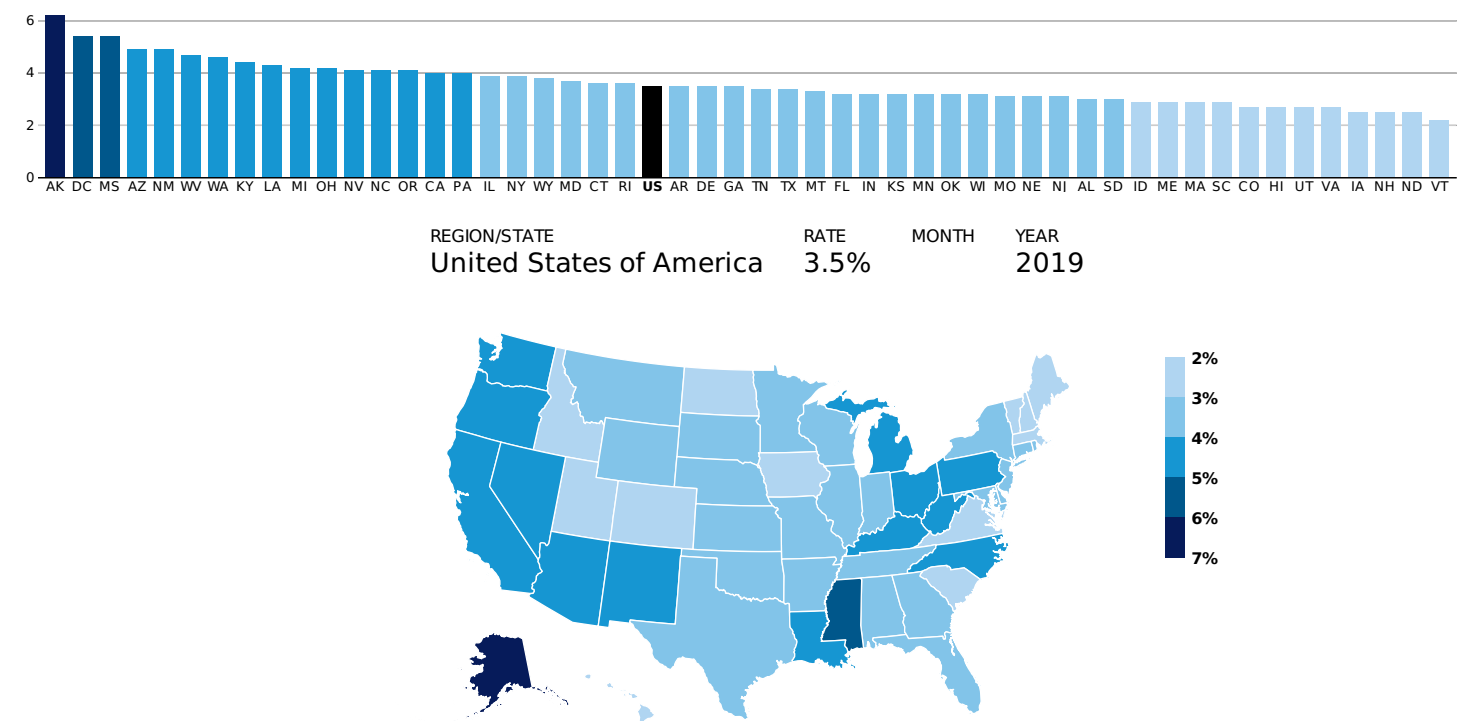


# EMPLOYMENT

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

## Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

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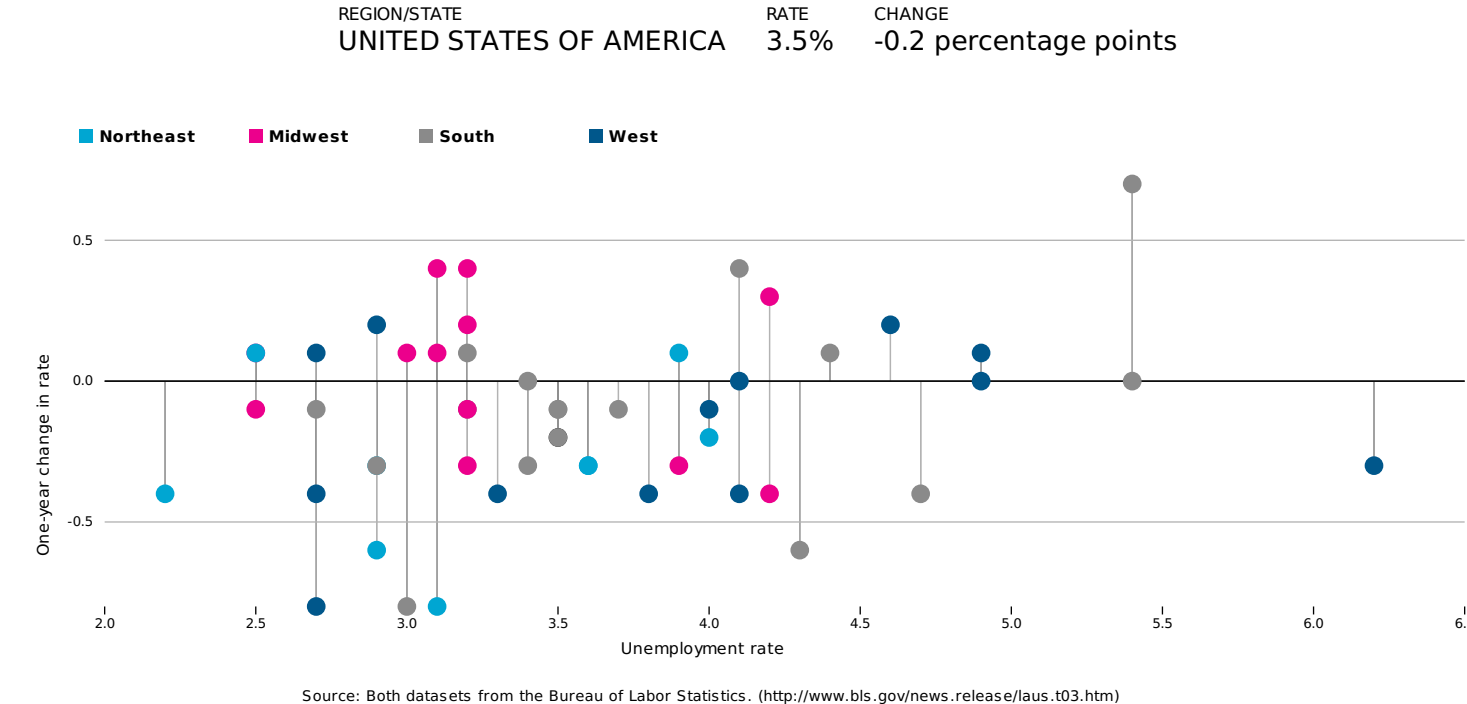


The national unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in September 2019. Among the states, Vermont had the lowest unemployment rate (2.2 percent), followed by Iowa, New Hampshire, and North Dakota (2.5 percent in each state). September unemployment rates were also below 3.0 percent in eight other states: Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia. In total, September unemployment rates were at or below 4.0 percent in 37 states.

Alaska's 6.2 percent unemployment rate was the highest of any state in September. The next highest unemployment rates were in the District of Columbia and Mississippi (both 5.4 percent), and Arizona and New Mexico (both 4.9 percent).

## Unemployment Rate: Level vs. One-Year Change

The national unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to a value of 3.5 percent between undefined 2018 and undefined 2019.

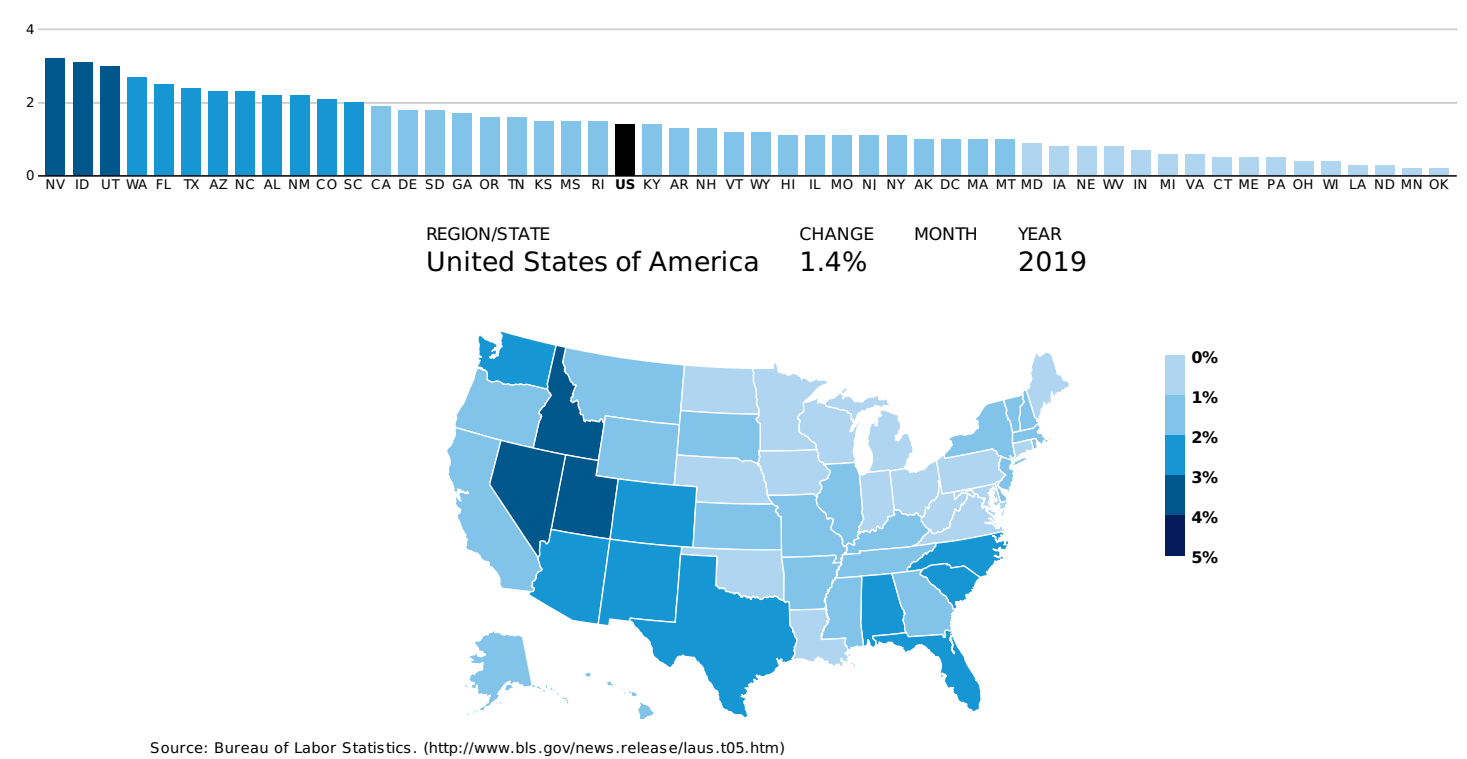


The national unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points between September 2018 and September 2019. Among the states, Alabama, Colorado, and New Jersey saw unemployment fall the most over the year (-0.8 percentage points in each state), followed by Louisiana and Maine (-0.6 percentage points in both states).

The unemployment rate increased the most over the year in Mississippi (0.7 percentage points), followed by Minnesota, Nebraska, and North Carolina (0.4 percentage points in each state). In total, 17 states saw their unemployment rates increase over the year; three states and the District of Columbia saw no change.

## Total Employment (percent change year over year)

Total (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.4 percent from undefined 2018 to undefined 2019.

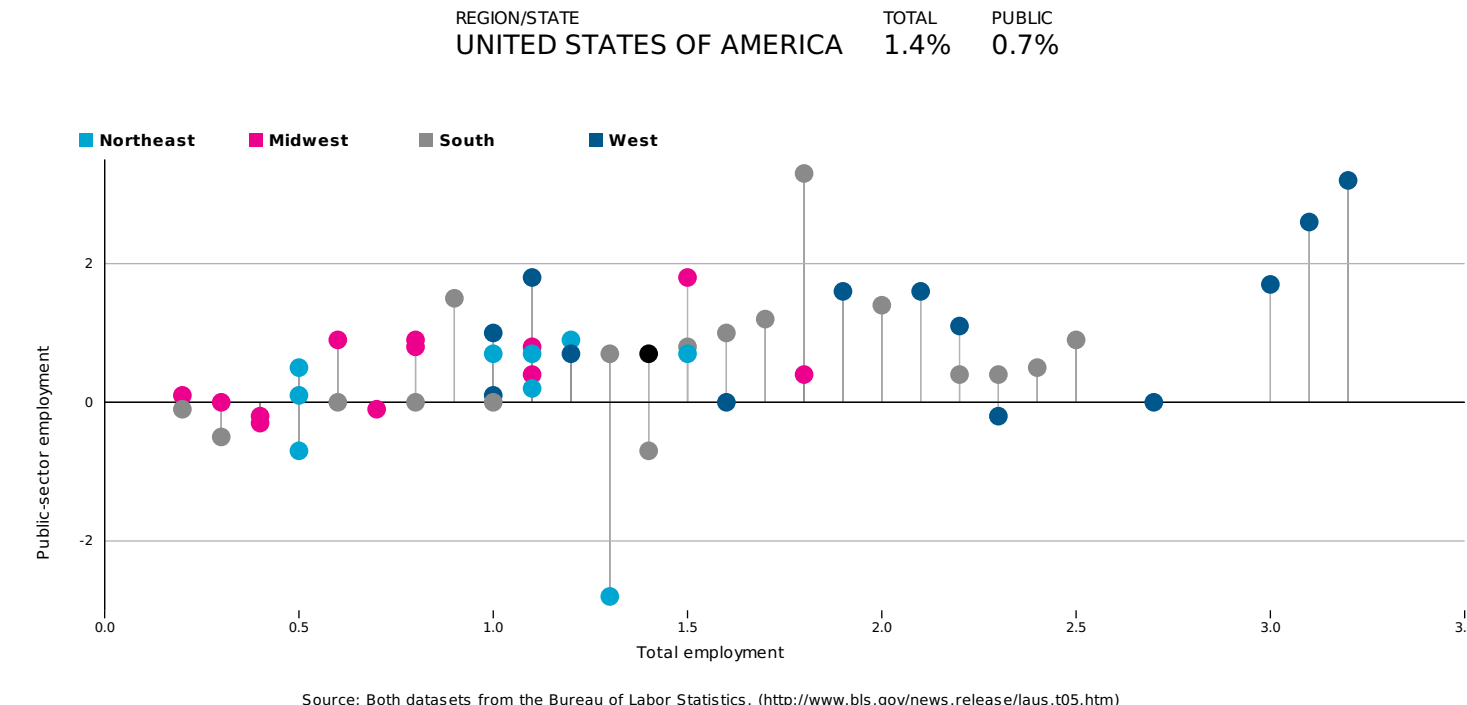


Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.4 percent from September 2018 to September 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Nevada (3.2 percent), Idaho (3.1 percent), Utah (3.0 percent), and Washington (2.7 percent). In total, 12 states saw total employment increase 2.0 percent or more over the year.

No state saw total nonfarm employment decline over the year.

## Total Employment vs. Public Employment

Total public-sector employment increased 0.7 percent from undefined 2018 to undefined 2019, staying well below the 1.4 percent increase in total employment.



Total national public-sector employment (federal, state, and local) increased 0.7 percent from September 2018 to September 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increase was in Delaware (3.3 percent), followed by Nevada (3.2 percent) and Idaho (2.6 percent). In total, 14 states saw public-sector employment increase 1.0 percent or more over the year.

Public-sector employment declined over the year in nine states. The largest year-over-year decline was in New Hampshire (-2.8 percent), followed by Connecticut and Kentucky (both -0.7 percent).

Over the year, public-sector employment remained unchanged in five 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 undefined 2019 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.