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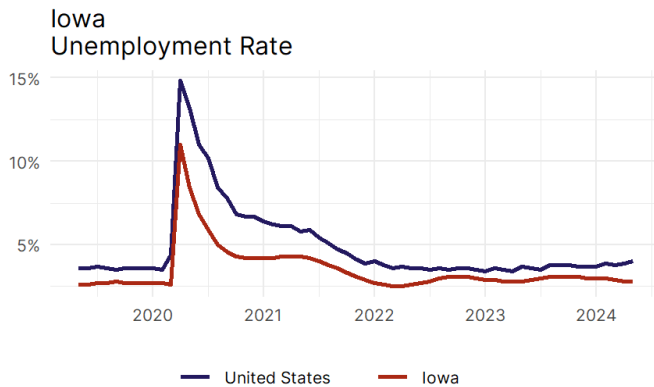
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United States Employment Snapshot

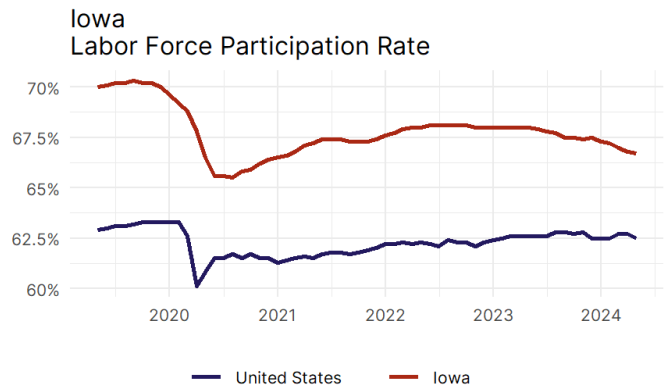
- In May, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 21.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 2 percent in **North Dakota and South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment 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**.

Iowa Employment Snapshot

- In May, **Iowa lost 200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.8 percent.** In the prior month, Iowa lost 200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Iowa added 23,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** Iowa is **tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **Iowa's private sector lost 900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 18,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Iowa lost 600 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in Iowa **fell by 2,177**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 20,569.
- **Iowa's labor force participation rate fell to 66.7 percent** in May from 66.8 percent and **ranks 8th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 1.3 percentage points.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted



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