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State Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.7 Percent in June 2025

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in June. This matches the previous month's rate, which was also the lowest unemployment rate for the state since May 2023. The number of unemployed state residents decreased by 200 over the month, sliding to 29,000. Total employment decreased by 100, sliding to 750,400. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down one-tenth of one percentage point to 4.1 percent in June 2025.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1,300 jobs in June as the service-providing sector added 1,400 jobs and the goods-producing sector scaled back by 100. The goods-producing sector saw a light loss overall; construction tacked on 300 jobs while manufacturing shed 300 and mining and logging shed 100.

The service-providing sector picked up over the month with gains of 1,100 in professional and business services; 700 in trade, transportation, and utilities; 200 in government; 100 in information; and 100 in financial activities. Employment declines came in leisure and hospitality (-700) and in other services (-100). Employment in private education and health services was unchanged over the month.

Over the year, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4,100 jobs. The bulk of job gains since June 2024 came in three broad industries: private education and health services (+3,000), Construction (+2,900), and professional and business services (+1,300). Manufacturing and information also saw gains as both industries added 300. Total government employment saw an overall gain of 400 jobs, even as federal government employment took a loss, falling by 500. Other employment declines came in leisure and hospitality (-2,400), trade, transportation, and utilities (-900), mining and logging (-600), and financial activities (-200). Employment in other services was unchanged over the year.

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate slid one-tenth of one percentage point over the month to 54.2 percent in June.

The state's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased seven-tenths of one percentage point to 4.1 percent.