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## State Unemployment Rate Unchanged in October

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.0 percent in October 2022. The number of unemployed state residents climbed 700 to 32,200. Total employment declined 2,000 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 700 in October, the gain solely in the service-providing sector. Within the goods-producing sector, a decline of 500 in construction offset gains of 300 in manufacturing and 200 in mining and logging.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 700 in professional and business services, 400 in other services, 300 in leisure and hospitality, and 200 in financial activities. Employment declines included 300 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 300 in government, 200 in education and health services, and 100 in information.

Since October 2021, total nonfarm payroll employment has increased by 22,300. Employment gains included 5,300 in leisure and hospitality, 4,500 in professional and business services, 4,000 in education and health services, 2,900 in mining and logging, 2,100 in manufacturing, 1,600 in construction, 1,400 in financial activities, 500 in government, 300 in other services, and 100 in information. Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities declined 400 over the year.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.3 percent.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate slipped slightly to 55.0 percent in October 2022.