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## **State Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.8 Percent in April 2025**

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent in April 2025, matching March's rate and remaining the lowest unemployment rate for the state since June 2023. The number of unemployed state residents declined 500, to 29,400. Total employment rose 500 over the month to 750,700. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged as well at 4.2 percent in April 2025.

Total nonfarm payroll employment inched up 100 in April, with a gain of 500 in the goods-producing sector and a loss of 400 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, gains of 600 in construction and 100 in manufacturing offset a decline of 200 in mining and logging.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 700 in government, 500 in professional and business services, 200 in financial activities, and 200 in private education and health services. Employment declines included 1,600 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 200 in leisure and hospitality, and 200 in other services. Employment in the information industry was unchanged over the month.

Since April 2024, total nonfarm payroll employment has slipped by 700. Employment declines included 2,500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,600 in leisure and hospitality, 1,300 in government, 1,100 in professional and business services, 500 in mining and logging, and 100 in other services. Employment gains included 3,900 in private education and business services, 1,900 in construction, 400 in manufacturing, and 200 in information. Employment in financial activities was unchanged over the year.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined five-tenths of one percentage point to 3.5 percent in April.

The state's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate was unchanged over the month at 54.3 percent in April 2025.

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