

Washington Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 4,817,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 602,000 created each month.
- In the month of September, the latest for which national data are available, 194,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.8%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.7%), adult women (4.2%), white workers (4.2%) and Black workers (7.9%). The unemployment rate among Asian workers (4.2%) and Hispanic workers (6.3%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 162,800 jobs have been created in Washington.
- In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 17,600 jobs were created in Washington.

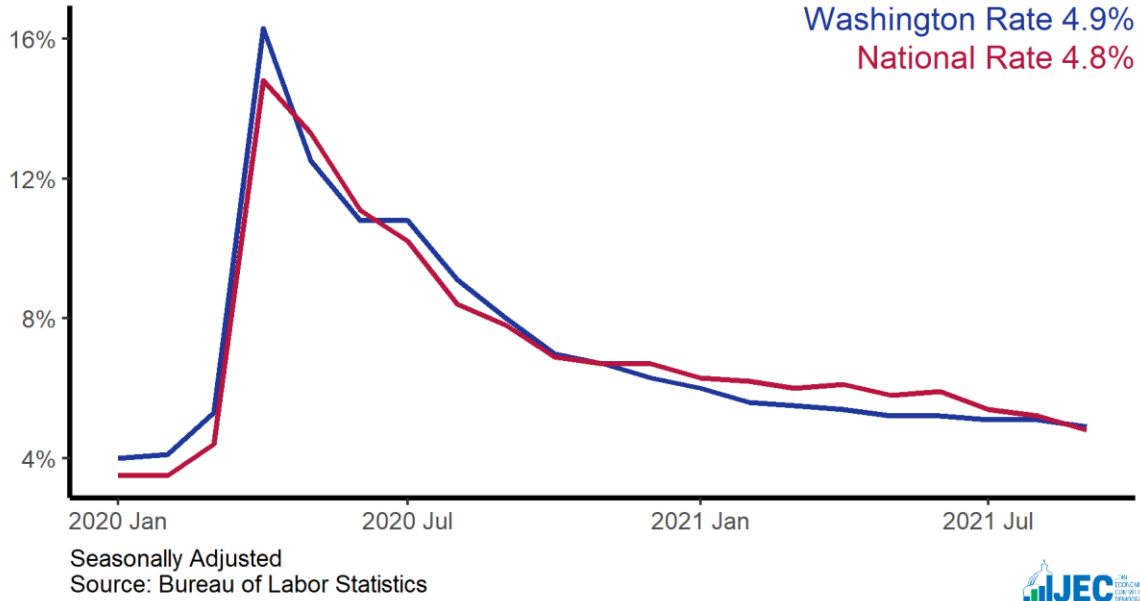
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in September	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Washington	17,600	81%	162,800
Leisure and Hospitality, Washington	6,500	69%	68,700
Construction, Washington	3,600	116%	7,300
Retail Trade, Washington	2,900	121%	3,300
Education and Health Services, Washington	1,300	132%	19,400
Manufacturing, Washington	800	16%	4,800
Government, Washington	-500	50%	23,200
Professional and Business Services, Washington	-2,900	94%	8,500

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.

Washington Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Washington Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

