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West Virginia Employment Update



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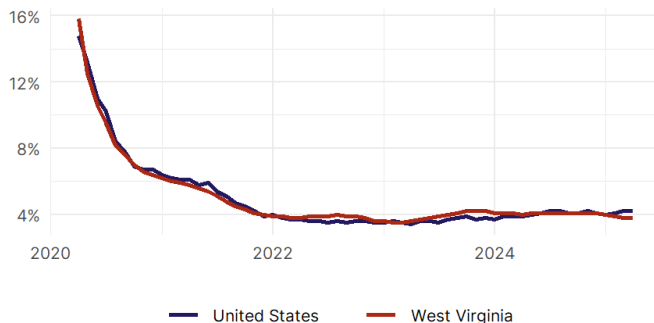
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

West Virginia Employment Snapshot

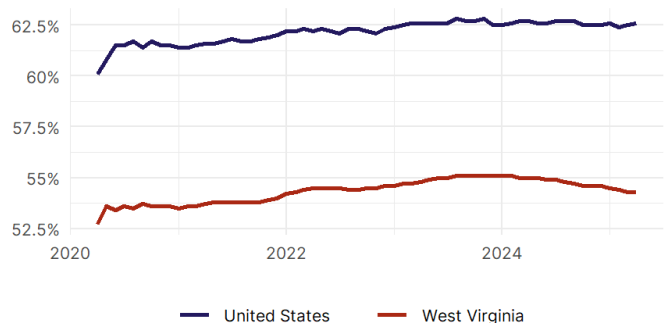
- In April, **West Virginia added 100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.8 percent.** In the prior month, West Virginia lost 2,000 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **West Virginia lost 700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** West Virginia **is tied for 49th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **West Virginia's private sector lost 600 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, West Virginia lost 1,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in West Virginia **rose by 552**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 6,189.
- **West Virginia's labor force participation rate remained steady at 54.3 percent** in April and **ranks 51st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.7 percentage points.

West Virginia
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

West Virginia
Labor Force Participation Rate



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