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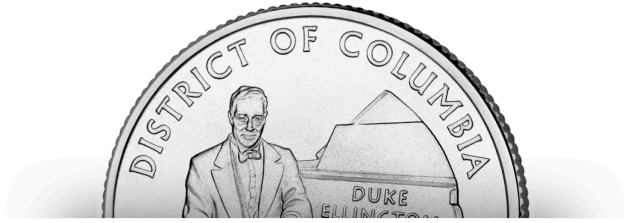
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United States Employment Snapshot

- In May, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 21.**

- The highest unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 2 percent in **North Dakota and South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4 percent.

- In May, **payroll jobs rose in 42 states and fell in 9.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.9 percent in **Idaho**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Minnesota**.

## District of Columbia Employment Snapshot

- In May, **District of Columbia added 5,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5.3 percent**. In the prior month, District of Columbia added 1,400 net payroll jobs.

- Over the past 12 months, **District of Columbia added 7,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage points from 4.8 percent**.

- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** District of Columbia **is tied for 42nd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

- In May, **District of Columbia's private sector added 4,800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 5,700 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, District of Columbia added 1,800 net private payroll jobs.

- In May, employment in District of Columbia **fell by 114**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 9,284.

- **District of Columbia's labor force participation rate fell to 72.7 percent** in May from 72.8 percent and **ranks 1st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 1.1 percentage points.

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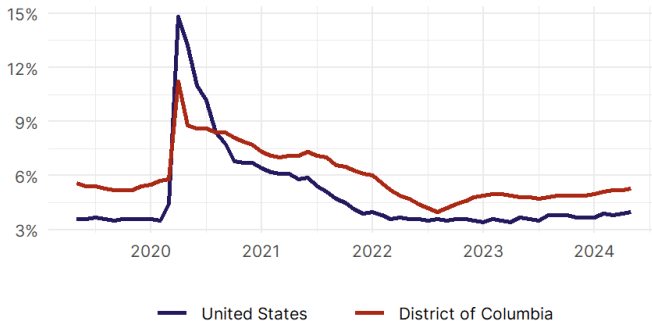
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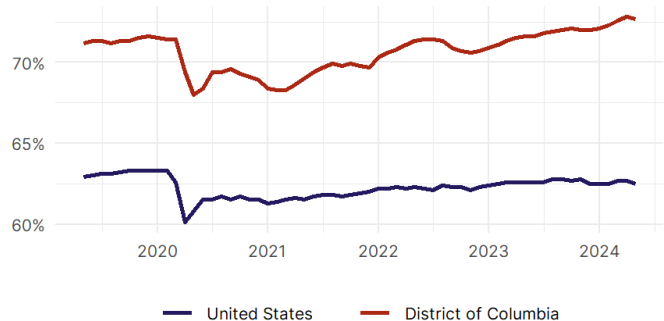
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