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## Wisconsin Employment Update



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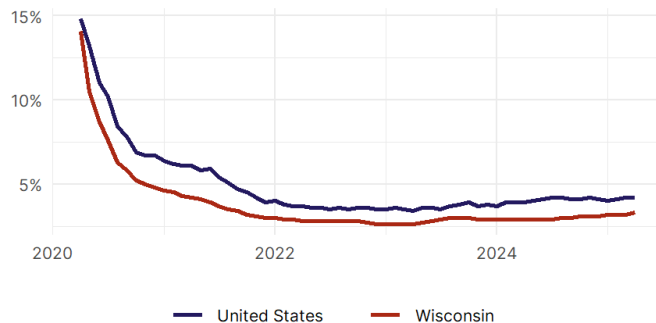
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Wisconsin Employment Snapshot

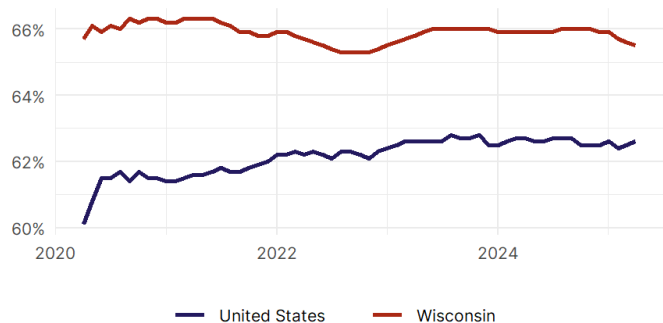
- In April, **Wisconsin lost 1,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.3 percent.** In the prior month, Wisconsin added 10,000 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Wisconsin added 15,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points from 2.9 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Wisconsin **is tied for 41st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Wisconsin's private sector lost 1,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 15,600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Wisconsin added 11,400 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Wisconsin **fell by 5,410**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 9,872.
- **Wisconsin's labor force participation rate fell to 65.5 percent** in April from 65.6 percent and **ranks 12th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.4 percentage points.

Wisconsin  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Wisconsin  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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