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## State Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 4.2 Percent in November

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in November 2024. The number of unemployed state residents was unchanged at 33,400. Total employment declined 1,400 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in November 2024.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,700 in November, with gains of 1,400 in the service-providing sector and 300 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, a gain of 700 in mining and logging offset a decline of 400 in construction. Manufacturing employment was unchanged over the month.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 1,100 in private education and health services, 600 in government, solely in the local sector, 400 in leisure and hospitality, and 100 in information. Employment declines included 400 in professional and business services, 200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 100 in financial activities, and 100 in other services.

Since November 2023, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 2,900. Employment gains included 5,700 in private education and health services, 1,100 in mining and logging, 900 in leisure and hospitality, and 400 in government. Employment declines included 2,500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,000 in professional and business services, 700 in manufacturing, 600 in financial activities, 200 in information, 100 in construction, and 100 in other services.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent in November.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 54.9 percent in November 2024.