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State Unemployment Rate Inches Downward in June 2024

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.1 percent in June 2024. The number of unemployed state residents fell 300 to 32,700. Total employment slipped 100 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.1 percent in June 2024.

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell 1,400 in June, with declines of 900 in the goods-producing sector and 500 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, declines of 700 in manufacturing and 300 in construction overpowered a slight gain of 100 in mining and logging.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 1,400 in private education and health services, 600 in leisure and hospitality, 100 in professional and business services, and 100 in other services. Employment declines included 1,900 in government, the result of May primary election poll workers dropping from the sample, 600 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 100 in information, and 100 in financial activities.

Since June 2023, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 7,800. Employment gains included 6,900 in private education and health services, 3,000 in government, 1,600 in construction, 700 in leisure and hospitality, 300 in financial activities, and 200 in mining and logging. Employment declines included 2,600 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,300 in manufacturing, 600 in professional and business services, 300 in information, and 100 in other services.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed seven-tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent in June.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate remained at 55.1 percent in June 2024.