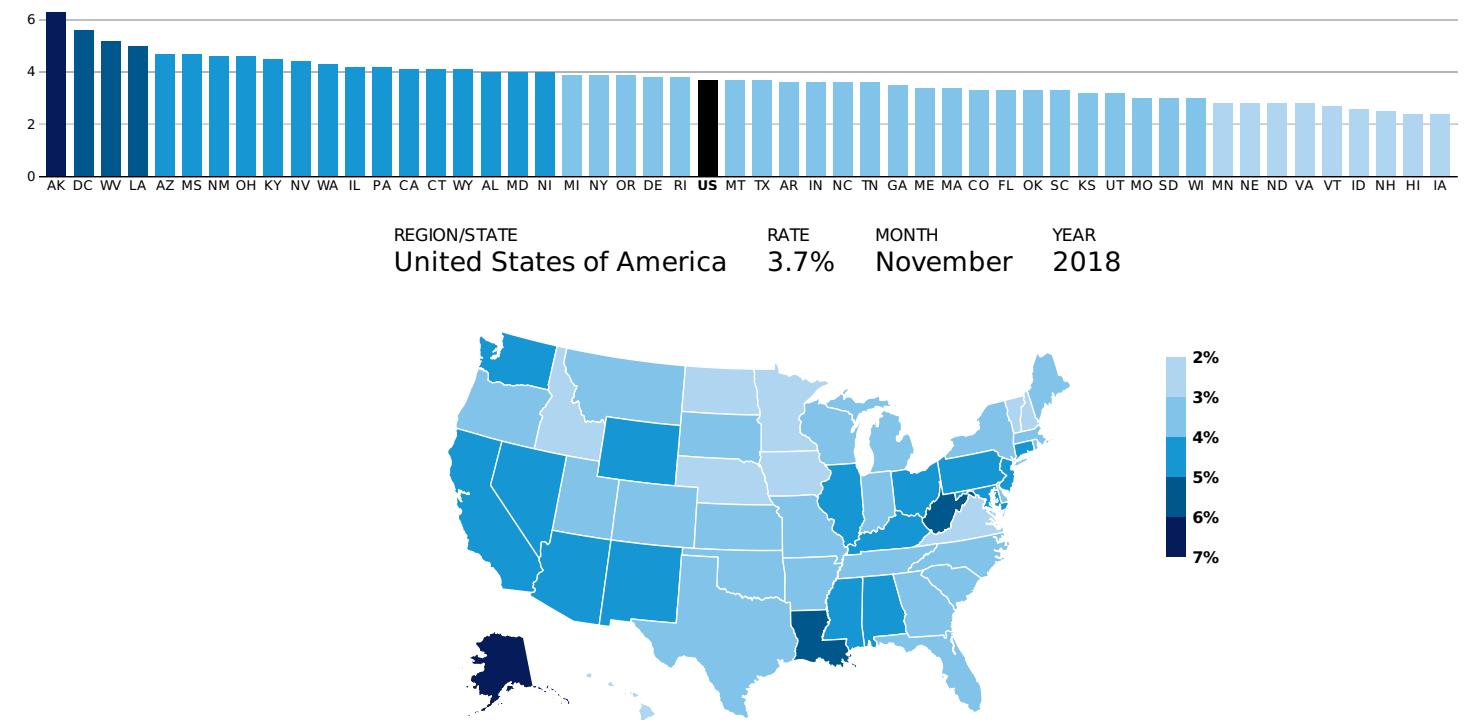


EMPLOYMENT

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

Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

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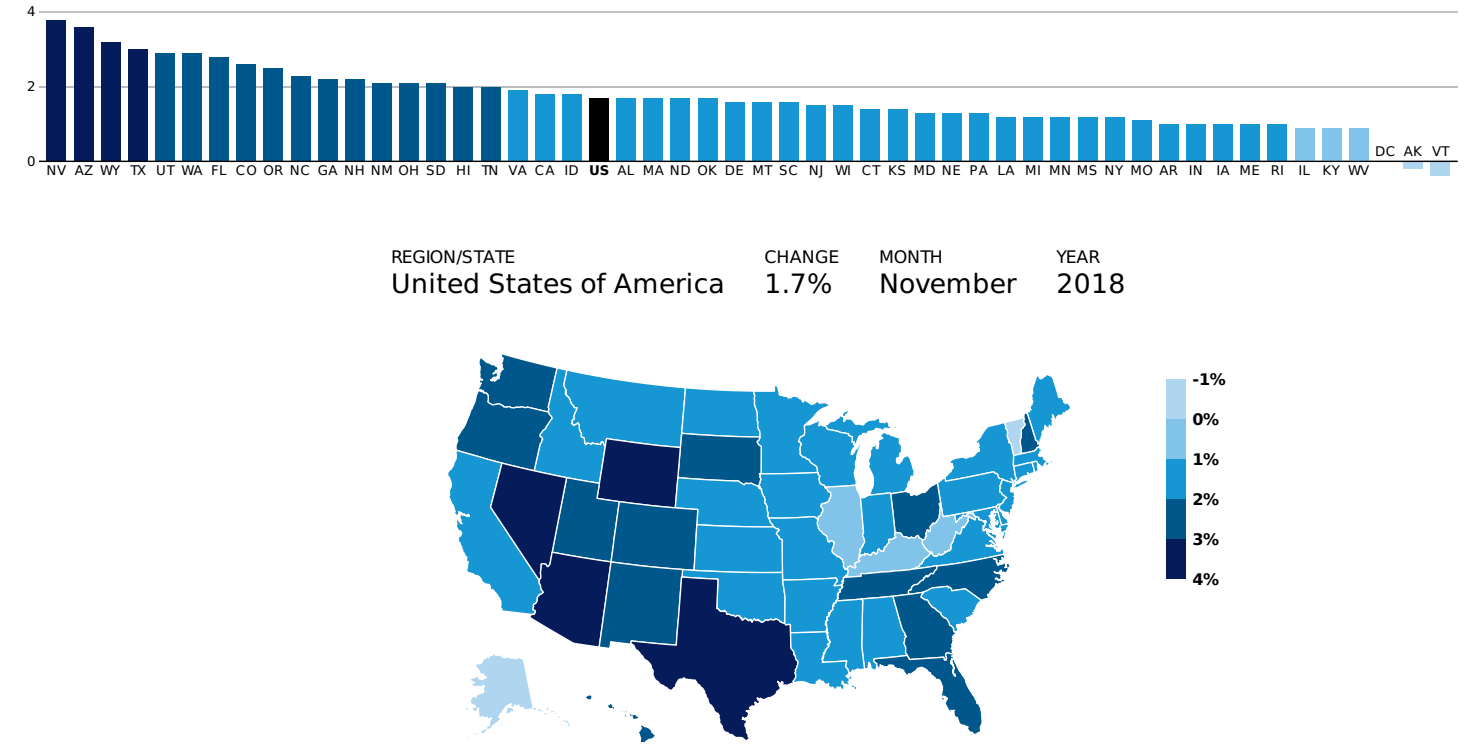
Alaska's 6.3 percent unemployment rate was the highest of any state. The next highest unemployment rates were in the District of Columbia (5.6 percent), West Virginia (5.2 percent), and Louisiana (5.0 percent).

The national unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points between November 2017 and November 2018. The unemployment rate fell the most over the year in New Mexico (-1.4 percentage points) and Georgia (-1.0 percentage point). In total, the unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points or more over the year in 19 states.

The unemployment rate increased the most over the year in Colorado, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, and Tennessee (0.3 percentage points in each state). The unemployment rate also increased over the year in Alabama, Indiana, and North Dakota.

Total Employment (percent change year over year)

Total (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.7 percent from November 2017 to November 2018.



Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.7 percent from November 2017 to November 2018. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Nevada (3.8 percent), Arizona (3.6 percent), Wyoming (3.2 percent), and Texas (3.0 percent). Total employment increased 2.0 percent or more in 13 additional states.

Total nonfarm employment declined over the year in only Vermont (-0.4 percent) and Alaska (-0.2 percent).

Total national public-sector employment increased 0.2 percent from November 2017 to November 2018. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Hawaii (2.9 percent), Nevada (2.7 percent), and Utah (2.2 percent). Total public employment increased 1.0 percent or more in 10 additional states.

Public-sector employment declined over the year in 11 states and the District of Columbia. The largest declines were in Oregon (-4.0 percent) and Virginia (-2.2 percent).