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Washington Employment Update



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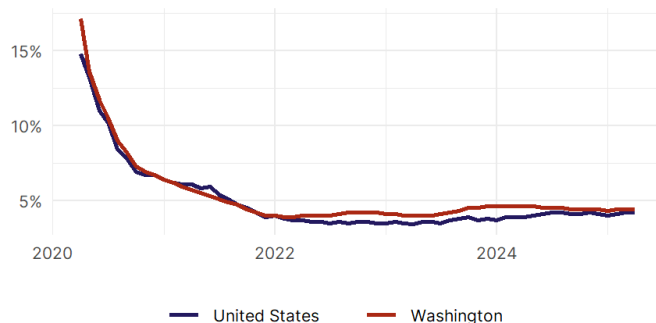
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Washington Employment Snapshot

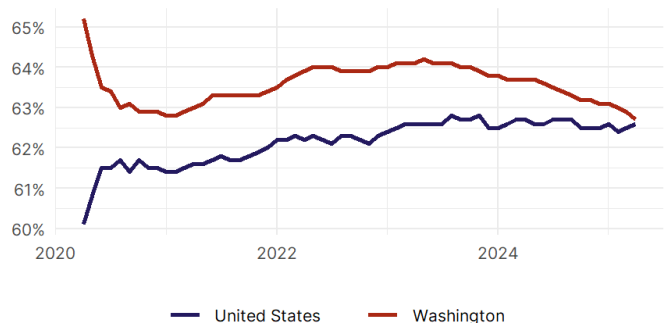
- In April, **Washington lost 6,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent.** In the prior month, Washington added 3,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Washington added 27,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 4.6 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Washington **is tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Washington's private sector lost 5,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 21,200 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Washington added 5,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Washington **fell by 7,766**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 1,016.
- **Washington's labor force participation rate fell to 62.7 percent** in April from 62.9 percent and **is tied for 26th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 1 percentage point.

Washington
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Washington
Labor Force Participation Rate



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