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South Dakota

Employment Update



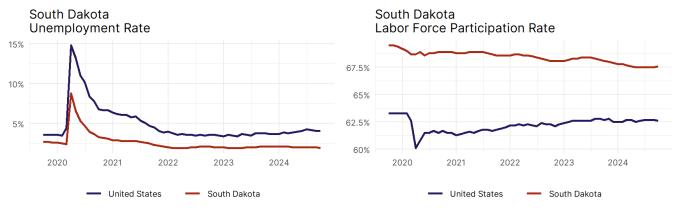
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United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

South Dakota Employment Snapshot

- In October, South Dakota added 2,100 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 1.9 percent. In the prior month, South Dakota added 3,100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **South Dakota added 3,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 2.1 percent**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** South Dakota **ranks 43rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **South Dakota's private sector added 1,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 2,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, South Dakota added 2,300 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in South Dakota rose by 1,354, and over the past 12 months it rose by 4,110.
- South Dakota's labor force participation rate rose to 67.6 percent in October from 67.5 percent and ranks 7th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.5 percentage points.



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