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## State Unemployment Rate drops to 5.3 Percent in June

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in June 2021. The number of unemployed state residents decreased by 1,700 to 42,000. Total employment grew 700 over the month. The national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 percent in June.

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 4,400 in June, with gains of 4,200 in the service-providing sector and 200 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment increased 600 in manufacturing. Employment declined by 300 in mining and logging and 100 in construction. Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 5,500 in government almost entirely at the local level, 400 in education and health services, 200 in other services, 100 in information, and 100 in financial activities. Employment decreases included 1,300 in leisure and hospitality, 700 in professional and business services, and 100 in trade, transportation, and utilities.

Since June 2020, total nonfarm payroll employment has increased 21,500. Employment gains included 10,200 in leisure and hospitality, 3,700 in education and health services, 2,600 in professional and business services, 2,200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 2,200 in mining and logging, 2,200 in manufacturing, 1,700 in construction, 700 in other services, 300 in information, and 300 in financial activities. Employment in government declined 4,600 over the year.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in June 2021.