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# California Employment Update



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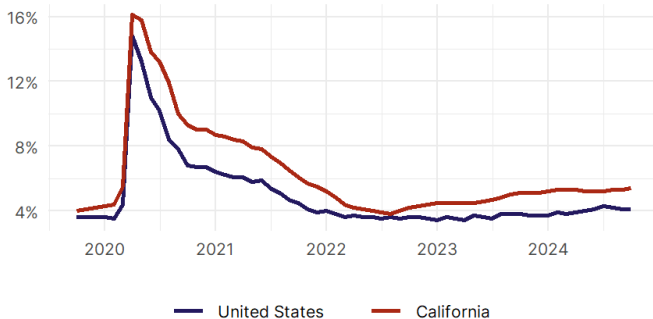
## United States Employment Snapshot

- In October, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 8, rose in 22, and remained unchanged in 21.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in **District of Columbia and Nevada**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in October.
- In October, **payroll jobs rose in 21 states and fell in 30.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.4 percent in **Idaho**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 1 percent in **Washington**.

## California Employment Snapshot

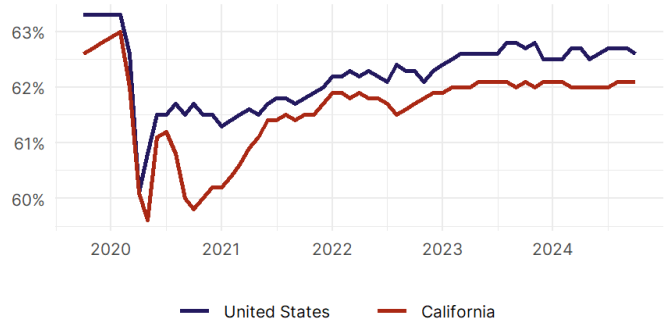
- In October, **California lost 5,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5.4 percent.** In the prior month, California added 12,700 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **California added 212,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points from 5.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** California **is tied for 30th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **California's private sector added 2,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 155,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, California added 10,000 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in California **fell by 5,859**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 14,003.
- **California's labor force participation rate remained steady at 62.1 percent** in October and **is tied for 34th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has remained unchanged.

California  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

California  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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