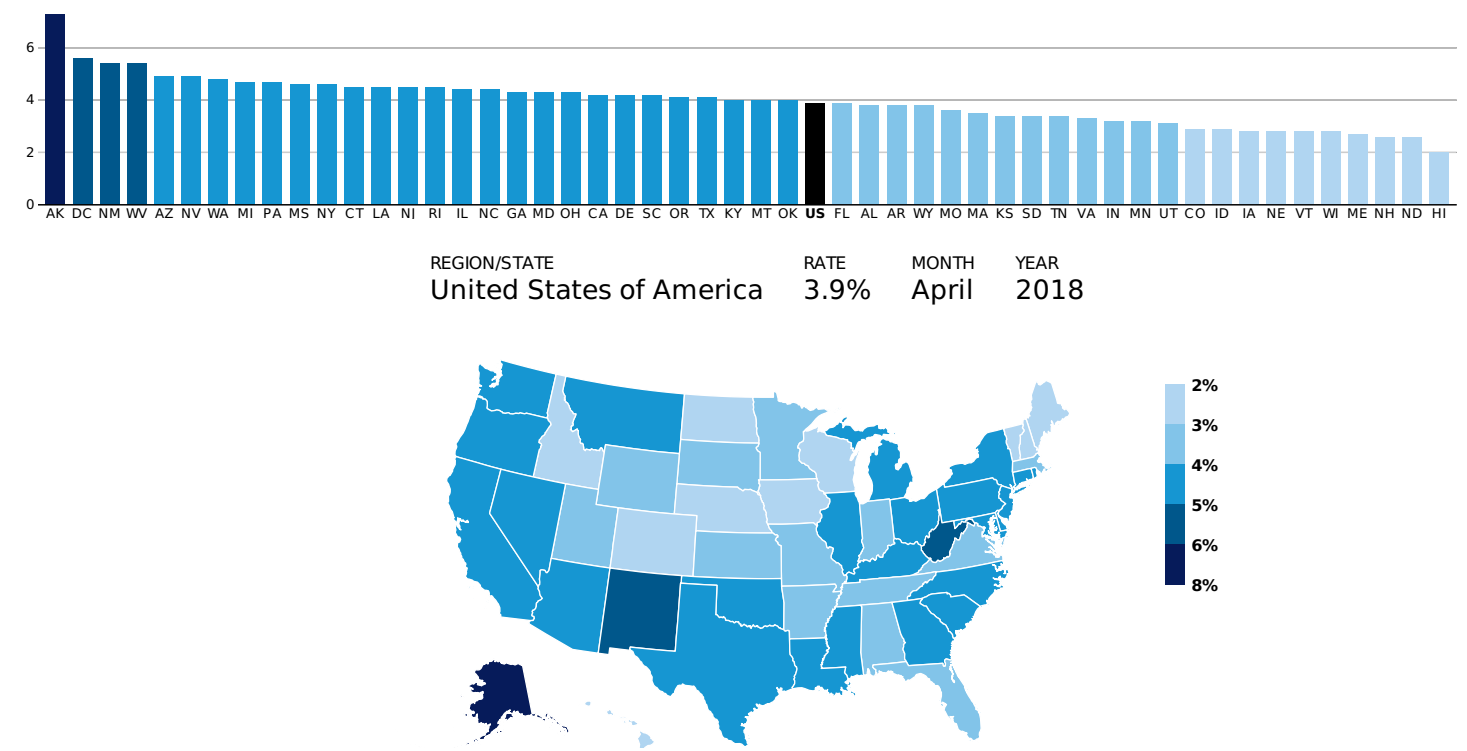


EMPLOYMENT

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

Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

The national unemployment rate was 3.9 percent as of April 2018.

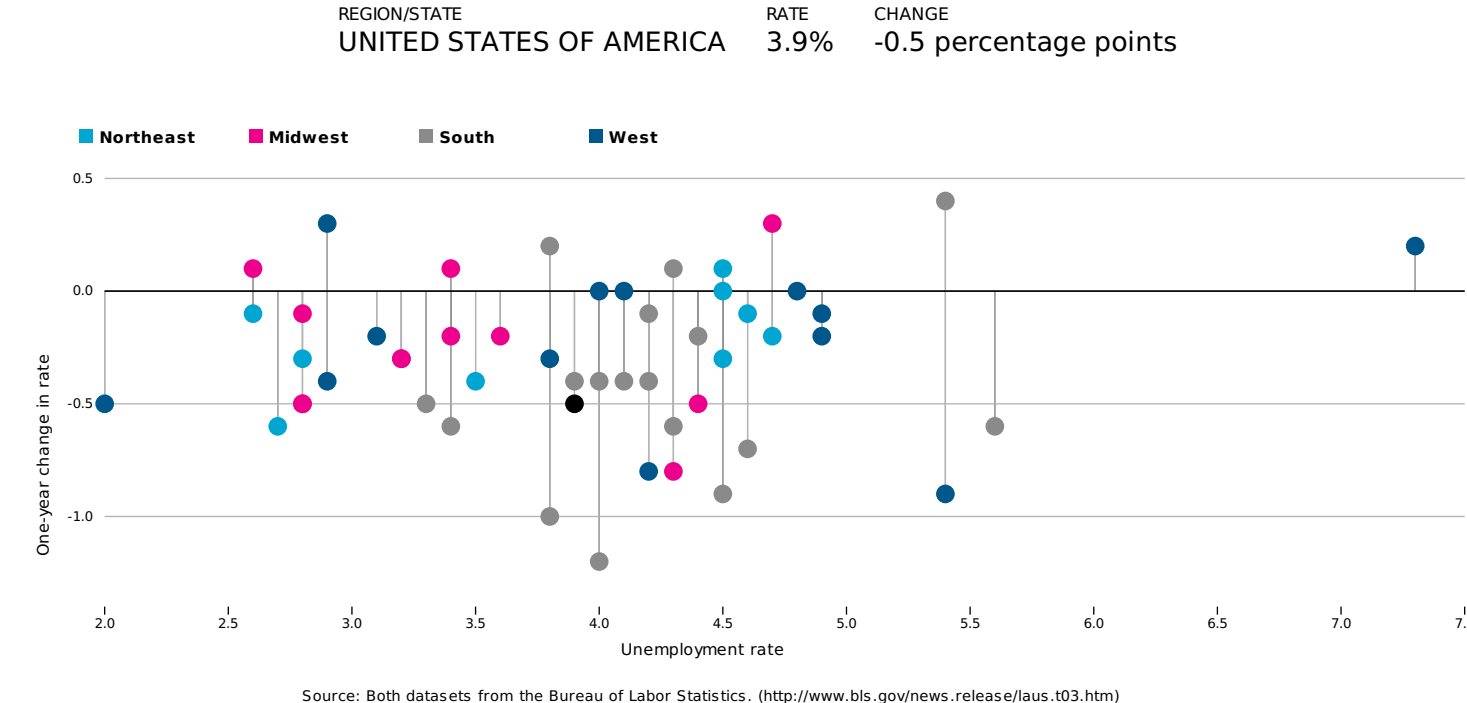


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The national unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in April 2018. Hawaii's 2.0 percent unemployment rate was the lowest of any state. The April unemployment rate was below 3.0 percent in nine other states: Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin. In total, the April unemployment rate was at or below 4.0 percent in 26 states. Alaska's 7.3 percent rate was the highest of any state. The April unemployment rate was also greater than 5.0 percent in the District of Columbia (5.6 percent) and in New Mexico and West Virginia (5.4 percent in both states).

Unemployment Rate: Level vs. One-Year Change

The national unemployment rate decreased 0.5 percentage points to a value of 3.9 percent between April 2017 and April 2018.



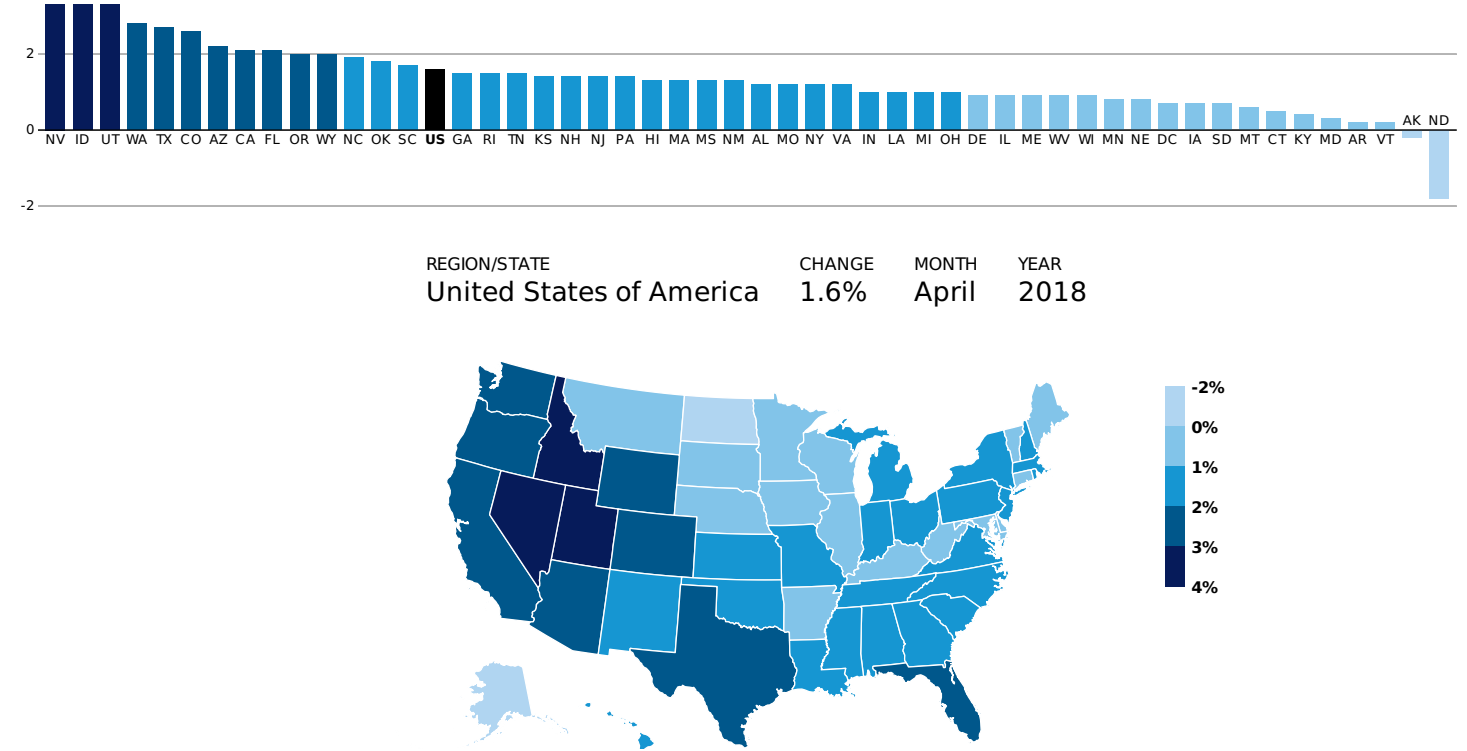
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The national unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points between April 2017 and April 2018. The unemployment rate fell the most in Kentucky (-1.2 percentage points) and Alabama (-1.0 percentage point). In total, the unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points or more in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

The unemployment rate increased year over year in nine states. The largest increase was in West Virginia, where the unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points. Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Michigan, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and South Dakota also saw their unemployment rates increase over the year.

Total Employment (percent change year over year)

Total (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.6 percent from April 2017 to April 2018.



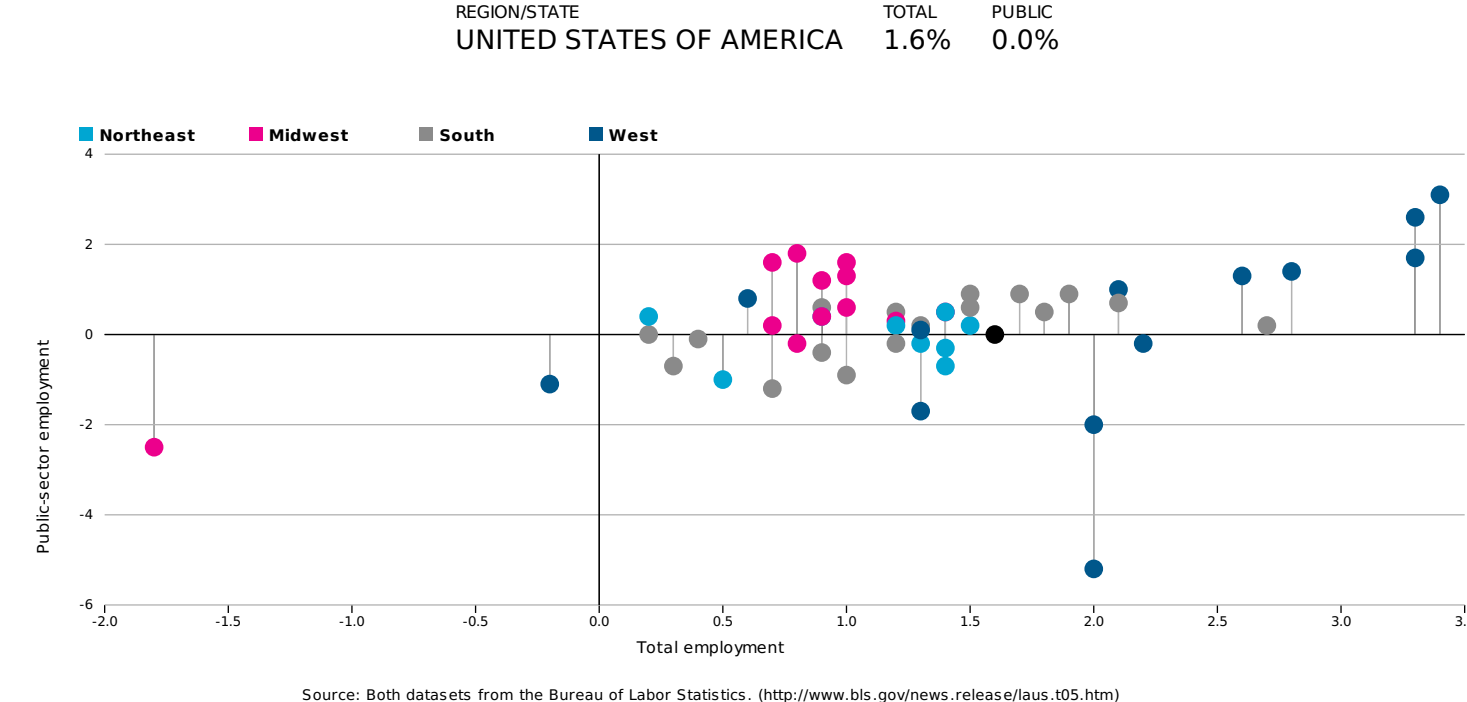
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Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.6 percent from April 2017 to April 2018. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases in total employment were in Nevada (3.4 percent) and in Idaho and Utah (both 3.3 percent). In all, total employment increased by 2.0 percent or more in 11 states.

Total employment declined year over year only in North Dakota (-1.8 percent) and Alaska (-0.2 percent).

Total Employment vs. Public Employment

Total public-sector employment did not change from April 2017 to April 2018, staying well below the 1.6 percent increase in total employment.



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

Nationally, total public-sector employment did not change from April 2017 to April 2018. Among the states, public employment increased the most in Nevada (3.1 percent) and Idaho (2.6 percent). In total, public employment increased by 1.0 percent or more in 11 states.

Public employment declined over the past year in 16 states and the District of Columbia. The largest decline

was in Oregon (-5.2 percent). The next largest declines were in North Dakota (-2.5 percent) and Wyoming (-2.0 percent). Public employment declined at least 1.0 percent in three additional states and the District of Columbia.

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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 April 2018 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.