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Virginia Employment Update



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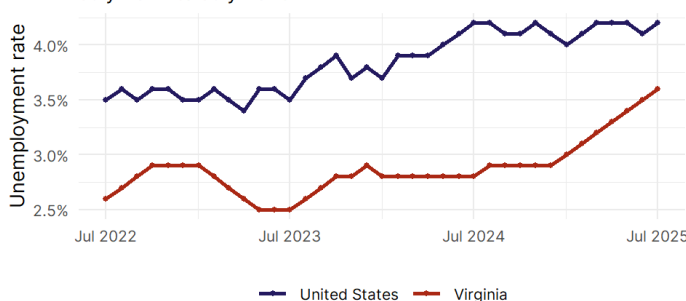
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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

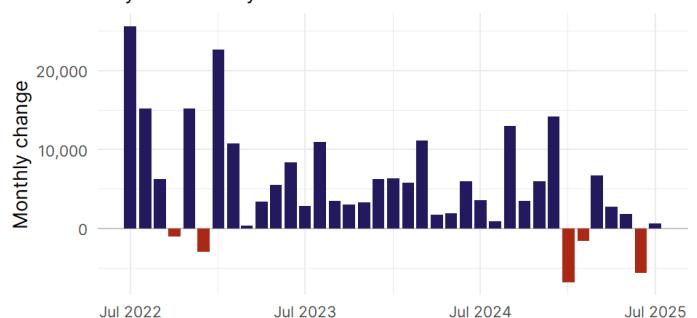
- In July, **Virginia added 600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.6 percent.** In the prior month, Virginia lost 5,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Virginia added 35,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage 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

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Virginia
July 2022 to July 2025



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