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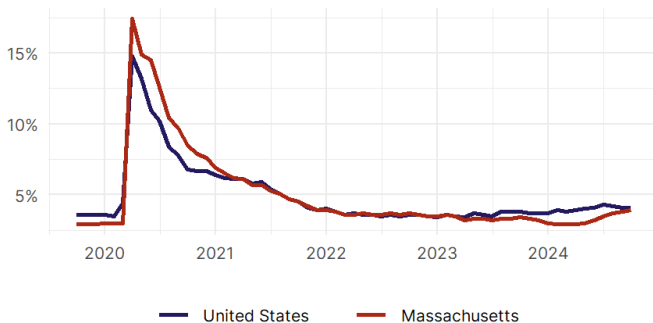
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Massachusetts Employment Snapshot

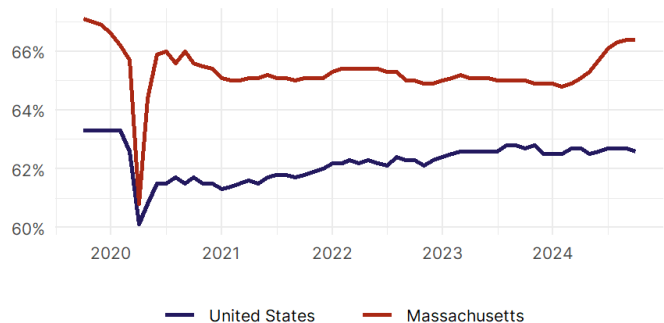
- In October, **Massachusetts lost 200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent.** In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 1,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Massachusetts added 32,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage points from 3.4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** Massachusetts **is tied for 37th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **Massachusetts's private sector added 800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 27,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Massachusetts added 5,600 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in Massachusetts **rose by 249**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 75,882.
- **Massachusetts's labor force participation rate remained steady at 66.4 percent** in October and **is tied for 8th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 1.4 percentage points.

Massachusetts Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Massachusetts Labor Force Participation Rate



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