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## **State Unemployment Rate Unchanged in May 2023**

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.3 percent in May 2023. The number of unemployed state residents fell 400 to 25,600. Total employment rose 600 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent in May 2023.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 700 in May, with gains of 500 in the goods-producing sector and 200 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, gains included 400 in mining and logging and 100 in manufacturing. Construction employment was unchanged over the month.

Within the service-providing sector, gains of 600 in leisure and hospitality and 100 in other services offset a decline of 500 in government. Employment in all other major service-providing sectors was unchanged over the month.

Since May 2022, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 2,200. Employment gains included 2,300 in mining and logging, 1,800 in private education and health services, 1,000 in other services, 300 in leisure and hospitality, 100 in information, and 100 in trade, transportation, and utilities. Employment declines included 1,600 in manufacturing, 1,000 in professional and business services, 400 in construction, and 400 in government. Employment in financial activities was unchanged over the year.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.4 percent in May.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate was unchanged at 54.6 percent in May 2023.