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State Unemployment Rate Remains at 6.3 Percent in December

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.3 percent in December. The number of unemployed state residents increased 100 to 48,600. Total employment was up 3,400 over the month. The national unemployment rate remained at 6.7 percent in December.

Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased 2,200 in December, with a decline of 2,400 in the service-providing sector easily offsetting an increase of 200 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment increased 700 in construction. Employment declines included 400 in mining and logging and 100 in manufacturing. Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 400 in other services, 300 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 200 in financial activities, and 100 in professional and business services. Employment declines included 1,700 in government and 1,700 in leisure and hospitality. Employment in both education and health services and in information remained unchanged over the month.

Since December 2019, total nonfarm payroll employment has decreased 43,600. Employment declines included 13,000 in leisure and hospitality, 8,700 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 8,000 in government, 4,900 in professional and business services, 4,900 in education and health services, 2,800 in mining and logging, 1,100 in financial activities, 500 in information, and 300 in other services. Employment gains included 500 in manufacturing and 100 in construction.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.1 percent in December 2020.

WEST VIRGINIA
(In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)
December 2020

	Prelim. Dec 2020	Revised Nov 2020	Revised Dec 2019	Change from:	
				Nov 2020	Dec 2019
Civilian Labor Force	773.1	769.6	802.9	3.5	-29.8
Total Employment	724.5	721.1	762.2	3.4	-37.7
Total Unemployment	48.6	48.5	40.7	0.1	7.9
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.3	5.1	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
Total Nonfarm	668.7	670.9	712.3	-2.2	-43.6
Total Private	525.2	525.7	560.8	-0.5	-35.6
Goods Producing	98.3	98.1	100.5	0.2	-2.2
Mining and Logging	18.1	18.5	20.9	-0.4	-2.8
Construction	33.3	32.6	33.2	0.7	0.1
Manufacturing	46.9	47.0	46.4	-0.1	0.5
Durable Goods	28.7	28.5	27.8	0.2	0.9
Non-Durable Goods	18.2	18.5	18.6	-0.3	-0.4
Service-Providing	570.4	572.8	611.8	-2.4	-41.4
Private Service-Providing	426.9	427.6	460.3	-0.7	-33.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	118.3	118.0	127.0	0.3	-8.7
Wholesale Trade	18.0	18.3	20.3	-0.3	-2.3
Retail Trade	76.3	76.4	79.4	-0.1	-3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	24.0	23.3	27.3	0.7	-3.3
Information	7.5	7.5	8.0	0.0	-0.5
Financial Activities	27.9	27.7	29.0	0.2	-1.1
Finance and Insurance	22.3	22.1	22.4	0.2	-0.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5.6	5.6	6.6	0.0	-1.0
Professional and Business Services	64.3	64.2	69.2	0.1	-4.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	26.0	26.0	26.7	0.0	-0.7
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	31.4	31.3	35.4	0.1	-4.0
Educational and Health Service	123.9	123.9	128.8	0.0	-4.9
Educational Services	7.3	7.3	8.3	0.0	-1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	116.6	116.6	120.5	0.0	-3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	61.4	63.1	74.4	-1.7	-13.0
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.2	8.4	8.1	-0.2	0.1
Accommodation and Food Service	53.2	54.7	66.3	-1.5	-13.1
Other Services	23.6	23.2	23.9	0.4	-0.3
Government	143.5	145.2	151.5	-1.7	-8.0
Federal Government	25.3	25.2	24.3	0.1	1.0
State Government	43.4	43.8	46.8	-0.4	-3.4
Local Government	74.8	76.2	80.4	-1.4	-5.6

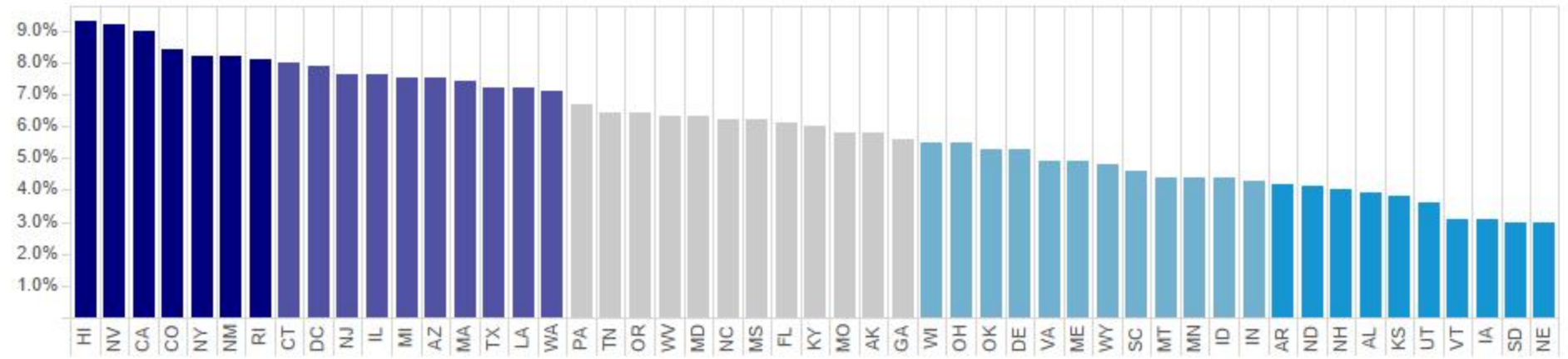
**West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Calendar Year
Seasonally Adjusted**

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	804,800	806,600	823,300	776,700	780,000	765,400	761,300	773,700	774,100	764,900	769,600	773,100	781,200
Employment	764,300	766,800	773,600	652,900	679,300	685,300	684,900	704,500	707,200	715,700	721,100	724,500	716,100
Unemployment	40,500	39,700	49,700	123,800	100,800	80,000	76,500	69,200	66,900	49,200	48,500	48,600	65,100
Rate	5.0	4.9	6.0	15.9	12.9	10.5	10.0	8.9	8.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	8.3
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	790,400	790,800	791,200	791,900	793,000	794,700	797,100	799,500	801,600	803,100	803,100	802,900	797,800
Employment	751,800	752,700	753,400	754,400	755,600	757,000	758,700	760,300	761,600	762,400	762,300	762,200	759,000
Unemployment	38,600	38,100	37,800	37,500	37,500	37,700	38,400	39,200	40,000	40,700	40,800	40,700	38,800
Rate	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9
2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	781,900	782,600	783,400	784,100	784,400	784,600	784,800	785,200	786,000	787,200	788,500	789,600	783,300
Employment	739,600	740,100	741,000	741,800	742,600	743,300	744,100	745,100	746,300	747,700	749,200	750,700	742,200
Unemployment	42,300	42,400	42,400	42,200	41,800	41,300	40,700	40,100	39,700	39,500	39,300	39,000	41,200
Rate	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.3
2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	778,100	777,400	776,900	776,900	777,300	778,000	778,900	779,700	780,400	780,900	781,200	781,400	779,600
Employment	736,800	737,200	737,600	737,800	738,200	738,500	738,800	739,100	739,300	739,400	739,400	739,400	739,100
Unemployment	41,300	40,100	39,300	39,100	39,200	39,500	40,000	40,600	41,100	41,500	41,800	42,000	40,500
Rate	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.2
2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	782,600	783,200	783,300	783,200	783,000	782,900	782,800	782,600	782,200	781,300	780,200	779,100	782,900
Employment	732,300	732,800	733,300	733,600	734,000	734,500	735,000	735,400	735,700	735,800	736,000	736,300	735,200
Unemployment	50,300	50,300	50,100	49,500	48,900	48,300	47,800	47,200	46,500	45,500	44,200	42,800	47,800
Rate	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.5	6.1
2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	779,900	780,300	781,200	782,200	783,000	783,100	782,600	781,700	780,900	780,700	781,100	781,800	781,900
Employment	728,200	727,500	727,200	727,400	727,800	728,300	728,700	729,000	729,400	730,000	730,800	731,600	729,200
Unemployment	51,800	52,800	53,900	54,800	55,200	54,900	53,900	52,700	51,500	50,700	50,300	50,200	52,700
Rate	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.7
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	797,200	796,900	795,800	793,900	791,600	789,200	787,000	785,200	783,800	782,500	781,400	780,600	788,800
Employment	742,600	742,400	741,700	740,500	738,800	737,100	735,400	734,000	732,800	731,700	730,600	729,500	736,500
Unemployment	54,700	54,500	54,100	53,400	52,700	52,100	51,600	51,200	51,000	50,800	50,800	51,100	52,300
Rate	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	804,600	802,700	800,900	799,800	799,000	798,500	798,000	797,300	796,600	796,200	796,100	796,400	798,500
Employment	746,200	745,800	745,500	745,600	745,800	745,700	745,300	744,600	743,600	742,800	742,300	742,000	744,400
Unemployment	58,400	56,900	55,400	54,100	53,200	52,700	52,600	52,700	52,900	53,300	53,900	54,300	54,100
Rate	7.3	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	806,900	806,700	807,100	807,700	808,500	809,200	809,500	809,400	809,200	808,700	807,800	806,600	807,900
Employment	747,500	747,800	748,000	748,000	747,900	747,700	747,500	747,400	747,300	747,200	747,100	746,800	747,400
Unemployment	59,500	58,900	59,100	59,800	60,700	61,500	61,900	62,000	61,900	61,500	60,800	59,700	60,500
Rate	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.5
2011	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	810,400	809,300	807,700	806,000	804,700	804,100	804,500	805,600	806,800	807,700	807,900	807,500	807,000
Employment	740,100	740,300	740,400	740,100	739,800	739,800	740,300	741,500	743,000	744,700	746,000	746,900	742,000
Unemployment	70,400	68,900	67,300	65,800	64,800	64,300	64,200	64,100	63,800	63,100	61,900	60,600	65,000
Rate	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.5	8.1
2010	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	811,000	811,400	811,300	811,000	810,600	810,300	810,300	810,600	811,000	811,400	811,500	811,200	811,100
Employment	741,400	741,600	741,800	741,900	741,900	741,700	741,300	740,700	740,200	739,800	739,700	739,800	740,900
Unemployment	69,600	69,800	69,600	69,100	68,700	68,600	69,000	69,900	70,900	71,600	71,800	71,400	70,200
Rate	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7

**West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Calendar Year
Not Seasonally Adjusted**

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	799,800	807,400	812,600	775,500	781,400	778,100	769,200	773,700	776,200	768,800	767,500	764,500	781,200
Employment	756,200	763,100	762,500	653,100	683,500	696,100	693,100	705,600	714,600	724,500	723,000	718,000	716,100
Unemployment	43,600	44,300	50,100	122,400	97,900	82,000	76,100	68,000	61,600	44,300	44,500	46,500	65,100
Rate	5.5	5.5	6.2	15.8	12.5	10.5	9.9	8.8	7.9	5.8	5.8	6.1	8.3
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	782,300	789,200	784,100	789,800	794,400	806,700	805,300	801,200	803,600	807,500	801,700	797,700	797,800
Employment	737,300	742,400	743,000	754,200	759,000	767,100	767,300	762,900	768,800	770,600	763,500	758,200	759,000
Unemployment	45,000	46,800	41,100	35,600	35,400	39,700	38,100	38,300	34,800	36,900	38,200	39,600	38,800
Rate	5.7	5.9	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.9
2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	772,000	780,800	777,100	783,200	787,000	797,000	794,200	784,700	788,000	791,200	785,400	781,800	783,300
Employment	724,800	730,100	730,200	741,500	747,700	753,600	753,800	745,600	752,900	755,900	750,400	745,200	742,200
Unemployment	47,100	50,700	46,900	41,700	39,200	43,400	40,400	39,100	35,100	35,300	35,000	36,500	41,200
Rate	6.1	6.5	6.0	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.3
2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	769,700	773,700	771,500	777,900	778,000	789,800	786,900	782,200	785,100	782,400	777,900	772,800	779,600
Employment	722,300	725,500	728,200	739,600	741,700	748,200	746,800	740,900	749,200	746,400	739,500	733,300	739,100
Unemployment	47,300	48,200	43,300	38,300	36,300	41,600	40,100	41,300	35,900	36,000	38,400	39,500	40,500
Rate	6.2	6.2	5.6	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.2
2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	775,200	781,100	777,000	782,100	786,100	795,100	790,500	785,600	784,500	784,600	776,500	769,400	782,900
Employment	718,500	721,300	723,000	733,600	739,200	744,600	743,600	738,500	742,000	743,300	737,200	729,800	735,200
Unemployment	56,700	59,900	54,000	48,500	46,900	50,600	46,900	47,100	42,500	41,300	39,300	39,500	47,800
Rate	7.3	7.7	6.9	6.2	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1	6.1
2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	771,400	775,900	774,200	783,100	787,200	796,400	791,300	784,900	781,000	782,000	776,600	773,300	781,900
Employment	714,400	715,000	715,300	728,800	733,700	739,200	736,300	732,600	734,800	737,200	731,000	726,800	729,200
Unemployment	56,900	60,900	58,900	54,300	53,400	57,200	55,000	52,300	46,200	44,700	45,600	46,500	52,700
Rate	7.4	7.8	7.6	6.9	6.8	7.2	6.9	6.7	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.7
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	789,100	794,800	790,600	793,800	795,000	800,500	794,300	787,000	785,400	787,100	777,500	770,800	788,800
Employment	729,100	730,500	731,500	741,500	744,600	747,700	742,200	735,400	739,300	741,200	731,100	723,700	736,500
Unemployment	60,000	64,300	59,100	52,300	50,300	52,800	52,200	51,600	46,100	45,900	46,400	47,100	52,300
Rate	7.6	8.1	7.5	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.6	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.6
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	796,400	797,800	792,600	800,500	801,100	811,400	805,300	800,400	800,200	797,300	792,600	786,700	798,500
Employment	731,100	733,200	733,700	747,200	751,000	756,200	753,000	748,000	752,100	748,200	743,100	736,100	744,400
Unemployment	65,400	64,600	58,900	53,300	50,100	55,300	52,200	52,400	48,000	49,100	49,600	50,600	54,100
Rate	8.2	8.1	7.4	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.8
2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	795,900	801,800	799,000	807,300	813,400	821,800	816,000	810,100	812,100	813,500	804,200	799,700	807,900
Employment	731,600	734,800	736,600	748,600	753,700	758,600	754,400	748,400	755,300	757,000	748,100	741,700	747,400
Unemployment	64,400	67,000	62,400	58,700	59,700	63,300	61,700	61,700	56,900	56,600	56,200	58,100	60,500
Rate	8.1	8.4	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.5
2011	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	802,000	804,700	801,200	807,100	806,600	814,500	808,100	809,100	811,900	811,900	805,700	801,400	807,000
Employment	725,100	727,400	729,600	742,200	743,600	748,800	745,800	745,100	751,400	753,600	748,500	742,600	742,000
Unemployment	76,900	77,300	71,500	64,900	63,000	65,700	62,300	64,000	60,500	58,400	57,200	58,800	65,000
Rate	9.6	9.6	8.9	8.0	7.8	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.3	8.1
2010	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	803,000	808,500	804,100	812,000	813,700	818,900	816,500	814,500	816,200	813,600	808,600	804,000	811,100
Employment	727,400	727,400	729,300	744,100	746,400	749,800	748,300	744,600	749,900	748,200	741,200	734,500	740,900
Unemployment	75,600	81,200	74,800	67,900	67,400	69,100	68,100	69,900	66,300	65,400	67,400	69,500	70,200
Rate	9.4	10.0	9.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.7

State Unemployment Rates (percent, seasonally adjusted)
 The national unemployment rate was 6.7 percent as of December 2020



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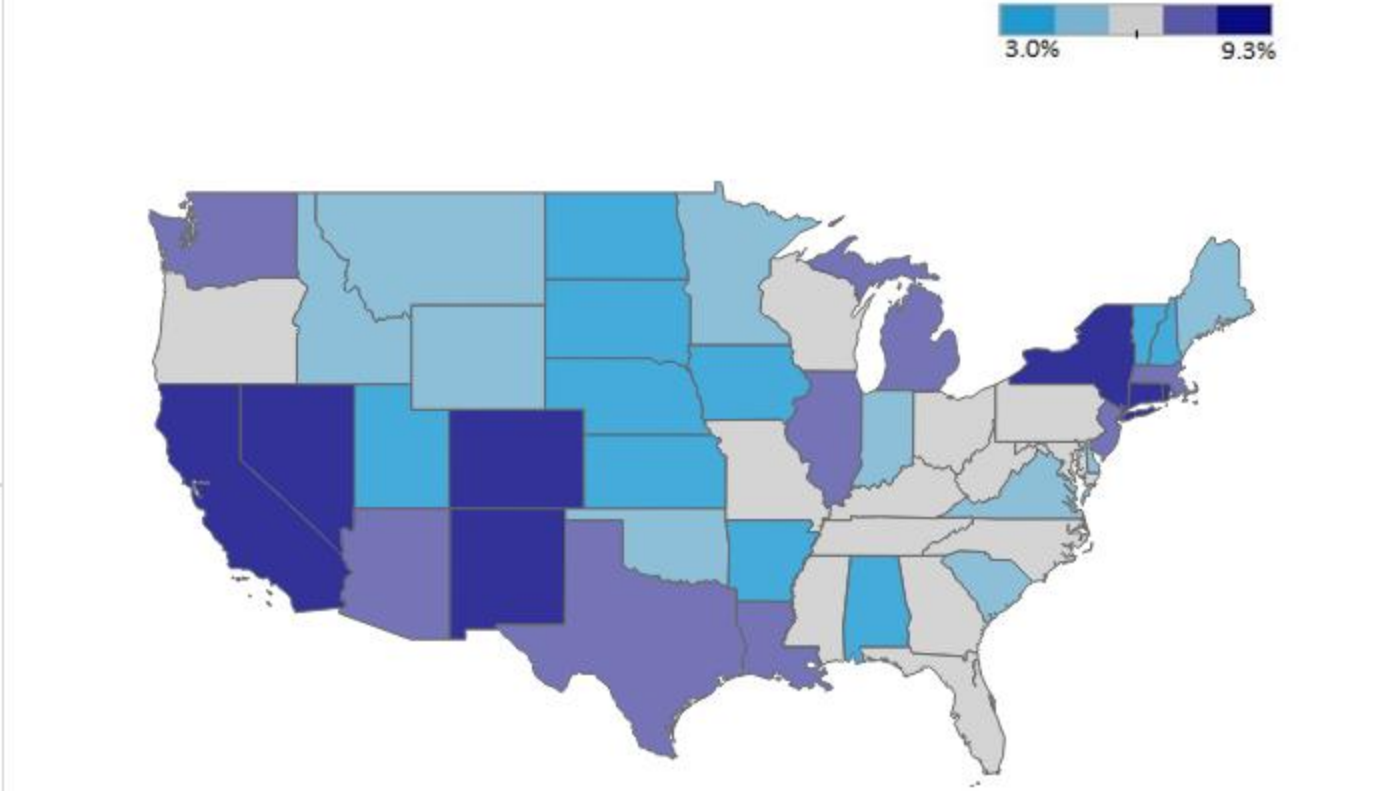
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