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State Unemployment Rate Unchanged in September 2024

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in September 2024. The number of unemployed state residents climbed 400 to 33,300. Total employment declined 400 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.1 percent in September 2024.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 400 in September, where a gain of 900 in the service-providing sector offset a decline of 500 in the goods-producing sector.

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

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

Since September 2023, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 6,400. Employment gains included 6,600 in private education and health services, 800 in leisure and hospitality, 700 in professional and business services, 600 in construction, 500 in mining and logging, 400 in government, 200 in financial activities, and 100 in other services. Employment declines included 2,100 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,200 in manufacturing, and 200 in information.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.0 percent in September.

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