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Illinois Employment Report



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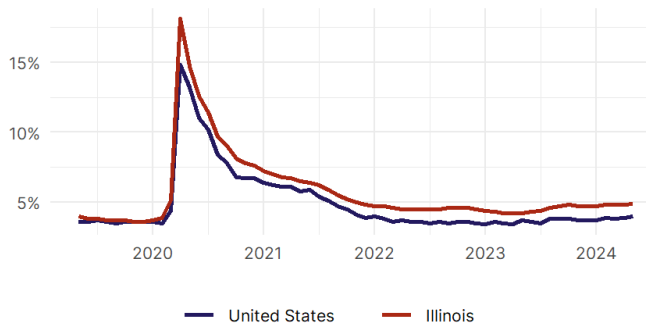
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Illinois Employment Snapshot

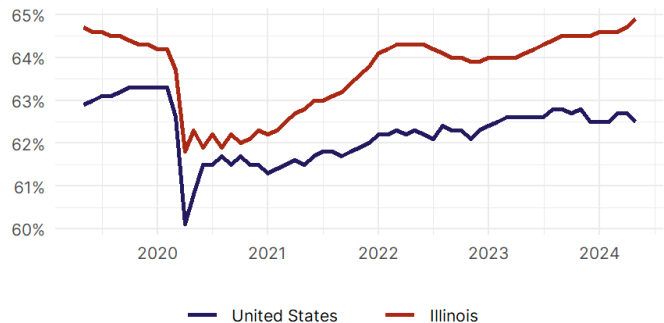
- In May, **Illinois added 12,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.9 percent.** In the prior month, Illinois added 1,900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Illinois added 43,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 4.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** Illinois **ranks 45th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **Illinois's private sector added 9,400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 15,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Illinois added 3,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in Illinois **rose by 9,903**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 41,716.
- **Illinois's labor force participation rate rose to 64.9 percent** in May from 64.7 percent and **is tied for 16th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.8 percentage points.

Illinois
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Illinois
Labor Force Participation Rate



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