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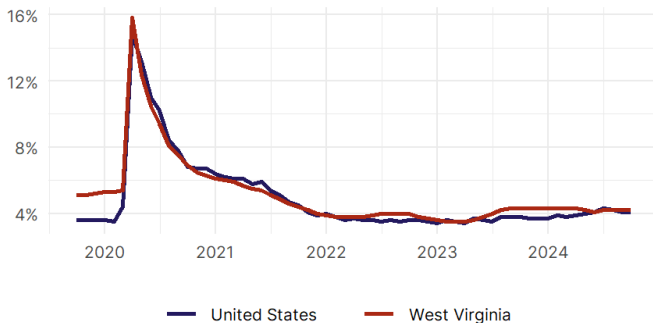
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

West Virginia Employment Snapshot

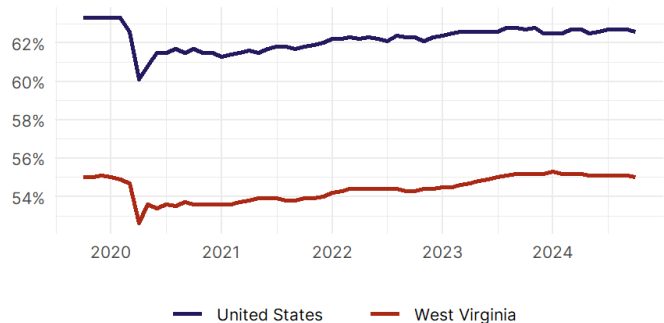
- In October, **West Virginia lost 1,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.2 percent.** In the prior month, West Virginia lost 100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **West Virginia added 3,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 4.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 12,000 in October, or 0 percent.** West Virginia **is tied for 47th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In October, **West Virginia's private sector lost 1,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 3,600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, West Virginia remained unchanged with 0 net private payroll jobs.
- In October, employment in West Virginia **fell by 679**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 2,197.
- **West Virginia's labor force participation rate fell to 55 percent** in October from 55.1 percent and **ranks 50th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.2 percentage points.

West Virginia Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

West Virginia Labor Force Participation Rate



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