

# 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

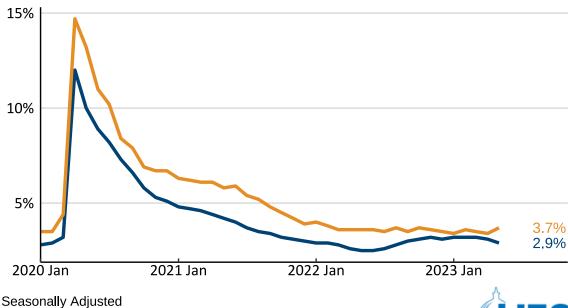
- Since President Biden took office, 245,800 jobs have been created in Virginia.
- In the month of May, 6,900 jobs were created in Virginia.

Sector	Change in Total Jobs in May	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	6,900	112%	245,800
Professional and Business Services	3,900	207%	47,200
Construction	2,600	181%	8,200
Education and Health Services	1,700	129%	44,500
Government	300	81%	25,900
Retail Trade	100	75%	-8,500
Leisure and Hospitality	-100	94%	73,100
Manufacturing	-700	112%	8,300

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.

## Virginia Unemployment Rate

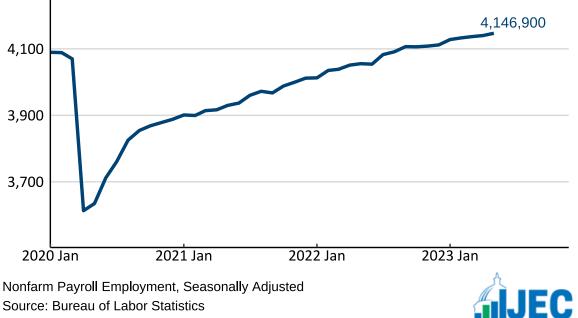


State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## **Virginia Jobs Recovery**

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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