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State Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 4.2 Percent in November

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in November 2024. The number of unemployed state residents was unchanged at 33,400. Total employment declined 1,400 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in November 2024.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,700 in November, with gains of 1,400 in the service-providing sector and 300 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, a gain of 700 in mining and logging offset a decline of 400 in construction. Manufacturing employment was unchanged over the month.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 1,100 in private education and health services, 600 in government, solely in the local sector, 400 in leisure and hospitality, and 100 in information. Employment declines included 400 in professional and business services, 200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 100 in financial activities, and 100 in other services.

Since November 2023, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 2,900. Employment gains included 5,700 in private education and health services, 1,100 in mining and logging, 900 in leisure and hospitality, and 400 in government. Employment declines included 2,500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,000 in professional and business services, 700 in manufacturing, 600 in financial activities, 200 in information, 100 in construction, and 100 in other services.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent in November.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 54.9 percent in November 2024.

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WEST VIRGINIA
(In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)
November 2024

	Prelim. Nov 2024	Revised Oct 2024	Revised Nov 2023	Change from: Oct 2024 Nov 2023	
Civilian Labor Force	786.3	787.6	790.5	-1.3	-4.2
Total Employment	752.9	754.3	756.4	-1.4	-3.5
Total Unemployment	33.4	33.4	34.1	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.2	4.3	xx	xx
Labor Force Participation Rate	54.9	55.0	55.2	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
Total Nonfarm	720.0	718.3	717.1	1.7	2.9
Total Private	565.8	564.7	563.3	1.1	2.5
Goods Producing	101.4	101.1	101.1	0.3	0.3
Mining and Logging	22.6	21.9	21.5	0.7	1.1
Construction	33.5	33.9	33.6	-0.4	-0.1
Manufacturing	45.3	45.3	46.0	0.0	-0.7
Durable Goods	27.2	27.2	28.0	0.0	-0.8
Non-Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.0	0.0	0.1
Service-Providing	618.6	617.2	616.0	1.4	2.6
Private Service-Providing	464.4	463.6	462.2	0.8	2.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	120.2	120.4	122.7	-0.2	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	18.5	18.6	19.4	-0.1	-0.9
Retail Trade	77.1	77.2	78.2	-0.1	-1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	24.6	24.6	25.1	0.0	-0.5
Information	7.7	7.6	7.9	0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	25.8	25.9	26.4	-0.1	-0.6
Finance and Insurance	19.0	19.1	19.4	-0.1	-0.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	72.4	72.8	73.4	-0.4	-1.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	30.2	30.4	29.5	-0.2	0.7
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	35.2	35.3	36.7	-0.1	-1.5
Private Education and Health Services	141.4	140.3	135.7	1.1	5.7
Private Educational Services	6.9	7.0	7.1	-0.1	-0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	134.5	133.3	128.6	1.2	5.9
Leisure and Hospitality	72.8	72.4	71.9	0.4	0.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.1	9.0	8.7	0.1	0.4
Accommodation and Food Service	63.7	63.4	63.2	0.3	0.5
Other Services	24.1	24.2	24.2	-0.1	-0.1
Government	154.2	153.6	153.8	0.6	0.4
Federal Government	26.7	26.7	26.2	0.0	0.5
State Government	47.2	47.2	48.2	0.0	-1.0
Local Government	80.3	79.7	79.4	0.6	0.9

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Calendar Year Seasonally Adjusted

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	790,900	790,500	790,500	789,600	789,200	788,700	789,000	788,100	788,300	787,600	786,300		
Employment	756,800	756,400	756,200	756,000	756,100	756,000	755,900	755,300	754,900	754,300	752,900		
Unemployment	34,000	34,100	34,300	33,600	33,000	32,700	33,100	32,900	33,300	33,400	33,400		
Rate	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2		
Participation Rate	55.3	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.1	55.1	55.1	55.1	55.1	55.0	54.9		
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	779,400	780,100	780,800	781,900	783,300	785,100	786,900	788,600	789,900	790,600	790,500	790,200	785,600
Employment	751,500	752,800	753,800	754,500	754,800	755,200	755,500	755,900	756,200	756,400	756,400	756,300	755,000
Unemployment	27,900	27,200	27,000	27,400	28,500	29,900	31,400	32,700	33,700	34,200	34,100	33,900	30,700
Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9
Participation Rate	54.5	54.5	54.6	54.7	54.8	54.9	55.0	55.1	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.2	54.9
2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	777,400	778,700	779,500	779,700	779,400	778,800	778,300	778,000	777,800	777,900	778,300	778,800	778,700
Employment	747,000	748,900	750,000	750,200	749,500	748,400	747,300	746,500	746,400	747,000	748,300	750,000	748,300
Unemployment	30,400	29,700	29,400	29,500	29,900	30,400	31,000	31,400	31,400	30,900	30,000	28,900	30,400
Rate	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.9
Participation Rate	54.2	54.3	54.4	54.4	54.4	54.4	54.4	54.4	54.3	54.3	54.4	54.4	54.4
2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	771,500	771,600	772,600	773,800	774,800	775,400	774,900	774,300	773,800	774,000	774,800	775,900	788,800
Employment	724,400	725,600	727,400	729,600	731,900	733,800	735,200	736,600	738,200	740,100	742,300	744,600	749,100
Unemployment	47,100	46,100	45,300	44,300	43,000	41,600	39,700	37,600	35,600	33,800	32,400	31,300	39,700
Rate	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.0	5.0
Participation Rate	53.6	53.6	53.7	53.8	53.9	53.9	53.9	53.8	53.8	53.9	53.9	54.0	54.7
2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	797,900	795,900	792,900	759,100	772,900	769,700	772,800	771,500	773,700	772,500	772,300	772,400	792,200
Employment	755,800	753,300	750,400	639,200	676,900	689,000	700,200	708,800	715,400	719,400	721,900	723,300	726,000
Unemployment	42,100	42,500	42,500	119,900	96,000	80,700	72,600	62,700	58,300	53,100	50,500	49,000	66,100
Rate	5.3	5.3	5.4	15.8	12.4	10.5	9.4	8.1	7.5	6.9	6.5	6.3	8.3
Participation Rate	55.0	54.9	54.7	52.6	53.6	53.4	53.6	53.5	53.7	53.6	53.6	53.6	54.1
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	793,400	792,500	791,700	791,700	792,300	793,600	795,100	796,500	797,600	798,500	798,900	798,800	798,300
Employment	753,700	753,400	753,400	753,800	754,700	755,800	756,600	757,100	757,700	758,100	758,200	757,500	759,000
Unemployment	39,700	39,100	38,400	37,800	37,600	37,800	38,500	39,300	39,900	40,300	40,800	41,400	39,300
Rate	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.9
Participation Rate	54.5	54.5	54.4	54.5	54.5	54.6	54.7	54.9	54.9	55.0	55.0	55.1	54.8
2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	788,500	789,900	791,700	793,400	794,500	795,000	794,900	794,600	794,500	794,600	794,700	794,500	793,400
Employment	746,000	747,400	749,400	751,500	753,100	754,200	754,700	754,900	754,800	754,700	754,500	754,300	752,200
Unemployment	42,500	42,500	42,300	41,900	41,400	40,800	40,200	39,800	39,700	39,900	40,200	40,200	41,200
Rate	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2
Participation Rate	53.9	54.0	54.2	54.3	54.4	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.6	54.4
2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	782,300	781,900	781,700	781,900	782,800	783,900	785,300	786,400	787,200	787,400	787,400	787,500	783,800
Employment	739,900	741,000	741,800	742,500	743,400	744,300	745,000	745,500	745,700	745,500	745,100	745,000	742,700
Unemployment	42,300	40,900	39,900	39,400	39,400	39,700	40,200	40,900	41,500	41,900	42,300	42,500	41,000
Rate	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2
Participation Rate	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.3	53.4	53.5	53.6	53.7	53.7	53.8	53.8	53.5
2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	789,400	789,400	788,800	787,500	785,900	784,600	783,600	783,000	782,600	782,300	782,000	781,700	785,100
Employment	739,200	739,300	739,000	738,300	737,300	736,300	735,600	735,300	735,400	735,800	736,700	737,800	737,200
Unemployment	50,200	50,100	49,700	49,200	48,700	48,300	48,000	47,700	47,200	46,400	45,300	44,000	47,900
Rate	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.6	6.1
Participation Rate	53.4	53.5	53.4	53.4	53.3	53.2	53.2	53.1	53.1	53.1	53.2	53.2	53.3
2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	793,800	793,600	793,800	794,000	794,000	793,300	792,000	790,400	789,000	788,300	788,300	788,800	791,500
Employment	742,900	741,800	740,900	740,200	739,800	739,300	738,700	738,200	737,900	737,900	738,200	738,700	739,500
Unemployment	50,900	51,800	52,900	53,800	54,200	54,000	53,200	52,200	51,200	50,500	50,200	50,100	52,100
Rate	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.6
Participation Rate	53.5	53.5	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.5	53.4	53.3	53.3	53.3	53.4	53.5
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	797,600	797,900	797,800	797,100	796,000	795,000	794,400	794,300	794,500	794,700	794,600	794,200	795,700
Employment	743,700	744,300	744,600	744,400	743,900	743,400	743,200	743,300	743,700	744,100	744,200	743,800	744,000
Unemployment	53,800	53,700	53,200	52,700	52,100	51,500	51,100	50,900	50,800	50,600	50,400	50,500	51,800
Rate	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5
Participation Rate	53.7	53.7	53.7	53.7	53.6	53.5	53.5	53.5	53.5	53.5	53.5	53.5	53.6
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	804,800	802,800	801,200	800,300	799,900	799,700	799,500	798,900	798,000	797,100	796,800	797,000	799,500
Employment	747,900	747,100	746,600	746,800	747,100	747,200	746,900	746,200	745,100	744,100	743,400	743,300	745,800
Unemployment	56,900	55,700	54,600	53,500	52,800	52,500	52,600	52,700	52,800	53,000	53,300	53,700	53,600
Rate	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Participation Rate	54.1	54.0	53.9	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.7	53.7	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.8
2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	808,100	807,800	807,900	808,200	808,600	808,900	808,900	808,800	808,700	808,400	807,800	806,600	808,000
Employment	750,900	751,000	750,900	750,300	749,700	749,300	749,000	749,000	749,100	749,200	749,100	748,700	749,600
Unemployment	57,200	56,800	57,000	57,900	58,900	59,600	59,900	59,800	59,600	59,200	58,700	57,900	58,400
Rate	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2
Participation Rate	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.4	54.4	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.2	54.3

**West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Calendar Year
Not Seasonally Adjusted**

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	782,500	783,900	784,900	784,500	789,300	800,500	798,100	788,900	791,600	787,100	776,900		
Employment	745,200	744,800	746,500	754,500	759,500	764,500	760,900	754,300	760,300	758,600	748,400		
Unemployment	37,200	39,100	38,300	30,000	29,900	36,000	37,200	34,600	31,300	28,500	28,500		
Rate	4.8	5.0	4.9	3.8	3.8	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.7		
Participation Rate	54.7	54.8	54.8	54.8	55.2	55.9	55.8	55.1	55.3	55.0	54.3		
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	770,000	776,400	775,400	781,100	783,600	797,900	793,000	794,400	793,400	793,100	787,100	782,300	785,600
Employment	738,700	744,300	744,500	753,600	755,600	765,000	761,600	759,200	763,900	763,700	758,300	751,500	755,000
Unemployment	31,300	32,100	30,900	27,500	28,000	32,900	31,400	35,300	29,500	29,400	28,800	30,800	30,700
Rate	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9
Participation Rate	53.8	54.3	54.2	54.6	54.8	55.8	55.4	55.5	55.4	55.4	55.0	54.7	54.9
2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	770,500	776,300	773,200	776,500	781,700	792,200	784,800	782,800	779,500	781,000	774,200	771,800	778,700
Employment	734,700	739,900	740,500	747,200	753,900	758,100	752,200	749,300	753,900	755,000	748,100	746,500	748,300
Unemployment	35,800	36,400	32,600	29,400	27,800	34,200	32,500	33,500	25,600	26,000	26,100	25,300	30,400
Rate	4.6	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.9
Participation Rate	53.7	54.2	54.0	54.2	54.6	55.3	54.8	54.7	54.5	54.6	54.1	53.9	54.4
2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	760,700	767,900	765,700	773,800	775,200	787,900	783,700	779,000	776,100	775,300	770,100	768,000	788,800
Employment	708,700	715,500	716,900	728,300	733,400	742,800	743,600	740,500	745,600	747,000	742,600	741,200	749,100
Unemployment	52,000	52,400	48,800	45,500	41,800	45,100	40,200	38,500	30,600	28,300	27,500	26,800	39,700
Rate	6.8	6.8	6.4	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	5.0
Participation Rate	52.8	53.4	53.2	53.8	53.9	54.8	54.5	54.2	54.0	54.0	53.6	53.5	54.7
2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	790,800	795,500	785,800	754,900	772,700	781,300	778,400	777,400	776,900	778,700	768,100	765,100	792,200
Employment	745,200	749,000	733,000	636,800	674,400	703,000	703,700	715,800	721,700	732,100	723,400	718,400	726,000
Unemployment	45,600	46,400	52,800	118,100	98,300	78,400	74,800	61,600	55,200	46,600	44,700	46,700	66,100
Rate	5.8	5.8	6.7	15.6	12.7	10.0	9.6	7.9	7.1	6.0	5.8	6.1	8.3
Participation Rate	54.5	54.9	54.2	52.3	53.6	54.2	54.0	53.9	53.9	54.0	53.3	53.1	54.1
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	786,600	789,900	783,000	786,800	791,400	807,000	804,200	800,400	800,200	803,000	793,900	792,000	798,300
Employment	739,400	743,300	740,400	751,000	755,700	766,400	764,500	761,200	766,300	767,000	757,200	753,600	759,000
Unemployment	47,200	46,600	42,600	35,800	35,600	40,600	39,700	39,200	33,900	35,900	36,700	38,400	39,300
Rate	6.0	5.9	5.4	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.9
Participation Rate	54.0	54.3	53.8	54.1	54.5	55.6	55.4	55.1	55.1	55.3	54.7	54.6	54.8
2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	779,100	789,200	783,600	790,400	794,700	808,800	805,300	794,500	795,600	799,400	791,300	789,200	793,400
Employment	731,800	738,000	736,000	748,900	756,800	765,100	763,800	755,700	762,000	764,800	757,000	751,200	752,200
Unemployment	47,300	51,300	47,600	41,500	37,800	43,600	41,400	38,800	33,600	34,600	34,300	38,000	41,200
Rate	6.1	6.5	6.1	5.3	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.8	5.2
Participation Rate	53.3	54.0	53.6	54.1	54.5	55.4	55.2	54.5	54.6	54.9	54.3	54.2	54.4
2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	775,600	779,900	775,100	781,500	780,000	795,200	792,500	790,400	792,900	789,400	784,100	780,400	783,800
Employment	726,200	730,700	731,100	743,000	744,500	753,600	751,500	747,700	757,600	754,300	745,400	739,900	742,700
Unemployment	49,300	49,200	44,000	38,500	35,500	41,600	41,100	42,700	35,300	35,100	38,700	40,400	41,000
Rate	6.4	6.3	5.7	4.9	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.9	5.2	5.2
Participation Rate	52.7	53.0	52.7	53.2	53.1	54.2	54.0	53.9	54.1	53.9	53.5	53.3	53.5
2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	782,600	787,400	782,200	786,200	788,300	796,900	789,000	785,800	784,800	786,700	778,300	773,100	785,100
Employment	726,500	728,800	727,800	737,800	742,300	746,200	741,700	737,600	741,600	744,500	739,100	732,500	737,200
Unemployment	56,100	58,500	54,400	48,400	45,900	50,700	47,300	48,300	43,200	42,200	39,300	40,600	47,900
Rate	7.2	7.4	7.0	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.2	6.1
Participation Rate	53.0	53.3	53.0	53.3	53.4	54.0	53.5	53.3	53.3	53.4	52.9	52.6	53.3
2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	787,000	789,700	784,900	793,800	797,700	806,900	799,800	793,900	788,100	790,200	783,900	782,400	791,500
Employment	730,400	730,400	727,800	741,200	744,400	750,700	744,400	741,500	743,100	745,900	738,400	735,300	739,500
Unemployment	56,600	59,300	57,100	52,600	53,300	56,200	55,400	52,400	45,000	44,400	45,500	47,100	52,100
Rate	7.2	7.5	7.3	6.6	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.6
Participation Rate	53.1	53.3	53.0	53.6	53.9	54.5	54.0	53.6	53.3	53.4	53.0	52.9	53.5
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	789,400	795,700	792,000	795,300	800,800	805,300	800,900	796,900	795,800	799,900	791,000	785,700	795,700
Employment	730,800	732,700	733,300	745,400	750,400	753,500	748,000	744,200	749,900	754,700	745,000	739,600	744,000
Unemployment	58,700	63,100	58,700	49,900	50,400	51,800	52,900	52,700	45,900	45,200	46,000	46,100	51,800
Rate	7.4	7.9	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.5
Participation Rate	53.1	53.6	53.3	53.5	53.9	54.2	53.9	53.7	53.6	53.9	53.3	53.0	53.6
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	798,800	798,000	790,900	799,200	802,400	814,200	807,700	802,100	800,700	798,100	792,900	788,800	799,500
Employment	734,500	734,900	733,800	747,400	752,100	758,400	754,200	749,400	752,500	749,100	744,500	739,200	745,800
Unemployment	64,300	63,100	57,100	51,800	50,300	55,800	53,500	52,700	48,100	49,000	48,400	49,600	53,600
Rate	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.5	6.3	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.7
Participation Rate	53.7	53.6	53.2	53.7	54.0	54.8	54.3	53.9	53.8	53.7	53.3	53.1	53.8
2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	797,500	802,500	799,100	806,600	815,200	822,700	815,800	809,500	811,600	813,000	802,600	800,200	808,000
Employment	736,100	738,000	738,900	750,500	757,200	760,400	754,300	749,300	757,500	759,400	749,400	744,000	749,600
Unemployment	61,400	64,500	60,200	56,100	58,000	62,300	61,500	60,200	54,100	53,600	53,200	56,100	58,400
Rate	7.7	8.0	7.5	7.0	7.1	7.6	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.2
Participation Rate	53.6	53.9	53.7	54.2	54.8	55.3	54.8	54.4	54.5	54.6	53.9	53.8	54.3

State Unemployment Rates (percent, seasonally adjusted)
The national unemployment rate was 4.2 percent as of November 2024

