

# States Ranked by February 2017 Unemployment Rate Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
1	New Hampshire	2.7
2	Hawaii	2.8
2	South Dakota	2.8
4	Colorado	2.9
4	North Dakota	2.9
6	Vermont	3.0
7	Utah	3.1
8	Iowa	3.2
8	Maine	3.2
8	Nebraska	3.2
11	Massachusetts	3.4
12	Idaho	3.6
13	Arkansas	3.7
13	Wisconsin	3.7
15	Montana	3.8
16	Virginia	3.9
17	Kansas	4.0
17	Minnesota	4.0

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
17	Oregon	4.0
20	Indiana	4.1
20	Missouri	4.1
22	Maryland	4.2
23	New Jersey	4.4
<b>23</b>	<b>New York</b>	4.4
23	South Carolina	4.4
26	Delaware	4.5
26	Rhode Island	4.5
28	Oklahoma	4.6
29	Connecticut	4.7
29	Wyoming	4.7
31	Kentucky	4.9
31	Nevada	4.9
<b>31</b>	<b>Texas</b>	4.9
31	Washington	4.9
<b>35</b>	<b>California</b>	5.0
<b>35</b>	<b>Florida</b>	5.0

Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (%)
<b>35</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>5.0</b>
38	Arizona	5.1
<b>38</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>5.1</b>
41	Mississippi	5.2
41	West Virginia	5.2
<b>43</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	5.3
43	Tennessee	5.3
<b>46</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	5.4
47	District of Columbia	5.7
48	Louisiana	5.8
49	Alabama	6.2
50	Alaska	6.4
51	New Mexico	6.8
52	Puerto Rico	12.0

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 March 24, 2017.

# States Ranked by Annual Nonagricultural Employment Change

## February 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
<b>1</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>315,800</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>248,800</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>222,400</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>135,200</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>114,000</b>
6	Washington	87,900
<b>7</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>82,600</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>76,800</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>74,000</b>
10	New Jersey	73,700
11	Tennessee	66,100
12	Arizona	58,200
13	Maryland	57,800
14	Massachusetts	57,700
15	Missouri	54,000
16	Virginia	53,500
17	Colorado	50,300
<b>18</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>47,000</b>

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
19	Utah	45,900
<b>20</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>45,400</b>
21	Nevada	41,200
22	Oregon	39,900
23	Indiana	39,400
24	Minnesota	36,900
25	South Carolina	32,000
26	Alabama	29,100
27	Wisconsin	28,200
28	Kentucky	26,400
29	Idaho	24,500
30	Arkansas	16,300
31	Nebraska	13,600
32	Montana	11,300
33	New Hampshire	11,100
34	Iowa	10,900
35	New Mexico	5,900
35	Rhode Island	5,900

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
35	South Dakota	5,900
38	Hawaii	5,000
39	District of Columbia	4,200
40	Vermont	3,400
41	Delaware	3,000
41	Louisiana	3,000
43	Maine	2,900
44	Connecticut	2,100
45	Mississippi	800
46	Virgin Islands	500
47	Kansas	-400
48	West Virginia	-2,700
49	North Dakota	-3,000
50	Alaska	-6,700
51	Oklahoma	-7,000
52	Wyoming	-7,200
53	Puerto Rico	-10,600

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

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
1	Idaho	3.6%
2	Utah	3.3%
3	Nevada	3.2%
<b>4</b>	<b>Florida</b>	3.0%
5	Washington	2.7%
<b>6</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	2.6%
7	Montana	2.4%
8	Tennessee	2.2%
8	Oregon	2.2%
8	Arizona	2.2%
11	Maryland	2.1%
12	Colorado	1.9%
<b>12</b>	<b>California</b>	1.9%
<b>12</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	1.9%
12	Missouri	1.9%
<b>12</b>	<b>Texas</b>	1.9%
17	New Jersey	1.8%
<b>17</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	1.8%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
19	New Hampshire	1.7%
20	Massachusetts	1.6%
20	South Carolina	1.6%
22	Alabama	1.5%
<b>23</b>	<b>New York</b>	1.4%
23	Kentucky	1.4%
23	South Dakota	1.4%
23	Virginia	1.4%
27	Nebraska	1.3%
27	Arkansas	1.3%
27	Virgin Islands	1.3%
27	Indiana	1.3%
27	Minnesota	1.3%
<b>27</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	1.3%
33	Rhode Island	1.2%
34	Vermont	1.1%
35	Wisconsin	1.0%
<b>36</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	0.8%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
<b>36</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	0.8%
36	Hawaii	0.8%
39	New Mexico	0.7%
39	Iowa	0.7%
39	Delaware	0.7%
42	District of Columbia	0.5%
42	Maine	0.5%
44	Louisiana	0.2%
45	Connecticut	0.1%
45	Mississippi	0.1%
47	Kansas	0.0%
48	West Virginia	-0.4%
48	Oklahoma	-0.4%
50	North Dakota	-0.7%
51	Puerto Rico	-1.2%
52	Alaska	-2.0%
53	Wyoming	-2.5%

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# States Ranked by Labor Force Participation Rate

## February 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	72.1
2	District of Columbia	70.2
3	Minnesota	69.5
4	Nebraska	69.2
5	South Dakota	69.1
5	Utah	69.1
7	Iowa	69.0
8	New Hampshire	68.8
9	Wisconsin	68.3
10	Maryland	67.6
11	Vermont	67.3
11	Wyoming	67.3
13	Kansas	66.9
14	Colorado	66.8
15	Alaska	66.4
16	Connecticut	66.2
17	Massachusetts	65.3

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
18	Virginia	65.2
19	Missouri	65.1
<b>19</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>65.1</b>
21	Indiana	64.4
22	Rhode Island	64.3
23	Idaho	64.1
<b>24</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>63.8</b>
25	Washington	63.7
26	Maine	63.6
26	New Jersey	63.6
28	Montana	63.5
29	Hawaii	63.4
<b>30</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>63.0</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>62.8</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>62.6</b>
33	Oregon	62.4
34	Delaware	62.1

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
<b>34</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>62.1</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>62.1</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>62.0</b>
38	Nevada	61.9
39	Oklahoma	61.2
40	Tennessee	60.9
41	Arizona	60.8
<b>42</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>60.3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>59.8</b>
44	South Carolina	59.2
45	Kentucky	58.9
46	Louisiana	58.6
47	New Mexico	57.8
48	Arkansas	57.7
49	Alabama	57.6
50	Mississippi	56.7
51	West Virginia	53.2

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# States Ranked by Employment to Population Ratio

## February 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	70.0
2	South Dakota	67.1
3	Nebraska	67.0
3	Utah	67.0
5	New Hampshire	66.9
6	Iowa	66.8
7	Minnesota	66.7
8	District of Columbia	66.2
9	Wisconsin	65.8
10	Vermont	65.3
11	Colorado	64.9
12	Maryland	64.8
13	Kansas	64.2
14	Wyoming	64.1
15	Massachusetts	63.1
16	Connecticut	63.0
17	Virginia	62.7

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
18	Missouri	62.4
19	Alaska	62.1
20	Idaho	61.8
21	Indiana	61.7
21	Hawaii	61.7
<b>23</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>61.6</b>
23	Maine	61.6
25	Rhode Island	61.4
26	Montana	61.0
27	New Jersey	60.8
<b>28</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>60.7</b>
29	Washington	60.6
30	Oregon	59.9
<b>31</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>59.7</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>59.7</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>59.4</b>
34	Delaware	59.3

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
<b>35</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>59.0</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>59.0</b>
37	Nevada	58.8
<b>38</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>58.7</b>
39	Oklahoma	58.3
40	Arizona	57.7
41	Tennessee	57.6
<b>41</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>57.6</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>56.9</b>
44	South Carolina	56.6
45	Kentucky	56.0
46	Arkansas	55.5
47	Louisiana	55.2
48	Alabama	54.0
49	New Mexico	53.9
50	Mississippi	53.7
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