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State Unemployment Rate Inches Upward in June 2022

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent in June 2022. The number of unemployed state residents climbed 800 to 28,700. Total employment grew by 500 over the month. The national unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent in June.

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell 7,400 in June, with a decline of 7,900 in the service providing sector, due almost entirely to the removal of May election poll workers from the survey, and a gain of 500 in the goods-producing sector. Within the goods-producing sector, employment gains included 400 in manufacturing and 100 in mining and logging. Construction employment was unchanged over the month.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 600 in professional and business services, 400 in education and health services, and 200 in financial activities. Employment declines included 7,700 in government, due to the removal of poll workers from the survey, 800 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 300 in leisure and hospitality, 200 in other services, and 100 in information.

Since June 2021, total nonfarm payroll employment has increased by 20,400. Employment gains included 5,300 in leisure and hospitality, 4,300 in professional and business services, 3,600 in construction, 2,000 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,900 in mining and logging, 1,700 in manufacturing, 900 in financial activities, 600 in other services, and 400 in information. Employment declines included 200 in government and 100 in education and health services.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed nine-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent in June

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point to 55.2 percent in June 2022.