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State Unemployment Rate Unchanged in June 2023

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.3 percent in June 2023. The number of unemployed state residents rose 200 to 25,700. Total employment climbed 500 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent in June 2023.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 900 in June, with gains of 600 in the goods-producing sector and 300 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, gains of 500 in construction and 400 in mining and logging offset a decline of 300 in manufacturing.

Within the service-providing sector, a sizeable increase of 1,100 in leisure and hospitality offset declines of 300 in professional and business services, 200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 200 in private education and health services, and 100 in financial activities. Employment in information, other services, and government was unchanged over the month.

Since June 2022, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 6,500. Employment gains included 2,500 in mining and logging, 2,200 in private education and health services, 1,400 in other services, 1,300 in leisure and hospitality, 1,100 in construction, and 500 in trade, transportation, and utilities. Employment declines included 1,800 in manufacturing and 700 in professional and business services. Employment was unchanged in information, financial activities, and government.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed five-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent in June.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate remained at 54.6 percent in June 2023.