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State Unemployment Rate Drops to 10.4 Percent in June

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 10.4 percent, down over two percentage points in June. The number of unemployed state residents decreased 21,400 to 79,400. Total unemployment was up 41,700 over the year. The national unemployment rate decreased to 11.1 percent in June.

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 33,700 in June, with gains of 32,500 in the service-providing sector and 1,200 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment increases included 700 in manufacturing, 300 in construction, and 200 in mining and logging. Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 11,900 in leisure and hospitality, 11,000 in government, due almost entirely to poll workers in the primary election, 4,300 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 3,700 in education and health services, 1,600 in other services, and 900 in professional and business services. Employment declines included 800 in financial activities and 100 in information.

Since June 2019, total nonfarm payroll employment has decreased 56,300. Employment declines included 18,800 in leisure and hospitality, 9,100 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 6,200 in education and health services, 5,800 in professional and business services, 5,400 in construction, 3,000 in financial activities, 2,100 in mining and logging, 2,100 in other services, 1,500 in government, 1,400 in manufacturing, and 900 in information.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased over two percentage points to 10.4 percent in June 2020.