

## COVID-19 has cost Vermonters their livelihoods

Almost 55,000 Vermonters were unemployed in April, and the state's jobless rate rose to 15.6 percent. The unemployment rate increase since January was the third highest in the country. This is the official rate, which counts people without a job who are actively seeking work. Since the beginning of March, almost 95,000 Vermonters have filed initial claims for unemployment

LATEST BLS DATA - MAY 22, 2020			
	APR 2020	MAR 2020	APR 2019
Labor Force	349,761	340,607	343,481
Employment	295,271	330,084	335,445
Unemployment	54,490	10,523	8,036
Unemployment Rate	15.6%	3.1%	2.3%

compensation.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Jobs gone

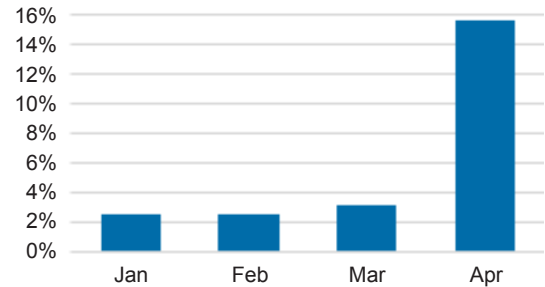
The number of Vermont jobs reported in the monthly survey of employers dropped below 250,000 in April, to its lowest level since 1992. More than 60,000 jobs were lost in April; they're down 65,000 since January. The service sector was the hardest hit, accounting for four in five lost jobs. The number of payroll jobs is different from the number of people employed. One person can have more than one job, and the count of people employed includes those who are self-employed.

### Income down

More than half of Vermont adults reported losing income or living in a household that lost income since mid-March. That was one of the early findings of two new weekly [U.S. Census surveys](#) tracking the effects of the pandemic. The surveys were first conducted April 23 to May 5 and will continue through July.

### Vermont unemployment soared to 15.6 percent

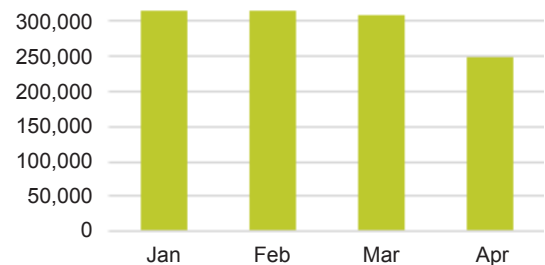
Monthly unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, Jan - Apr 2020



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### Vermont has dropped 65,000 jobs during the pandemic

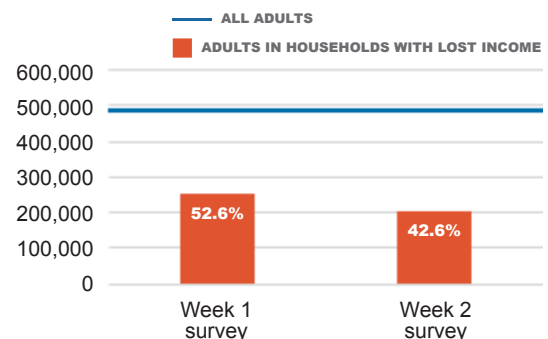
Monthly nonfarm payroll jobs, seasonally adjusted, Jan - Apr 2020



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### 200,000 Vermont adults have lost income

Share of adults in households that lost employment income after March 13, 2020



Data source: U.S. Census, Household Pulse Survey  
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