

States Ranked by December 2017 Unemployment Rate Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
1	Hawaii	2.0
2	New Hampshire	2.6
2	North Dakota	2.6
4	Nebraska	2.7
5	Iowa	2.8
5	Vermont	2.8
7	Idaho	2.9
8	Maine	3.0
8	Wisconsin	3.0
10	Colorado	3.1
10	Minnesota	3.1
10	Utah	3.1
13	Tennessee	3.2
14	Indiana	3.4
14	Kansas	3.4
16	Alabama	3.5
16	Massachusetts	3.5
16	Missouri	3.5

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
16	South Dakota	3.5
20	Arkansas	3.7
20	Florida	3.7
20	Virginia	3.7
23	Texas	3.9
24	Maryland	4.0
25	Montana	4.1
25	Oklahoma	4.1
25	Oregon	4.1
25	South Carolina	4.1
29	Wyoming	4.2
30	California	4.3
31	Georgia	4.4
31	Kentucky	4.4
31	Rhode Island	4.4
34	Arizona	4.5
34	North Carolina	4.5
34	Washington	4.5

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
37	Connecticut	4.6
37	Delaware	4.6
37	Louisiana	4.6
37	Mississippi	4.6
37	New York	4.6
42	Michigan	4.7
42	Ohio	4.7
42	Pennsylvania	4.7
45	Illinois	4.8
46	Nevada	5.0
46	New Jersey	5.0
48	West Virginia	5.5
49	District of Columbia	6.0
49	New Mexico	6.0
51	Alaska	7.3
52	Puerto Rico	10.9

Note: The ten most populous states are shaded. This list includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with State Workforce Agencies, Labor Market Information programs, released January 23, 2018.

States Ranked by Annual Nonagricultural Employment Change

December 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
1	California	342,500
2	Texas	306,900
3	Florida	213,500
4	New York	98,300
5	Georgia	83,200
6	Pennsylvania	78,400
7	North Carolina	75,000
8	Washington	68,500
9	Massachusetts	63,000
10	Michigan	57,100
11	Colorado	53,200
12	Oregon	49,300
13	South Carolina	46,500
14	Nevada	43,800
15	Wisconsin	40,200
16	Ohio	38,500
17	Utah	37,900
18	Minnesota	37,300

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
19	Arizona	35,000
20	Alabama	34,100
21	Maryland	31,400
22	Virginia	30,200
23	Illinois	29,600
24	Tennessee	28,700
25	Iowa	28,300
26	Indiana	27,600
27	New Jersey	22,900
28	Missouri	22,800
29	Kentucky	21,200
30	Oklahoma	20,400
31	Mississippi	17,800
32	Idaho	14,700
33	Arkansas	11,300
34	Nebraska	10,900
35	New Mexico	10,400
36	Montana	8,300

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
37	District of Columbia	8,000
38	Connecticut	7,700
39	Hawaii	7,200
40	Kansas	6,300
41	Rhode Island	6,000
42	Louisiana	5,500
43	New Hampshire	5,300
44	Maine	5,000
45	South Dakota	4,000
46	Vermont	2,500
47	North Dakota	1,800
48	West Virginia	1,300
49	Wyoming	1,100
50	Delaware	-600
51	Alaska	-2,200
52	Virgin Islands	-2,300
53	Puerto Rico	-45,300

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States Ranked by Annual Nonagricultural Employment Percentage Change December 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
1	Nevada	3.3%
2	Oregon	2.7%
3	Utah	2.6%
4	Texas	2.5%
4	Florida	2.5%
6	South Carolina	2.2%
7	Washington	2.1%
7	Idaho	2.1%
7	California	2.1%
10	Colorado	2.0%
11	Georgia	1.9%
12	Iowa	1.8%
12	Montana	1.8%
12	Massachusetts	1.8%
15	Alabama	1.7%
15	North Carolina	1.7%
17	Mississippi	1.6%
18	Wisconsin	1.4%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
19	Pennsylvania	1.3%
19	Michigan	1.3%
19	Arizona	1.3%
19	Minnesota	1.3%
23	New Mexico	1.2%
23	Oklahoma	1.2%
23	Rhode Island	1.2%
26	Maryland	1.1%
26	Hawaii	1.1%
26	Kentucky	1.1%
26	Nebraska	1.1%
30	New York	1.0%
30	District of Columbia	1.0%
30	Tennessee	1.0%
33	South Dakota	0.9%
33	Arkansas	0.9%
33	Indiana	0.9%
36	Maine	0.8%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
36	Vermont	0.8%
36	Missouri	0.8%
36	New Hampshire	0.8%
36	Virginia	0.8%
41	Ohio	0.7%
42	New Jersey	0.6%
43	Illinois	0.5%
43	Connecticut	0.5%
45	Kansas	0.4%
45	North Dakota	0.4%
45	Wyoming	0.4%
48	Louisiana	0.3%
49	West Virginia	0.2%
50	Delaware	-0.1%
51	Alaska	-0.7%
52	Puerto Rico	-5.1%
53	Virgin Islands	-6.0%

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States Ranked by Labor Force Participation Rate

December 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

- The *labor force participation rate* represents the proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population that is in the labor force.

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
1	North Dakota	71.5
2	Minnesota	70.6
3	District of Columbia	70.1
4	Utah	69.6
5	South Dakota	69.2
6	Wisconsin	68.9
7	Nebraska	68.7
7	Colorado	68.7
9	Iowa	68.3
10	Maryland	67.9
11	New Hampshire	67.8
12	Vermont	67.1
13	Kansas	66.7
14	Alaska	66.4
15	Connecticut	66.0
16	Massachusetts	65.3
16	Virginia	65.3

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
18	Wyoming	65.0
19	Idaho	64.4
19	Rhode Island	64.4
19	Illinois	64.4
22	Washington	64.2
23	Oregon	63.7
24	Maine	63.6
24	Indiana	63.6
26	Texas	63.4
26	Georgia	63.4
28	Missouri	63.1
29	Montana	62.9
29	New Jersey	62.9
31	Ohio	62.8
32	Nevada	62.5
33	California	62.4
34	Pennsylvania	62.2

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
35	Hawaii	62.1
35	Delaware	62.1
37	North Carolina	61.5
37	Michigan	61.5
39	Oklahoma	61.3
40	Tennessee	61.0
40	New York	61.0
42	Arizona	60.6
43	Florida	59.3
44	Kentucky	59.2
45	Louisiana	58.7
46	South Carolina	58.6
47	Arkansas	58.3
48	New Mexico	57.9
49	Alabama	56.4
50	Mississippi	55.4
51	West Virginia	53.4

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States Ranked by Employment to Population Ratio

December 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

- The *employment to population ratio* represents the proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population that is employed.

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
1	North Dakota	69.6
2	Minnesota	68.4
3	Utah	67.4
4	Wisconsin	66.9
5	Nebraska	66.8
6	South Dakota	66.7
7	Colorado	66.6
8	Iowa	66.4
9	New Hampshire	66.0
10	District of Columbia	65.8
11	Maryland	65.2
11	Vermont	65.2
13	Kansas	64.5
14	Connecticut	63.0
14	Massachusetts	63.0
16	Virginia	62.9
17	Idaho	62.5

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
18	Wyoming	62.2
19	Maine	61.7
20	Alaska	61.6
21	Rhode Island	61.5
21	Indiana	61.5
23	Illinois	61.3
23	Washington	61.3
25	Oregon	61.0
25	Missouri	61.0
27	Texas	60.9
27	Hawaii	60.9
29	Georgia	60.6
30	Montana	60.4
31	Ohio	59.9
32	New Jersey	59.7
32	California	59.7
34	Nevada	59.3

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
34	Pennsylvania	59.3
36	Delaware	59.2
37	Tennessee	59.0
38	North Carolina	58.8
39	Oklahoma	58.7
40	Michigan	58.6
41	New York	58.1
42	Arizona	57.9
43	Florida	57.1
44	Kentucky	56.6
45	South Carolina	56.2
45	Arkansas	56.2
47	Louisiana	56.0
48	New Mexico	54.5
48	Alabama	54.5
50	Mississippi	52.9
51	West Virginia	50.4

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Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics

Products and Services that Support Economic Development

- Labor supply studies for business recruitment
- Labor cost analysis for business site selection
- Skills-matching analysis for reemployment
- Economic impact analysis for job creation / return on investment
- GIS maps for business recruitment / economic development
- Vacancy / hiring needs surveys for reemployment
- Targeted occupations for reemployment
- Targeted industry profiles for job creation
- Employer listings for business recruitment
- Competitive analysis for prison industry staffing
- Competitive analysis for federal rural business loans
- Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) for foreign investor program
- Labor shed and Census commuting patterns for job creation
- Area job market profiles