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State Unemployment Rate Inches Upward in July 2024

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in July 2024. The number of unemployed state residents rose 400 to 33,100. Total employment slipped 100 over the month. The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent in July 2024.

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 700 in July, where a loss of 1,300 in the service-providing sector overpowered a gain of 600 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment gains included 300 in construction, 200 in manufacturing, and 100 in mining and logging.

Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 100 in information and 100 in other services. Employment declines included 600 in private education and health services, 300 in government, 200 in professional and business services, 200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 100 in financial activities, and 100 in leisure and hospitality.

Since July 2023, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 8,100. Employment gains included 6,900 in private education and health services, 2,000 in government, 1,700 in construction, 600 in leisure and hospitality, 200 in mining and logging, and 200 in other services. Employment declines included 2,100 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 900 in manufacturing, 400 in professional and business services, and 100 in information. Employment in financial activities was unchanged over the year.

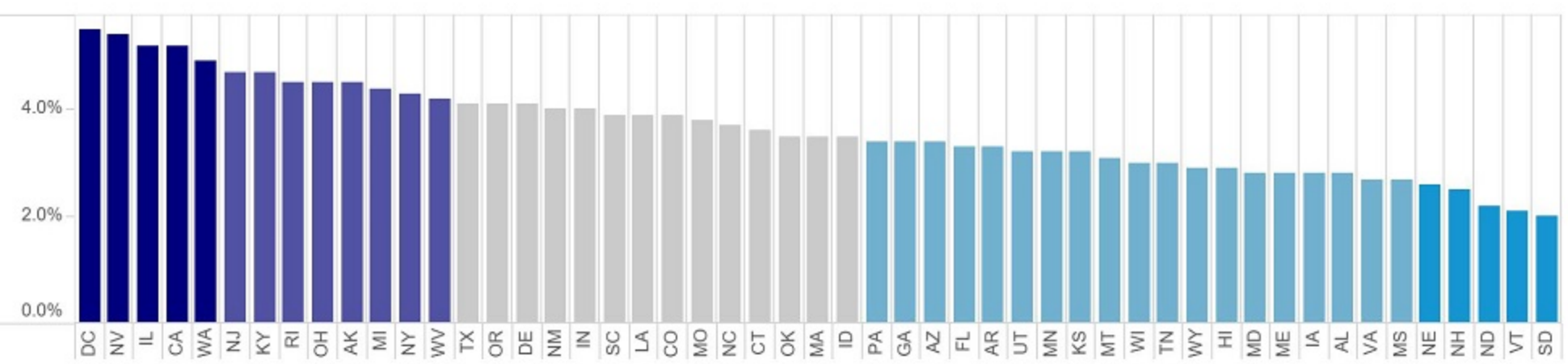
West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent in July.

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

WEST VIRGINIA
(In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)
July 2024

	Prelim. Jul 2024	Revised Jun 2024	Revised Jul 2023	Change from:	
				Jun 2024	Jul 2023
Civilian Labor Force	789.0	788.7	786.9	0.3	2.1
Total Employment	755.9	756.0	755.5	-0.1	0.4
Total Unemployment	33.1	32.7	31.4	0.4	1.7
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.1	4.0	xx	xx
Labor Force Participation Rate	55.1	55.1	55.0	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
Total Nonfarm	717.2	717.9	709.1	-0.7	8.1
Total Private	563.6	564.0	557.5	-0.4	6.1
Goods Producing	100.5	99.9	99.5	0.6	1.0
Mining and Logging	21.8	21.7	21.6	0.1	0.2
Construction	33.7	33.4	32.0	0.3	1.7
Manufacturing	45.0	44.8	45.9	0.2	-0.9
Durable Goods	27.4	27.2	28.1	0.2	-0.7
Non-Durable Goods	17.6	17.6	17.8	0.0	-0.2
Service-Providing	616.7	618.0	609.6	-1.3	7.1
Private Service-Providing	463.1	464.1	458.0	-1.0	5.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	120.6	120.8	122.7	-0.2	-2.1
Wholesale Trade	18.9	18.9	19.2	0.0	-0.3
Retail Trade	76.7	76.9	77.9	-0.2	-1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	25.0	25.0	25.6	0.0	-0.6
Information	7.7	7.6	7.8	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	25.8	25.9	25.8	-0.1	0.0
Finance and Insurance	19.1	19.1	19.0	0.0	0.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.7	6.8	6.8	-0.1	-0.1
Professional and Business Services	72.7	72.9	73.1	-0.2	-0.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	30.7	30.4	29.8	0.3	0.9
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	34.8	35.3	36.0	-0.5	-1.2
Private Education and Health Services	140.0	140.6	133.1	-0.6	6.9
Private Educational Services	7.0	7.2	6.8	-0.2	0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	133.0	133.4	126.3	-0.4	6.7
Leisure and Hospitality	72.1	72.2	71.5	-0.1	0.6
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.0	9.0	8.7	0.0	0.3
Accommodation and Food Service	63.1	63.2	62.8	-0.1	0.3
Other Services	24.2	24.1	24.0	0.1	0.2
Government	153.6	153.9	151.6	-0.3	2.0
Federal Government	26.7	26.6	25.9	0.1	0.8
State Government	47.7	48.0	47.4	-0.3	0.3
Local Government	79.2	79.3	78.3	-0.1	0.9

State Unemployment Rates (percent, seasonally adjusted)
 The national unemployment rate was 4.3 percent as of July 2024



MONTH
July

YEAR
2024

UNITED STATES
4.3%

