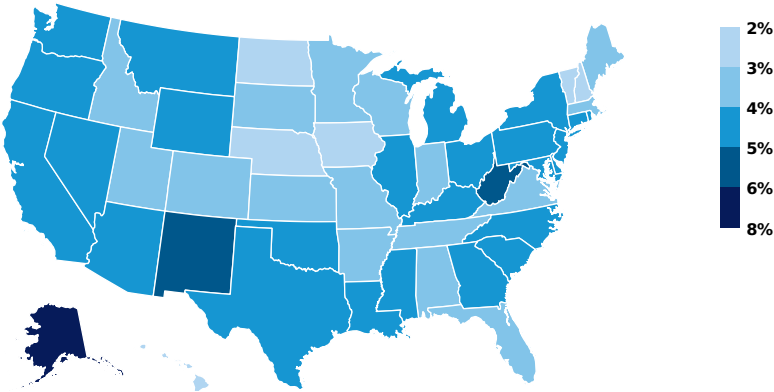
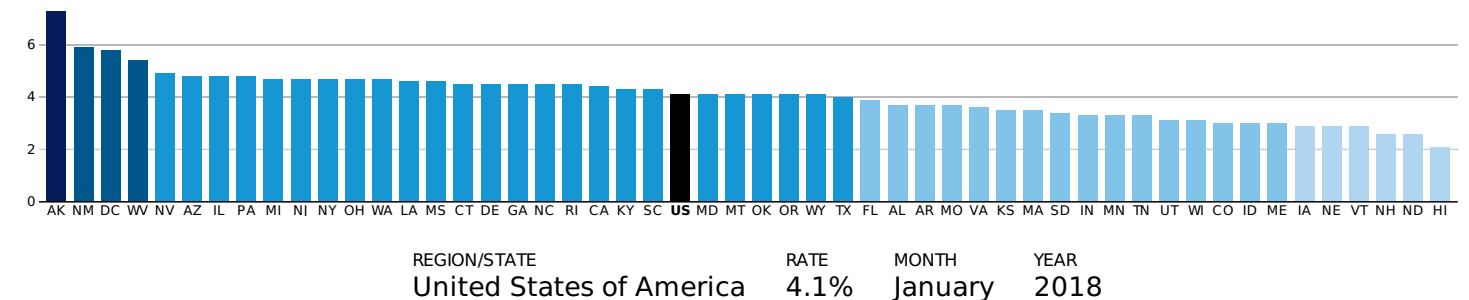


EMPLOYMENT

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 January 2018.



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

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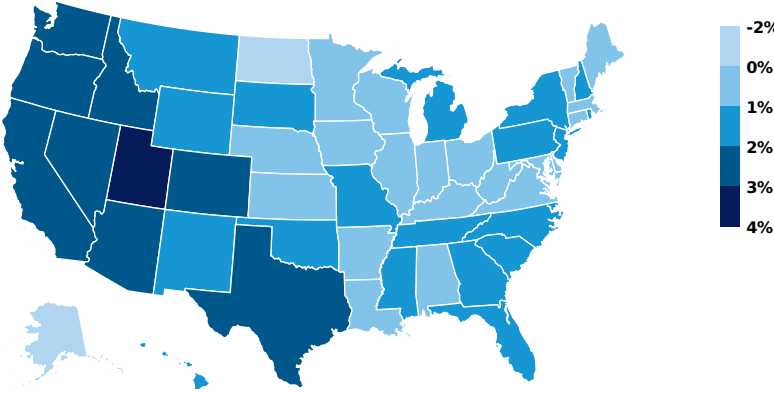
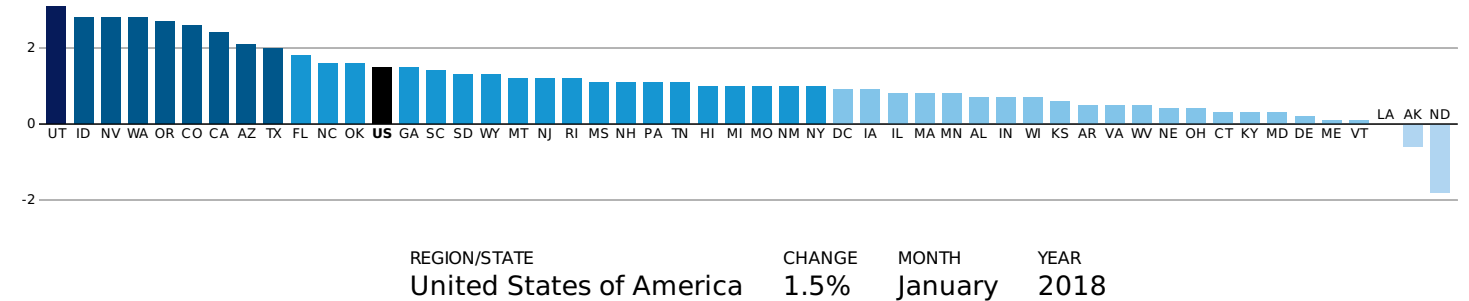
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Total Employment (percent change year over year)

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Utah’s 3.1 percent increase in total employment was the largest in the country. The next biggest increases were in Idaho, Nevada, and Washington (all 2.8 percent), Oregon (2.7 percent), and Colorado (2.6 percent). In total, nine states saw total employment increase 2.0 percent or more.

Total public-sector employment increased 0.1 percent from January 2017 to January 2018. Public employment declined over the past year in 22 states and the District of Columbia. The largest decline was in Oregon (-4.2 percent). The next largest declines in public employment were in North Dakota (-2.5 percent), and Connecticut, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia (all -1.6 percent). Four additional states saw public employment decline at least 1.0 percent.

Public employment increased the most in Nevada (3.2 percent), Colorado (2.4 percent), and Utah (2.0 percent). In total, 12 states saw public employment increase 1.0 percent or more.

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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 January 2018 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.