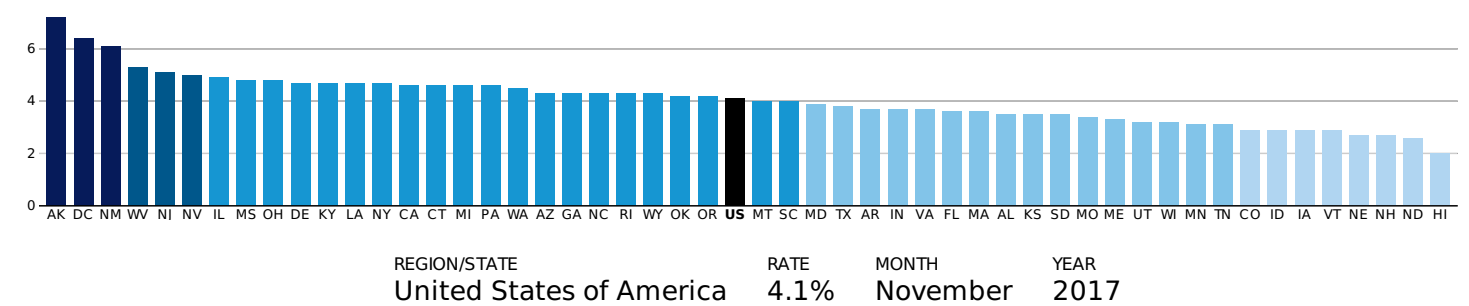


EMPLOYMENT

Breaking down state data on unemployment rates, total (nonfarm) payroll employment, and government employment.

Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

The national unemployment rate was 4.1 percent as of November 2017.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.t03.htm>)

The national unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in October 2017. Alaska had the highest unemployment rate (7.2 percent) of any state. The unemployment rate was also greater than 6.0 percent in the District of Columbia (6.6 percent) and New Mexico (6.1 percent).

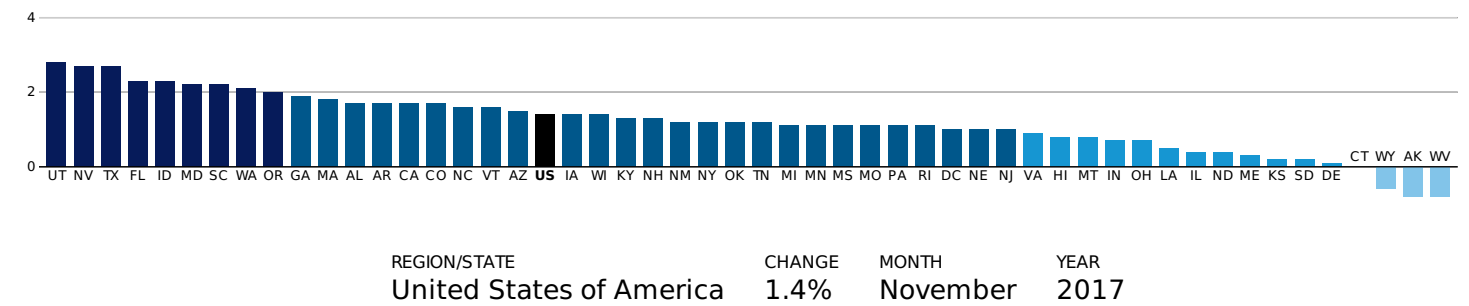
Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate in October (2.2 percent). Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Vermont also had unemployment rates below 3.0 percent. In total, 26 states had October unemployment rates below 4.0 percent.

The national unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points between November 2016 and November 2017. Alaska, the District of Columbia, and South Dakota saw unemployment increase the most (0.6 percentage points in each). Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, and New Jersey also saw unemployment increase over the year.

The unemployment rate fell the most in Alabama (-2.7 percentage points) and Tennessee (-2.0 percentage points). The unemployment rate also fell 1.0 percentage point or more in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas.

Total Employment (percent change year over year)

Total (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.4 percent from November 2016 to November 2017.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.t05.htm>)

Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.4 percent from October 2016 to October 2017. Total employment declined over the year in only Wyoming (-0.5 percent) and Kansas (-0.4 percent).

Nevada's 2.8 percent increase in total employment was the largest in the country. The next largest increases were in Utah (2.7 percent), Texas (2.6 percent), and Oregon (2.5 percent). In total, 10 states saw total employment increase 2.0 percent or more.

Total public-sector employment increased 0.2 percent from October 2016 to October 2017. Public employment declined over the past year in 19 states and the District of Columbia. The largest decline in government jobs was in Wyoming (-1.8 percent). Public employment also declined more than 1.0 percent in Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, and Louisiana.

Public employment increased the most in Idaho (2.6 percent) and Washington (2.4 percent). Michigan and Nevada also saw public employment increase more than 2.0 percent.

Note: The unemployment rate is from a US Bureau of Labor Statistics survey based on place of residence. The employment data are from a US Bureau of Labor Statistics survey based on place of work. All data are seasonally adjusted. This page is not comparable to the Bureau of Labor Statistics's press release, because that release as of November 2017 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.