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Massachusetts Employment Report



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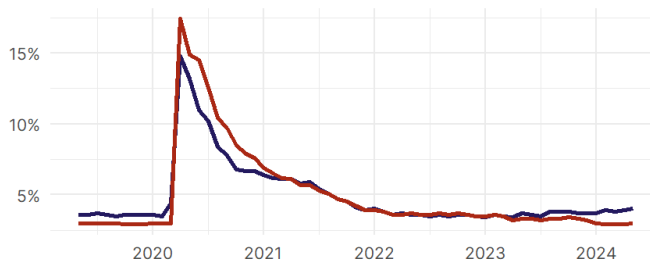
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Massachusetts Employment Snapshot

- In May, **Massachusetts added 4,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3 percent.** In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 3,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Massachusetts added 21,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points from 3.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** Massachusetts **is tied for 46th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **Massachusetts's private sector added 4,700 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 18,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 3,300 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in Massachusetts **rose by 7,536**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 39,330.
- **Massachusetts's labor force participation rate rose to 65.3 percent** in May from 65.1 percent and **is tied for 14th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.

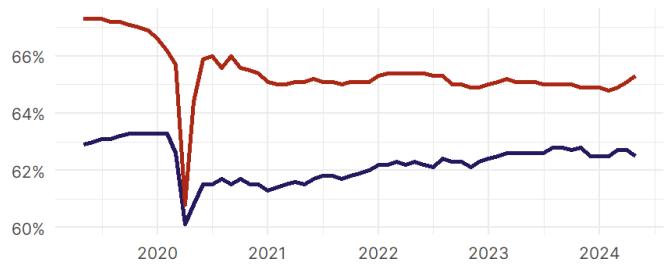
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Unemployment Rate



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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

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Labor Force Participation Rate



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