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South Dakota

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.

South Dakota Employment Snapshot

- In May, South Dakota added 1,100 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2 percent. In the prior month, South Dakota lost 2,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, South Dakota added 8,300 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 1.9 percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** South Dakota **is tied for 18th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **South Dakota's private sector added 800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 6,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, South Dakota lost 2,500 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in South Dakota rose by 223, and over the past 12 months it rose by 819.
- South Dakota's labor force participation rate fell to 67.5 percent in May from 67.6 percent and ranks 7th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.9 percentage points.

