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# Washington Employment Report



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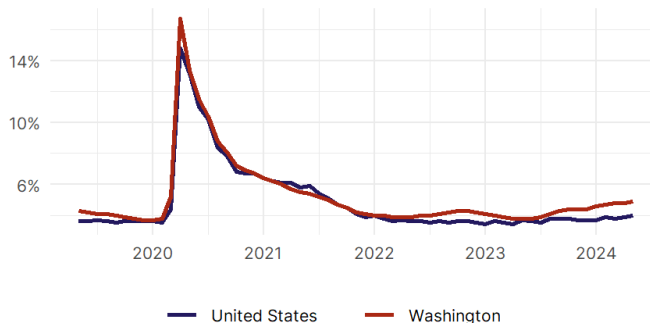
## United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

## Washington Employment Snapshot

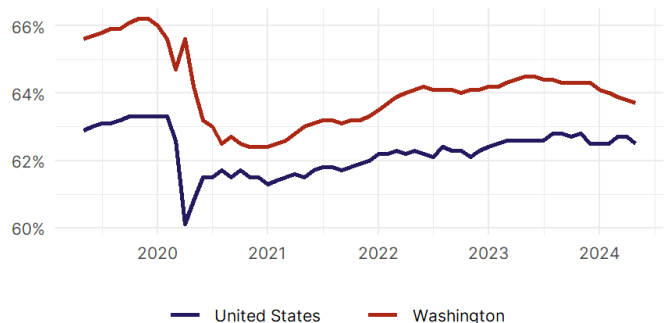
- In May, **Washington added 16,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.9 percent.** In the prior month, Washington added 6,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Washington added 63,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 1.1 percentage points from 3.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 272,000 in May, or 0.2 percent.** Washington **is tied for 20th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In May, **Washington's private sector added 15,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 47,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Washington added 7,000 net private payroll jobs.
- In May, employment in Washington **fell by 360**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 55,562.
- **Washington's labor force participation rate fell to 63.7 percent** in May from 63.8 percent and **ranks 22nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.8 percentage points.

Washington  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Washington  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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