

# West Virginia Employment Situation Summary

## National Employment Data

- The U.S. economy added 339,000 jobs in May, and the United States has seen 28 consecutive months of job growth under President Biden.
- Since President Biden came into office, the United States has added 13.1 million jobs, and at 3.7%, the unemployment remains near historic lows.
- In May, the unemployment rate was 5.6% for Black workers, 4.0% for Hispanic workers, 3.3% for white workers, 2.9% for Asian workers, and 5.1% (not seasonally adjusted) for American Indian and Alaska Native workers.

## State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 28,800 jobs have been created in West Virginia.
- In the month of May, 700 jobs were created in West Virginia.

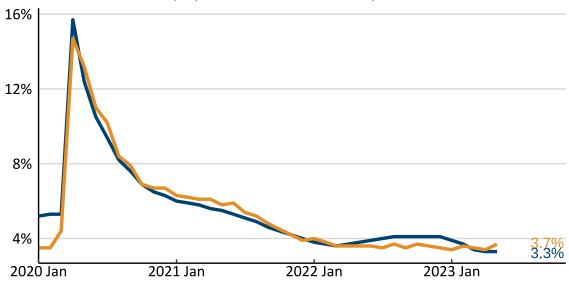
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in May	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	700	86%	28,800
Leisure and Hospitality	600	86%	5,800
Manufacturing	100	70%	700
Professional and Business Services	0	142%	4,400
Education and Health Services	0	69%	1,500
Construction	0	78%	800
Retail Trade	-100	92%	700
Government	-500	64%	4,700

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic—the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

### **West Virginia Unemployment Rate**

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



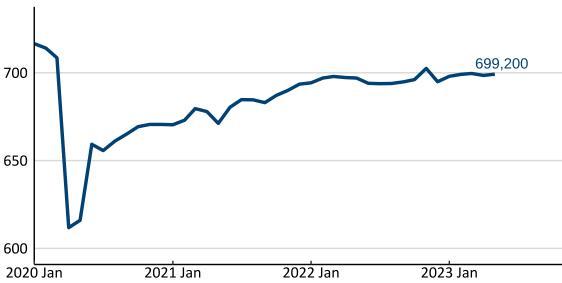
Seasonally Adjusted

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### **West Virginia Jobs Recovery**

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

