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## Kentucky Employment Update



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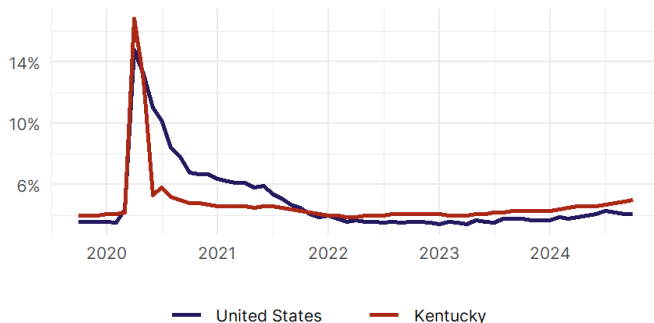
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Kentucky Employment Snapshot

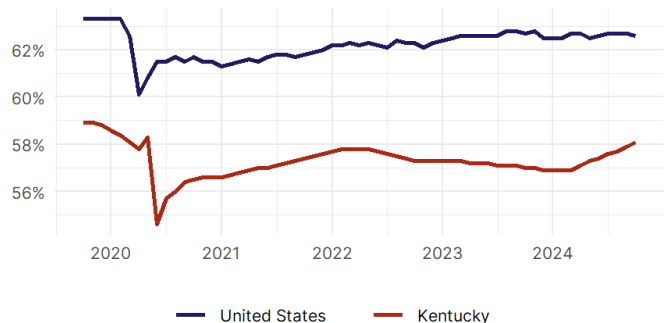
- In October, **Kentucky lost 2,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5 percent.** In the prior month, Kentucky added 5,300 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Kentucky added 18,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 4.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** Kentucky **is tied for 37th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **Kentucky's private sector lost 2,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 16,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Kentucky added 4,400 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in Kentucky **rose by 4,631**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 32,927.
- **Kentucky's labor force participation rate rose to 58.1 percent** in October from 57.9 percent and **is tied for 45th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 1.1 percentage points.

Kentucky  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Kentucky  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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