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# Mississippi Employment Report



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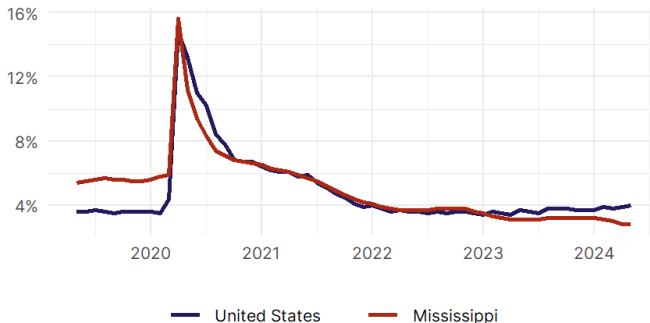
## United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

## Mississippi Employment Snapshot

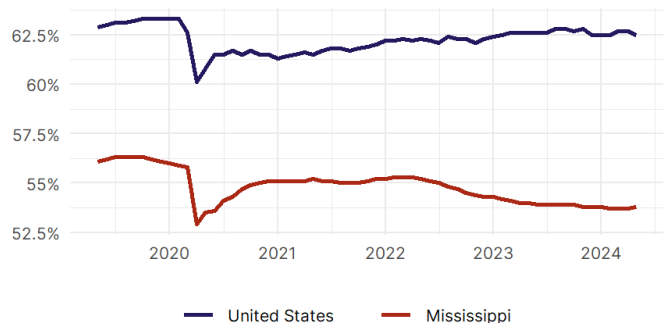
- In May, **Mississippi added 1,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.8 percent.** In the prior month, Mississippi lost 500 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Mississippi added 12,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points from 3.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** Mississippi is **tied for 40th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **Mississippi's private sector added 1,200 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 8,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 900 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in Mississippi **rose by 3,322**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 6,039.
- **Mississippi's labor force participation rate rose to 53.8 percent** in May from 53.7 percent and **ranks 51st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.2 percentage points.

Mississippi  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Mississippi  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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