

West Virginia 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, 14,700 jobs have been created in West Virginia.
- In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 800 jobs were lost in West Virginia.

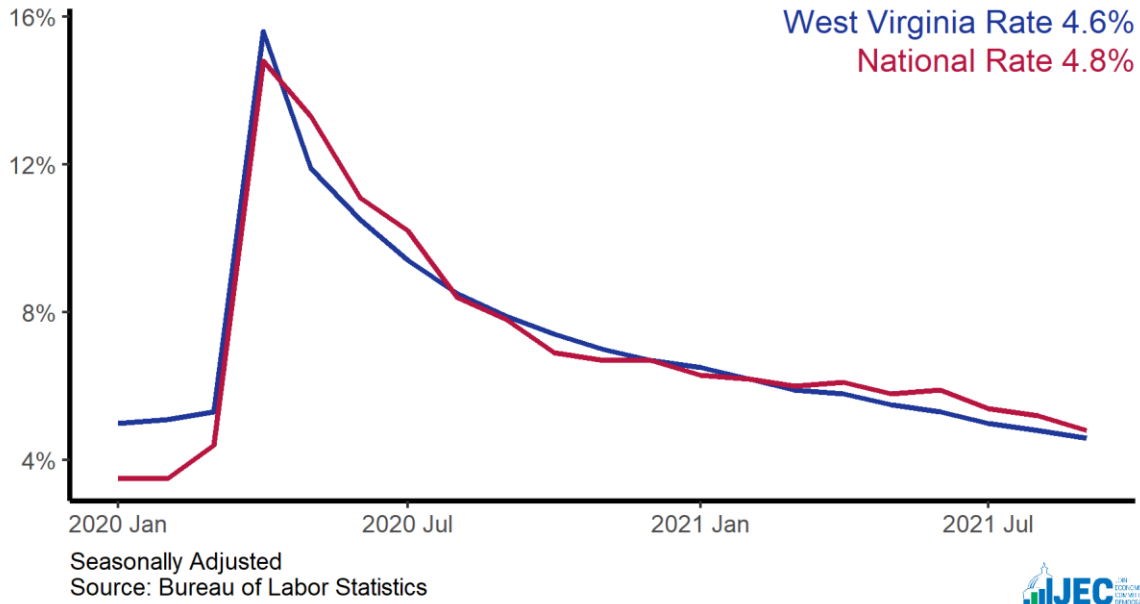
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in September	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, West Virginia	-800	73%	14,700
Retail Trade, West Virginia	700	92%	600
Construction, West Virginia	700	61%	300
Professional and Business Services, West Virginia	-100	72%	700
Government, West Virginia	-100	67%	4,100
Leisure and Hospitality, West Virginia	-500	82%	5,900
Manufacturing, West Virginia	-500	60%	900
Education and Health Services, West Virginia	-1,100	65%	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.

West Virginia Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



West Virginia Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

