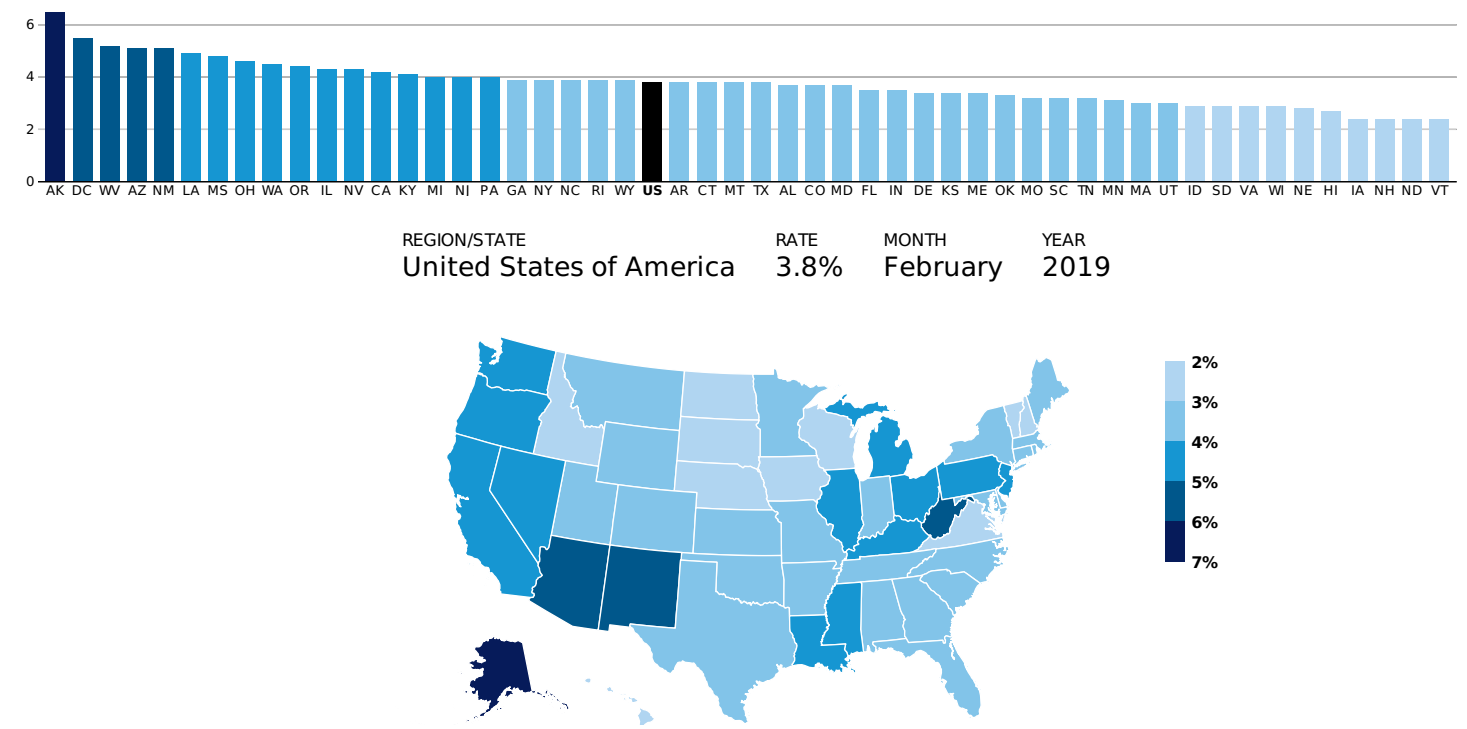


EMPLOYMENT

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

Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

The national unemployment rate was 3.8 percent as of February 2019.



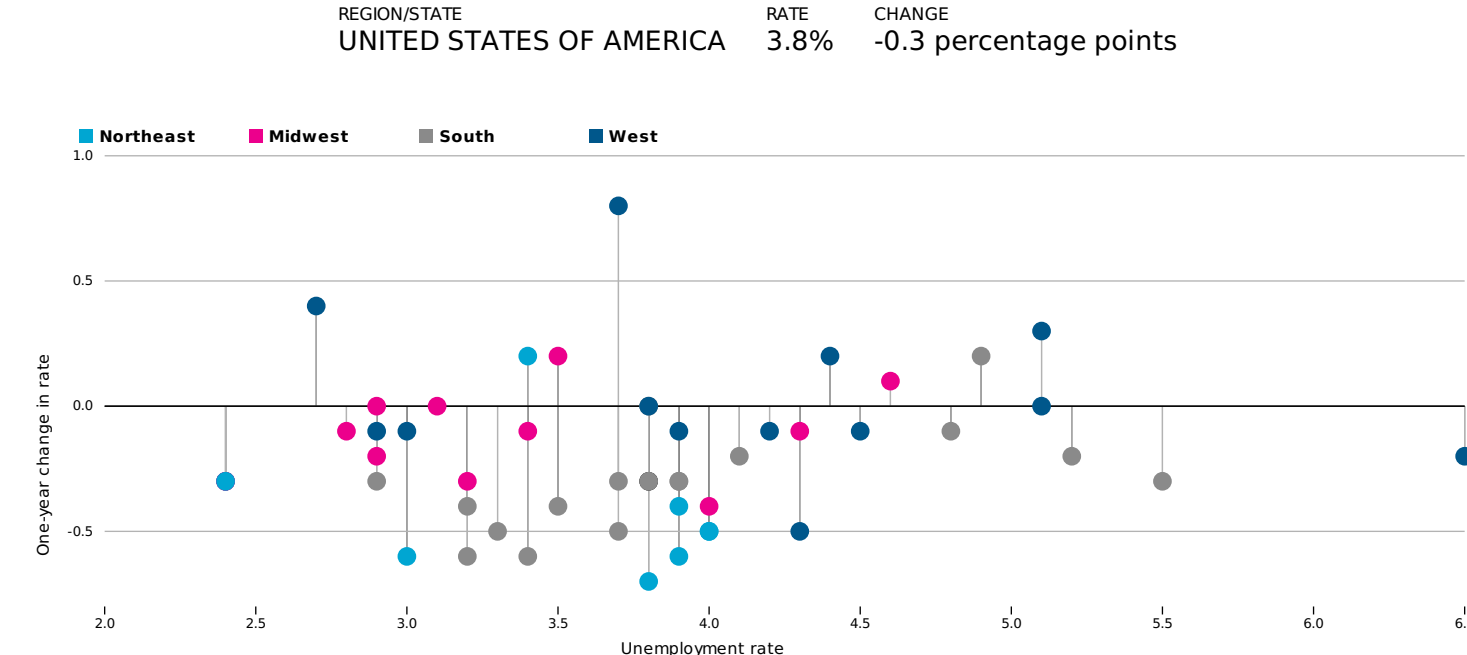
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The national unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in February 2019. Among the states, Iowa, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Vermont all had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.4 percent. February unemployment rates were also at or below 3.0 percent in eight other states: Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In total, February unemployment rates were at or below 4.0 percent in 37 states.

Alaska's 6.5 percent unemployment rate was the highest of any state. The next highest unemployment rates were in the District of Columbia (5.5 percent), West Virginia (5.2 percent), and New Mexico and Arizona (both 5.1 percent).

Unemployment Rate: Level vs. One-Year Change

The national unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points to a value of 3.8 percent between February 2018 and February 2019.



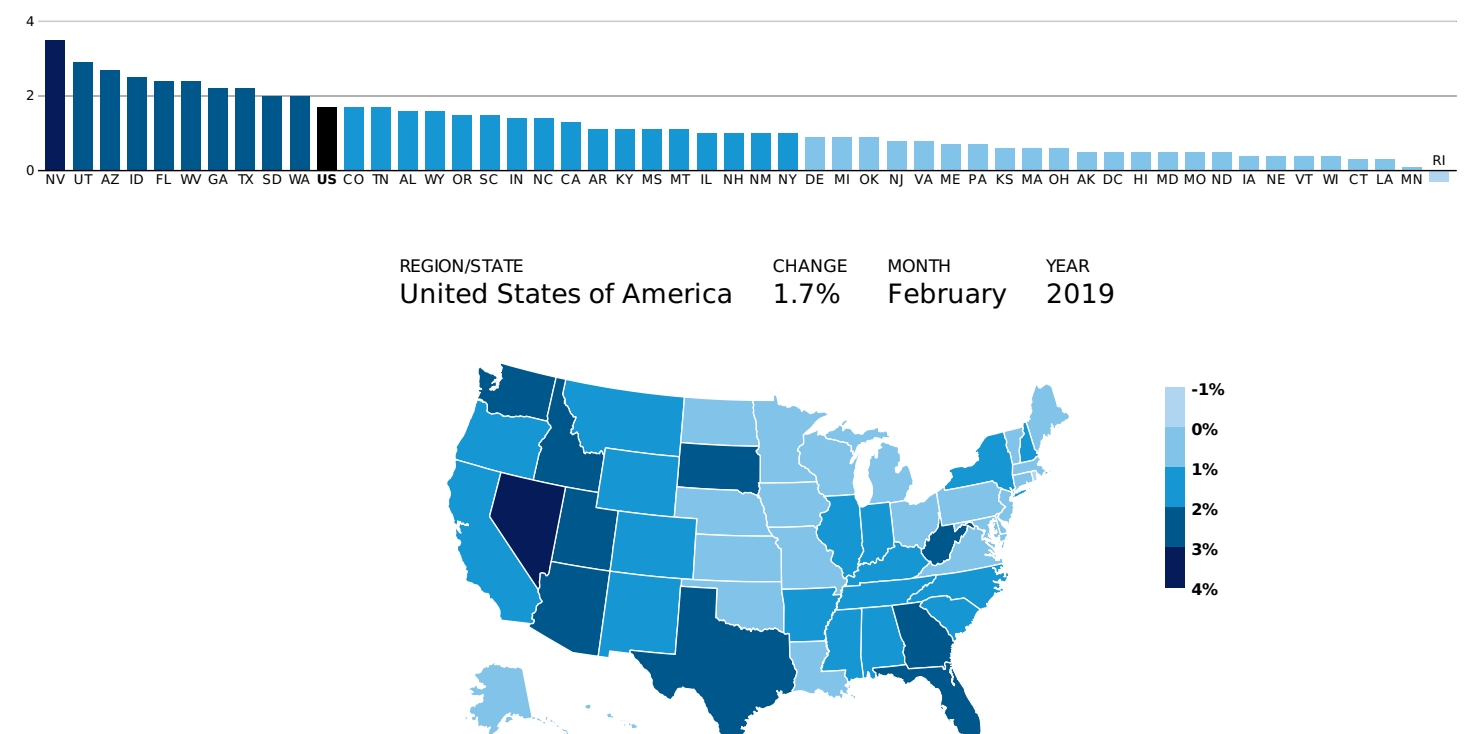
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The national unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points between February 2018 and February 2019. The unemployment rate fell the most over the year in Connecticut (-0.7 percentage points), followed by Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, and South Carolina (all -0.6 percentage points). In total, the unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points or more over the year in 10 states.

The unemployment rate increased the most over the year in Colorado (0.8 percentage points), followed by Hawaii (0.4 percentage points), and Arizona (0.3 percentage points). The unemployment rate also increased over the year in Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Ohio, and Oregon.

Total Employment (percent change year over year)

Total (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.7 percent from February 2018 to February 2019.



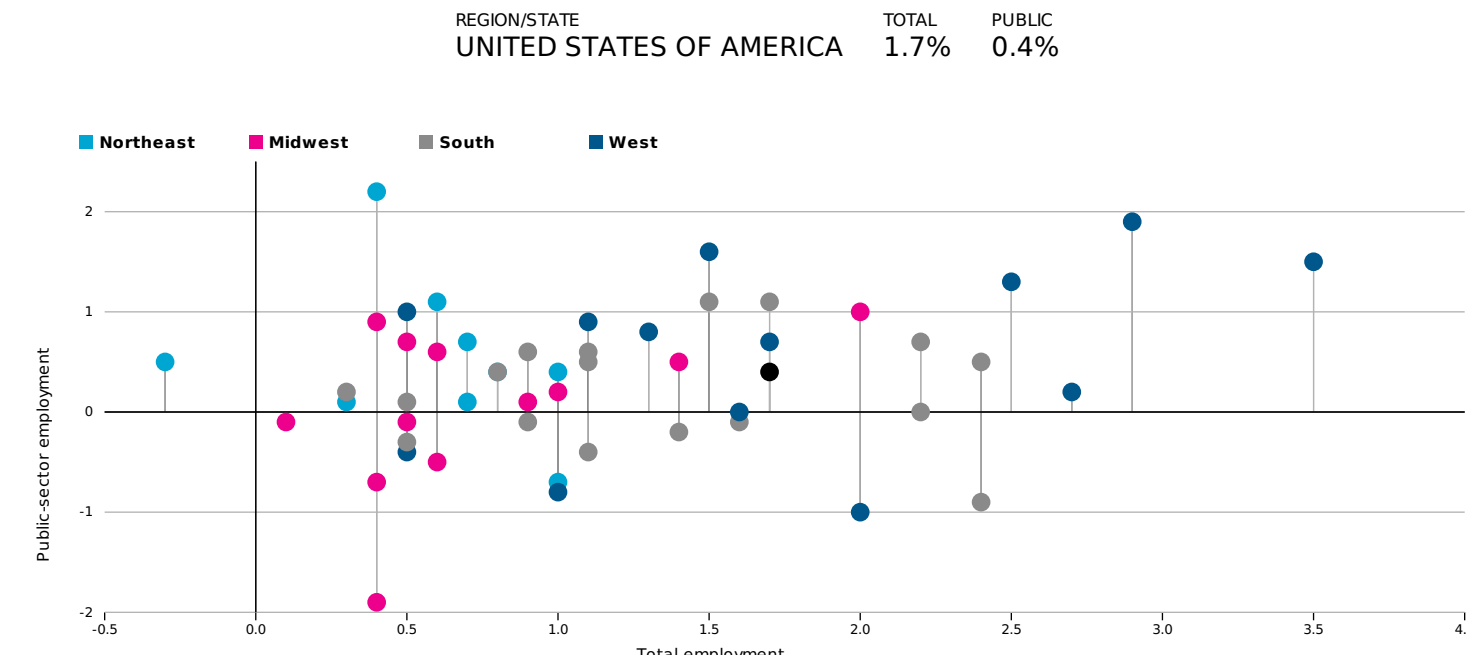
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Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.7 percent from February 2018 to February 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Nevada (3.5 percent), Utah (2.9 percent), Arizona (2.7 percent), and Idaho (2.5 percent). In total, 10 states saw total employment increase 2.0 percent or more over the year.

Rhode Island (-0.3 percent) was the only state that saw a decline in total nonfarm employment over the year.

Total Employment vs. Public Employment

Total public-sector employment increased 0.4 percent from February 2018 to February 2019, staying well below the 1.7 percent increase in total employment.



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Total national public-sector employment increased 0.4 percent from February 2018 to February 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Vermont (2.2 percent), Utah (1.9 percent), Oregon (1.6 percent), and Nevada (1.5 percent). In total, public employment increased 1.0 percent or more in 10 states.

Public-sector employment declined over the year in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The largest declines were in Wisconsin (-1.9 percent), Washington (-1.0 percent), West Virginia (-0.9 percent), and New Mexico (-0.8 percent).

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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 February 2019 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.