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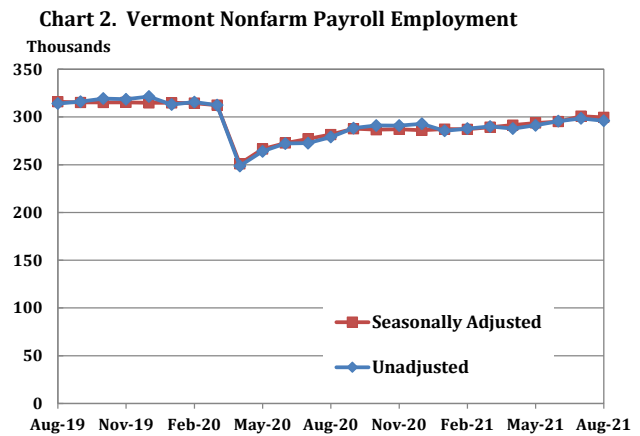
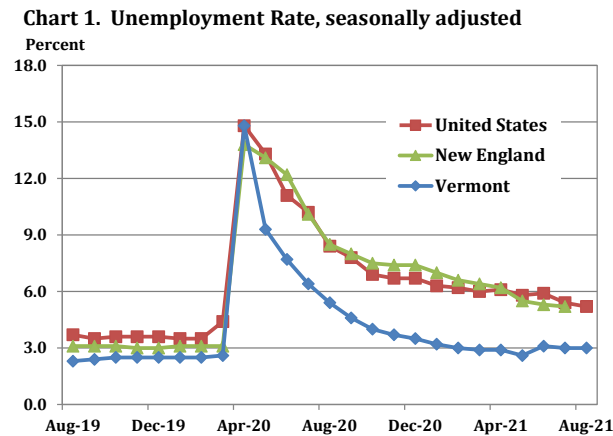
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## Vermont’s Unemployment Rate Holds at 3.0 Percent in August

Today, the Vermont Department of Labor released data on the Vermont economy for the time period covering August 2021. According to household data, the seasonally-adjusted statewide unemployment rate for August was 3.0 percent. This reflects no change from the prior month’s revised estimate.

### Commissioner’s Message

“Recently, expanded federal unemployment benefit programs that were put in place to mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19 came to an end here in Vermont and across the country. While these programs have expired, our Department is still operating the State’s traditional unemployment insurance benefits program, as well as offering a full suite of re-employment services. We know these efforts will play a key role as Vermonters navigate the new economic landscape. Understanding your options related to employment and training is crucial when making a decision about the next step on your career path. If you are unsure of where to start, please reach out and connect with one of our local career specialists to learn more about free job seeker resources. Additionally, be sure to check out [VermontJobLink.com](http://VermontJobLink.com) to search for available jobs in Vermont. Employers can also use Vermont Job Link to post their open positions. More information can be found online at [Labor.vermont.gov/jobs](http://Labor.vermont.gov/jobs) or by calling 833-719-1051.” - Michael Harrington, Commissioner



### *State of Vermont Overview*

The Vermont seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.0 percent in August. The comparable United States rate in August was 5.2 percent, which was a decrease of two-tenths of one percentage point from the revised July estimate. The seasonally-adjusted Vermont data for August show the Vermont civilian labor force increased by 1,286 from the prior month's revised estimate (see Table 1). The number of employed persons increased by 1,247 and the number of unemployed persons increased by 39. The changes to the labor force and the number of employed persons were statistically significant in the seasonally-adjusted series.

The August unemployment rates for Vermont's 17 labor market areas ranged from 2.3 percent in White River Junction to 4.3 percent in Bennington (note: local labor market area unemployment rates are not seasonally-adjusted – see Table 2). For comparison, the August unadjusted unemployment rate for Vermont was 3.0 percent, which was a decrease of two-tenths of one percentage point from the revised unadjusted July level and a decrease of two percentage points from a year ago.

### *Analysis of Job Changes by Industry*

#### **Seasonally-Adjusted** (Table 3)

The seasonally-adjusted data for August reports a decrease of 1,300 jobs from the revised July data. There was a decrease of 1,000 jobs between the preliminary and the revised July estimates due to the inclusion of more data. The seasonally-adjusted over-the-month changes in August varied at the industry level. Those with a notable increase include: Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+400 jobs or +10.3%), Wholesale Trade (+100 jobs or +1.2%) and Accommodation & Food Services (+300 or +1.1%). Industries with a notable decrease include: Non-Durable Manufacturing (-400 jobs or -3.4%), Real Estate, Rental & Leasing (-100 jobs or -3.4%) and Other Services (-300 or -2.8%).

#### **Not-Seasonally-Adjusted** (Table 4)

The preliminary 'not-seasonally-adjusted' jobs estimates for August shows a decrease of 2,500 jobs when compared to the revised July numbers. As with the 'seasonally-adjusted' data, this over-the-month change is from the revised July numbers which experienced a decrease of 300 jobs from the preliminary estimates. The broader economic picture can be seen by focusing on the over-the-year changes in this data series. As detailed in the preliminary 'not-seasonally-adjusted' August data, Total Private industries have increased by 18,200 jobs (+7.9%) and Government (including public education) employment has decreased by 1,200 jobs (-2.5%) in the past year.

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**The Unemployment and Jobs Report for September is scheduled to be released on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**



**Table 1. Vermont Labor Force Estimates, seasonally adjusted**

|                       | August<br>2021 | July<br>2021 | August<br>2020 | Change From: |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                       |                |              |                | July<br>2021 | August<br>2020 |
| Civilian Labor Force  | 317,435        | 316,149      | 322,293        | 1,286        | -4,858         |
| Employed              | 307,771        | 306,524      | 305,041        | 1,247        | 2,730          |
| Unemployed            | 9,664          | 9,625        | 17,252         | 39           | -7,588         |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.0            | 3.0          | 5.4            | 0.0          | -2.4           |

Vermont's labor force, employment and unemployment statistics are produced from a combination of a Statewide survey of households and statistical modeling. The data are produced by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), a cooperative program with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov/lau](http://www.bls.gov/lau)) and the Vermont Department of Labor ([www.vtmi.info/laus.cfm](http://www.vtmi.info/laus.cfm)).

**Table 2. Vermont Labor Market Areas, Labor Force Estimates**  
 not seasonally adjusted

| Labor Market Area <sup>1</sup> | Civilian Labor<br>Force | August 2021 |            | Unemployment Rate <sup>2</sup> (%) |        |        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                |                         | Employed    | Unemployed | Aug-21                             | Jul-21 | Aug-20 |
| Vermont Total                  | 322,573                 | 313,030     | 9,543      | 3.0                                | 3.2    | 5.0    |
| Barre-Montpelier               | 24,545                  | 23,923      | 622        | 2.5                                | 2.8    | 4.3    |
| Bennington                     | 9,925                   | 9,497       | 428        | 4.3                                | 4.4    | 5.9    |
| Brattleboro                    | 18,937                  | 18,214      | 723        | 3.8                                | 4.1    | 6.1    |
| Burlington-South Burlington    | 117,859                 | 114,728     | 3,131      | 2.7                                | 2.8    | 4.6    |
| Derby                          | 11,650                  | 11,174      | 476        | 4.1                                | 4.2    | 6.3    |
| Highgate                       | 9,546                   | 9,243       | 303        | 3.2                                | 3.3    | 5.0    |
| Manchester                     | 10,183                  | 9,839       | 344        | 3.4                                | 3.6    | 5.9    |
| Middlebury                     | 18,717                  | 18,248      | 469        | 2.5                                | 2.6    | 4.9    |
| Morristown-Waterbury           | 16,515                  | 15,978      | 537        | 3.3                                | 3.5    | 5.9    |
| Newbury                        | 2,697                   | 2,620       | 77         | 2.9                                | 3.0    | 3.6    |
| Northfield-Waitsfield          | 6,267                   | 6,096       | 171        | 2.7                                | 3.0    | 3.7    |
| Randolph                       | 6,930                   | 6,754       | 176        | 2.5                                | 2.8    | 5.0    |
| Rutland                        | 19,483                  | 18,786      | 697        | 3.6                                | 4.0    | 5.9    |
| Springfield                    | 10,117                  | 9,810       | 307        | 3.0                                | 3.4    | 5.8    |
| St. Johnsbury                  | 13,458                  | 13,036      | 422        | 3.1                                | 3.1    | 5.0    |
| White River Junction           | 19,416                  | 18,971      | 445        | 2.3                                | 2.5    | 3.8    |
| Woodstock                      | 3,383                   | 3,252       | 131        | 3.9                                | 4.2    | 8.3    |

<sup>1</sup>The area names above are common language titles; for official names of areas including encompassing cities and towns please refer to the Vermont Labor Market Area map (<http://www.vtmi.info/lmadef2015.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup>Rate is an estimate for number of unemployed divided by total labor force, expressed as a percent.

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**Table 3. Vermont Nonfarm Payroll Employment, seasonally adjusted (thousands)**

| NAICS Industry                                | Aug-21       | Jul-21       | Aug-20       | Change From: |             | % Change From: |            |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
|   | Prelim       | Revised      | Revised      | Jul-21       | Aug-20      | Jul-21         | Aug-20     |
| <b>Statewide, Total Nonfarm</b>               | <b>299.6</b> | <b>300.9</b> | <b>281.7</b> | <b>-1.3</b>  | <b>17.9</b> | <b>-0.4</b>    | <b>6.4</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                          | <b>245.7</b> | <b>246.7</b> | <b>228.7</b> | <b>-1.0</b>  | <b>17.0</b> | <b>-0.4</b>    | <b>7.4</b> |
| Mining, Logging and Construction              | 14.6         | 14.7         | 15.0         | -0.1         | -0.4        | -0.7           | -2.7       |
| Mining & Logging                              | 0.8          | 0.8          | 0.7          | 0.0          | 0.1         | 0.0            | 14.3       |
| Construction                                  | 13.8         | 13.9         | 14.3         | -0.1         | -0.5        | -0.7           | -3.5       |
| Manufacturing                                 | 30.0         | 30.4         | 27.8         | -0.4         | 2.2         | -1.3           | 7.9        |
| Durable Goods                                 | 18.6         | 18.6         | 17.0         | 0.0          | 1.6         | 0.0            | 9.4        |
| Non-Durable Goods                             | 11.4         | 11.8         | 10.8         | -0.4         | 0.6         | -3.4           | 5.6        |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities           | 50.4         | 50.0         | 49.9         | 0.4          | 0.5         | 0.8            | 1.0        |
| Wholesale Trade                               | 8.4          | 8.3          | 8.7          | 0.1          | -0.3        | 1.2            | -3.4       |
| Retail Trade                                  | 34.0         | 33.7         | 33.5         | 0.3          | 0.5         | 0.9            | 1.5        |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities               | 8.0          | 8.0          | 7.7          | 0.0          | 0.3         | 0.0            | 3.9        |
| Information                                   | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 0.0          | 0.0         | 0.0            | 0.0        |
| Financial Activities                          | 12.0         | 12.1         | 11.8         | -0.1         | 0.2         | -0.8           | 1.7        |
| Finance & Insurance                           | 9.2          | 9.2          | 9.0          | 0.0          | 0.2         | 0.0            | 2.2        |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing                 | 2.8          | 2.9          | 2.8          | -0.1         | 0.0         | -3.4           | 0.0        |
| Professional and Business Services            | 29.8         | 30.7         | 27.8         | -0.9         | 2.0         | -2.9           | 7.2        |
| Professional & Technical Services             | 15.8         | 16.0         | 14.8         | -0.2         | 1.0         | -1.3           | 6.8        |
| Administrative & Waste Services               | 12.1         | 12.3         | 10.9         | -0.2         | 1.2         | -1.6           | 11.0       |
| Education and Health Services                 | 63.2         | 63.5         | 59.4         | -0.3         | 3.8         | -0.5           | 6.4        |
| Private Educational Services                  | 13.4         | 13.3         | 10.7         | 0.1          | 2.7         | 0.8            | 25.2       |
| Health Care & Social Assistance               | 49.8         | 50.2         | 48.7         | -0.4         | 1.1         | -0.8           | 2.3        |
| Leisure and Hospitality                       | 31.5         | 30.8         | 23.9         | 0.7          | 7.6         | 2.3            | 31.8       |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation              | 4.3          | 3.9          | 2.7          | 0.4          | 1.6         | 10.3           | 59.3       |
| Accommodation & Food Services                 | 27.2         | 26.9         | 21.2         | 0.3          | 6.0         | 1.1            | 28.3       |
| Other Services                                | 10.3         | 10.6         | 9.2          | -0.3         | 1.1         | -2.8           | 12.0       |
| <b>Government</b>                             | <b>53.9</b>  | <b>54.2</b>  | <b>53.0</b>  | <b>-0.3</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>-0.6</b>    | <b>1.7</b> |
| Federal                                       | 6.9          | 7.0          | 8.0          | -0.1         | -1.1        | -1.4           | -13.8      |
| State   | 17.3         | 17.7         | 17.8         | -0.4         | -0.5        | -2.3           | -2.8       |
| Local   | 29.7         | 29.5         | 27.2         | 0.2          | 2.5         | 0.7            | 9.2        |
| <b>Burlington-S. Burlington Metro (NECTA)</b> | <b>118.7</b> | <b>119.5</b> | <b>114.0</b> | <b>-0.8</b>  | <b>4.7</b>  | <b>-0.7</b>    | <b>4.1</b> |
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>                          | <b>118.7</b> | <b>119.5</b> | <b>114.0</b> | <b>-0.8</b>  | <b>4.7</b>  | <b>-0.7</b>    | <b>4.1</b> |

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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
|   | Prelim         | Revised        | Revised        | Jul-21        | Aug-20        | Jul-21         | Aug-20      |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>                    | <b>296,100</b> | <b>298,600</b> | <b>279,100</b> | <b>-2,500</b> | <b>17,000</b> | <b>-0.8</b>    | <b>6.1</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                    | <b>248,900</b> | <b>250,300</b> | <b>230,700</b> | <b>-1,400</b> | <b>18,200</b> | <b>-0.6</b>    | <b>7.9</b>  |
| <b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>                  | <b>46,500</b>  | <b>47,100</b>  | <b>44,300</b>  | <b>-600</b>   | <b>2,200</b>  | <b>-1.3</b>    | <b>5.0</b>  |
| MINING, LOGGING AND CONSTRUCTION        | 16,400         | 16,700         | 16,400         | -300          | 0             | -1.8           | 0.0         |
| Mining & Logging                        | 900            | 900            | 800            | 0             | 100           | 0.0            | 12.5        |
| Construction                            | 15,500         | 15,800         | 15,600         | -300          | -100          | -1.9           | -0.6        |
| MANUFACTURING                           | 30,100         | 30,400         | 27,900         | -300          | 2,200         | -1.0           | 7.9         |
| Durable Goods                           | 18,700         | 18,600         | 17,000         | 100           | 1,700         | 0.5            | 10.0        |
| Non-Durable Goods                       | 11,400         | 11,800         | 10,900         | -400          | 500           | -3.4           | 4.6         |
| Food Mfg.                               | 5,400          | 5,500          | 5,300          | -100          | 100           | -1.8           | 1.9         |
| <b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>                | <b>249,600</b> | <b>251,500</b> | <b>234,800</b> | <b>-1,900</b> | <b>14,800</b> | <b>-0.8</b>    | <b>6.3</b>  |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES     | 50,600         | 50,800         | 49,800         | -200          | 800           | -0.4           | 1.6         |
| Wholesale Trade                         | 8,500          | 8,300          | 8,700          | 200           | -200          | 2.4            | -2.3        |
| Retail Trade                            | 34,200         | 34,400         | 33,800         | -200          | 400           | -0.6           | 1.2         |
| Food & Beverage Stores                  | 9,300          | 9,400          | 9,400          | -100          | -100          | -1.1           | -1.1        |
| General Merchandise Stores              | 3,000          | 3,000          | 3,000          | 0             | 0             | 0.0            | 0.0         |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 7,900          | 8,100          | 7,300          | -200          | 600           | -2.5           | 8.2         |
| Transportation & Warehousing            | 6,800          | 7,000          | 6,100          | -200          | 700           | -2.9           | 11.5        |
| Utilities                               | 1,100          | 1,100          | 1,200          | 0             | -100          | 0.0            | -8.3        |
| INFORMATION                             | 3,900          | 3,900          | 3,900          | 0             | 0             | 0.0            | 0.0         |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES                    | 12,200         | 12,200         | 12,000         | 0             | 200           | 0.0            | 1.7         |
| Finance & Insurance                     | 9,200          | 9,200          | 9,100          | 0             | 100           | 0.0            | 1.1         |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing           | 3,000          | 3,000          | 2,900          | 0             | 100           | 0.0            | 3.4         |
| PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES      | 30,700         | 31,200         | 28,800         | -500          | 1,900         | -1.6           | 6.6         |
| Professional & Technical Services       | 16,000         | 16,300         | 14,900         | -300          | 1,100         | -1.8           | 7.4         |
| Administrative & Waste Services         | 12,800         | 12,800         | 11,800         | 0             | 1,000         | 0.0            | 8.5         |
| EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES           | 60,700         | 61,100         | 57,100         | -400          | 3,600         | -0.7           | 6.3         |
| Educational Services                    | 10,800         | 10,600         | 8,400          | 200           | 2,400         | 1.9            | 28.6        |
| Colleges and Universities               | 7,100          | 6,700          | 4,300          | 400           | 2,800         | 6.0            | 65.1        |
| Health Care & Social Assistance         | 49,900         | 50,500         | 48,700         | -600          | 1,200         | -1.2           | 2.5         |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services         | 16,400         | 16,700         | 16,400         | -300          | 0             | -1.8           | 0.0         |
| Hospitals                               | 13,700         | 13,700         | 13,800         | 0             | -100          | 0.0            | -0.7        |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities   | 7,100          | 7,200          | 7,100          | -100          | 0             | -1.4           | 0.0         |
| Social Assistance                       | 12,700         | 12,900         | 11,400         | -200          | 1,300         | -1.6           | 11.4        |
| LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY                 | 33,700         | 33,200         | 25,400         | 500           | 8,300         | 1.5            | 32.7        |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation        | 5,000          | 4,700          | 3,500          | 300           | 1,500         | 6.4            | 42.9        |
| Accommodation & Food Services           | 28,700         | 28,500         | 21,900         | 200           | 6,800         | 0.7            | 31.1        |
| Accommodation                           | 10,800         | 10,300         | 6,300          | 500           | 4,500         | 4.9            | 71.4        |
| Hotels & Motels                         | 8,500          | 8,300          | 5,300          | 200           | 3,200         | 2.4            | 60.4        |
| Food Services & Drinking Places         | 17,900         | 18,200         | 15,600         | -300          | 2,300         | -1.6           | 14.7        |
| OTHER SERVICES                          | 10,600         | 10,800         | 9,400          | -200          | 1,200         | -1.9           | 12.8        |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                       | <b>47,200</b>  | <b>48,300</b>  | <b>48,400</b>  | <b>-1,100</b> | <b>-1,200</b> | <b>-2.3</b>    | <b>-2.5</b> |
| Federal Government                      | 6,900          | 7,000          | 8,000          | -100          | -1,100        | -1.4           | -13.8       |
| State Government Education              | 6,300          | 7,100          | 6,700          | -800          | -400          | -11.3          | -6.0        |
| Other State Government                  | 9,300          | 9,300          | 9,500          | 0             | -200          | 0.0            | -2.1        |
| Local Government Education              | 16,300         | 16,600         | 16,300         | -300          | 0             | -1.8           | 0.0         |
| Other Local Government                  | 8,400          | 8,300          | 7,900          | 100           | 500           | 1.2            | 6.3         |

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