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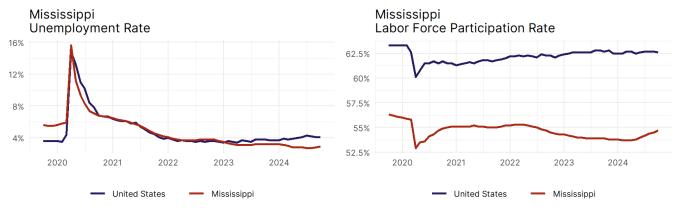
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United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Mississippi Employment Snapshot

- In October, Mississippi added 4,700 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 2.9 percent. In the prior month, Mississippi added 3,000 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Mississippi added 13,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.3** percentage points from **3.2** percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** Mississippi **is tied for 33rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **Mississippi's private sector added 4,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 11,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Mississippi added 2,900 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in Mississippi rose by 3,049, and over the past 12 months it rose by 27,788.
- Mississippi's labor force participation rate rose to 54.7 percent in October from 54.5 percent and ranks 51st in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.8 percentage points.



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