent** occurring in August 2023, and the 10-year low was **63.4 percent** occurring in February 2021.
- The national labor force participation rate **fell by 0.1 percentage points to 62.2 percent** in July.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Virginia  
July 2022 to July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State  
July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted