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## **New Mexico**

**Employment Update** 



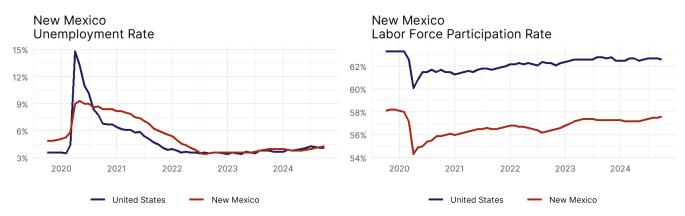
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## **United States** Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

## **New Mexico** Employment Snapshot

- In October, New Mexico lost 300 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent. In the prior month, New Mexico added 1,900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **New Mexico added 12,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3** percentage points from 4 percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** New Mexico **is tied for 23rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **New Mexico's private sector added 1,100 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 9,700 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, New Mexico added 200 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in New Mexico rose by 584, and over the past 12 months it rose by 7,633.
- New Mexico's labor force participation rate rose to 57.6 percent in October from 57.5 percent and is tied for 47th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.



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