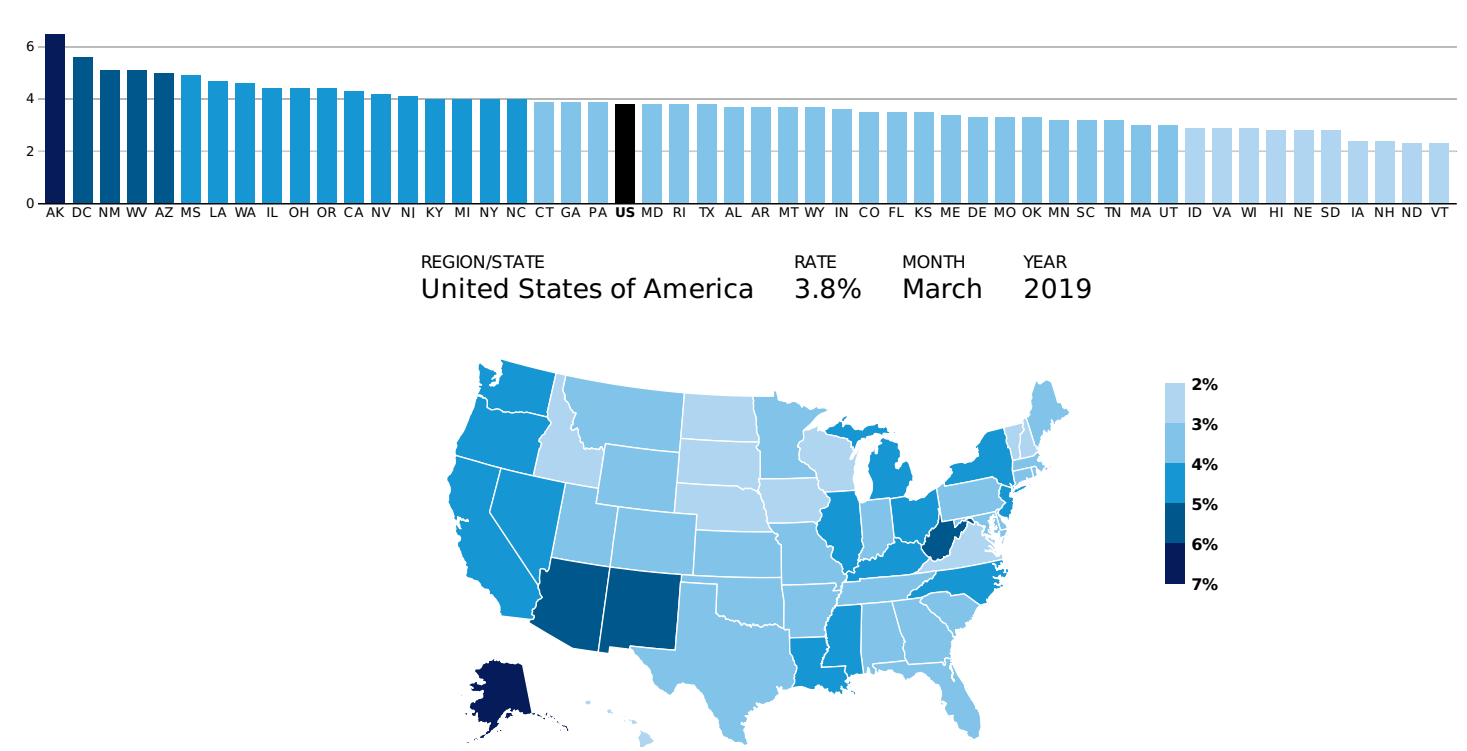


EMPLOYMENT

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 March 2019.



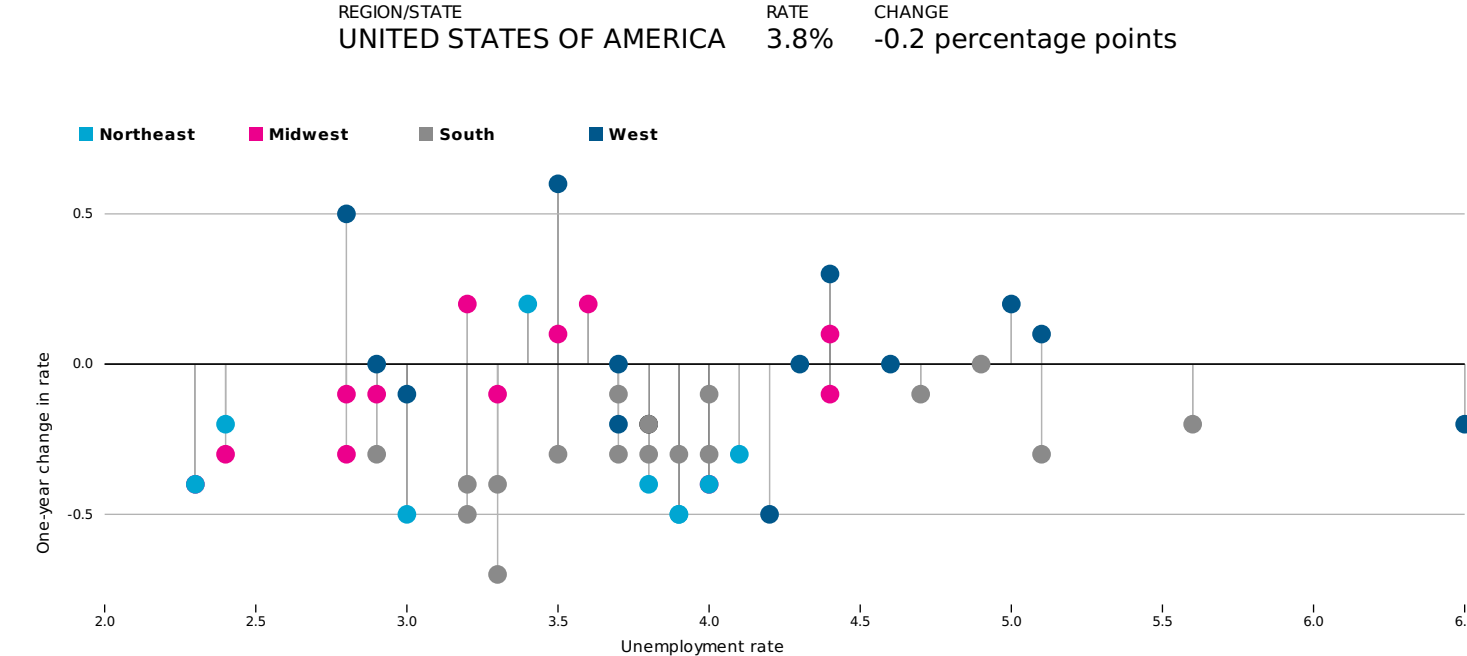
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The national unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in March 2019. Among the states, North Dakota and Vermont had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.3 percent, followed by Iowa and New Hampshire at 2.4 percent. March unemployment rates were also at or below 3.0 percent in eight other states: Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In total, March 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 (5.6 percent), New Mexico and West Virginia (both 5.1 percent), and Arizona (5.0 percent).

Unemployment Rate: Level vs. One-Year Change

The national unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to a value of 3.8 percent between March 2018 and March 2019.



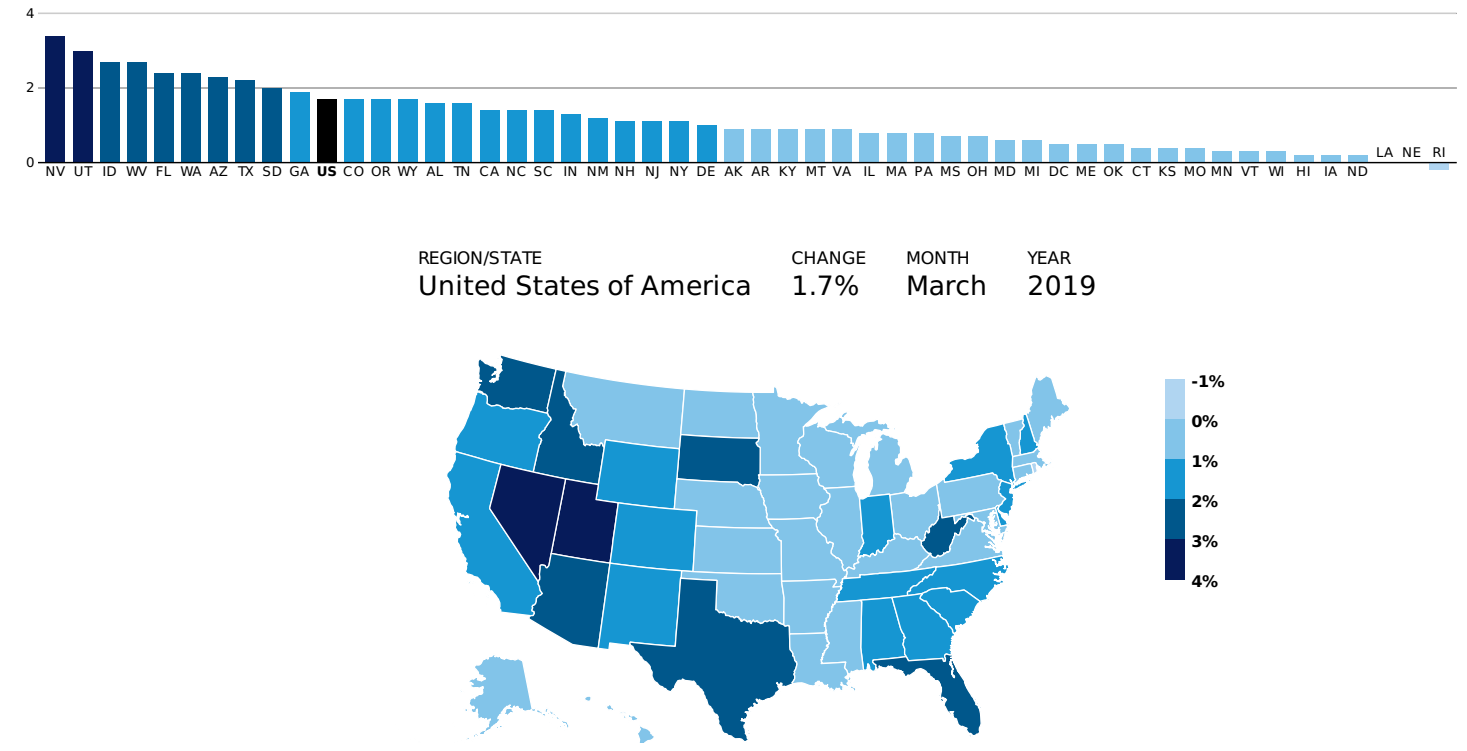
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The national unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points between March 2018 and March 2019. The unemployment rate fell the most over the year in Delaware (-0.7 percentage points), followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina (all -0.5 percentage points).

The unemployment rate increased the most over the year in Colorado (0.6 percentage points), followed by Hawaii (0.5 percentage points), and Oregon (0.3 percentage points). The unemployment rate also increased over the year in seven other states: Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, and New Mexico.

Total Employment (percent change year over year)

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



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

Total national (public and private) nonfarm payroll employment increased 1.7 percent from March 2018 to March 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Nevada (3.4 percent), Utah (3.0 percent), and Idaho and West Virginia (both 2.7 percent). In total, nine states saw total employment increase 2.0 percent or more over the year.

Rhode Island (-0.2 percent) was the only state that saw a decline in total nonfarm employment over the year. Total employment was unchanged over the year in Louisiana and Nebraska.

Total Employment vs. Public Employment

Total public-sector employment increased 0.5 percent from March 2018 to March 2019, staying well below the 1.7 percent increase in total employment.



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

Total national public-sector employment increased 0.5 percent from March 2018 to March 2019. Among the states, the largest year-over-year increases were in Delaware (2.1 percent), Utah (1.9 percent), and Nevada (1.6 percent). In total, public employment increased 1.0 percent or more in 13 states.

Public-sector employment declined over the year in 13 states and the District of Columbia. The largest declines were in Washington (-1.2 percent), New Mexico (-0.9 percent), and New Hampshire and Wisconsin (both -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 March 2019 highlights only changes that are statistically significant.