

States Ranked by Annual Nonagricultural Employment Change

October 2017, Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
1	Texas	316,100
2	California	256,800
3	Florida	197,500
4	New York	102,600
5	Georgia	87,800
6	North Carolina	75,200
7	Massachusetts	69,000
8	Washington	68,500
9	Pennsylvania	65,800
10	Ohio	59,400
11	Maryland	54,400
12	Oregon	46,300
13	Michigan	45,100
14	Minnesota	42,600
15	South Carolina	42,500
16	Wisconsin	42,400
17	Utah	39,000
18	Colorado	37,800

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
19	Nevada	36,600
20	Tennessee	34,800
21	Virginia	33,700
22	Arizona	31,500
23	Missouri	30,700
24	New Jersey	30,000
25	Indiana	29,400
26	Alabama	29,200
27	Kentucky	28,600
28	Arkansas	23,500
29	Oklahoma	20,200
30	Illinois	17,800
31	Idaho	16,700
32	Iowa	13,500
33	New Mexico	13,200
34	Nebraska	9,800
35	Louisiana	8,600
36	District of Columbia	7,400

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (Jobs)
37	Hawaii	7,100
38	Mississippi	6,500
39	New Hampshire	6,300
40	Montana	5,800
41	Maine	5,200
42	Rhode Island	4,600
43	Vermont	3,200
43	Delaware	3,200
43	West Virginia	3,200
46	North Dakota	2,600
47	Connecticut	1,400
48	South Dakota	600
49	Alaska	300
50	Wyoming	-1,400
51	Kansas	-5,200
–	Puerto Rico*	–
–	Virgin Islands*	–

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

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

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
1	Nevada	2.8%
2	Utah	2.7%
3	Texas	2.6%
4	Oregon	2.5%
5	Idaho	2.4%
6	Florida	2.3%
7	Washington	2.1%
7	South Carolina	2.1%
9	Maryland	2.0%
9	Georgia	2.0%
11	Massachusetts	1.9%
11	Arkansas	1.9%
13	North Carolina	1.7%
14	New Mexico	1.6%
15	California	1.5%
15	Kentucky	1.5%
15	Alabama	1.5%
15	Minnesota	1.5%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
19	Wisconsin	1.4%
19	Colorado	1.4%
21	Montana	1.2%
21	Oklahoma	1.2%
21	Tennessee	1.2%
21	Arizona	1.2%
25	Pennsylvania	1.1%
25	Hawaii	1.1%
25	New York	1.1%
25	Ohio	1.1%
25	Missouri	1.1%
30	Michigan	1.0%
30	Vermont	1.0%
30	Nebraska	1.0%
33	Indiana	0.9%
33	District of Columbia	0.9%
33	Rhode Island	0.9%
33	New Hampshire	0.9%

Rank	State	Over-the-Year Change (%)
33	Iowa	0.9%
33	Virginia	0.9%
39	Maine	0.8%
40	New Jersey	0.7%
40	Delaware	0.7%
42	North Dakota	0.6%
42	Mississippi	0.6%
44	Louisiana	0.4%
44	West Virginia	0.4%
46	Illinois	0.3%
47	South Dakota	0.1%
47	Alaska	0.1%
47	Connecticut	0.1%
50	Kansas	-0.4%
51	Wyoming	-0.5%
–	Puerto Rico*	–
–	Virgin Islands*	–

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States Ranked by Labor Force Participation Rate

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- 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	71.9
2	Minnesota	70.5
3	District of Columbia	70.2
4	Utah	69.6
5	South Dakota	69.1
6	Nebraska	68.8
6	Wisconsin	68.8
8	Iowa	68.4
8	Maryland	68.4
10	Colorado	68.3
11	New Hampshire	68.2
12	Vermont	67.0
12	Kansas	67.0
14	Alaska	66.5
15	Connecticut	66.2
16	Virginia	65.8
17	Massachusetts	65.5

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
18	Wyoming	65.2
19	Rhode Island	64.4
19	Washington	64.4
21	Indiana	64.2
22	Maine	64.0
22	Illinois	64.0
24	Missouri	63.7
25	Oregon	63.6
26	Idaho	63.5
27	Georgia	63.4
27	New Jersey	63.4
29	Montana	63.0
29	Texas	63.0
31	Ohio	62.7
32	Hawaii	62.6
33	Delaware	62.5
34	California	62.4

Rank	State	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)
35	Pennsylvania	62.3
36	Nevada	61.9
37	North Carolina	61.6
38	Michigan	61.2
38	New York	61.2
40	Oklahoma	60.9
41	Tennessee	60.6
42	Arizona	60.4
43	Florida	59.4
44	Kentucky	59.2
45	Arkansas	59.1
46	South Carolina	58.8
47	Louisiana	57.9
48	New Mexico	57.7
49	Alabama	56.2
50	Mississippi	55.4
51	West Virginia	53.1

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States Ranked by Employment to Population Ratio

October 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	70.1
2	Minnesota	68.1
3	Utah	67.3
4	Nebraska	66.9
5	South Dakota	66.7
6	Wisconsin	66.4
6	Iowa	66.4
6	Colorado	66.4
9	New Hampshire	66.3
10	Maryland	65.8
11	District of Columbia	65.5
12	Vermont	65.0
13	Kansas	64.6
14	Virginia	63.4
15	Connecticut	63.2
16	Massachusetts	63.1
17	Wyoming	62.5

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
18	Maine	61.8
19	Alaska	61.7
19	Rhode Island	61.7
19	Indiana	61.7
19	Idaho	61.7
23	Washington	61.5
23	Missouri	61.5
25	Hawaii	61.2
26	Oregon	60.9
27	Illinois	60.8
28	Georgia	60.7
29	Texas	60.6
30	Montana	60.5
31	New Jersey	60.3
32	Delaware	59.6
33	Ohio	59.5
34	California	59.4

Rank	State	Employment to Population Ratio (%)
34	Pennsylvania	59.4
36	North Carolina	59.1
37	Nevada	58.8
37	Tennessee	58.8
39	Michigan	58.5
40	Oklahoma	58.3
41	New York	58.2
42	Arizona	57.7
43	Florida	57.3
44	Arkansas	57.0
45	South Carolina	56.5
46	Kentucky	56.3
47	Louisiana	55.1
48	Alabama	54.2
49	New Mexico	54.1
50	Mississippi	52.7
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