

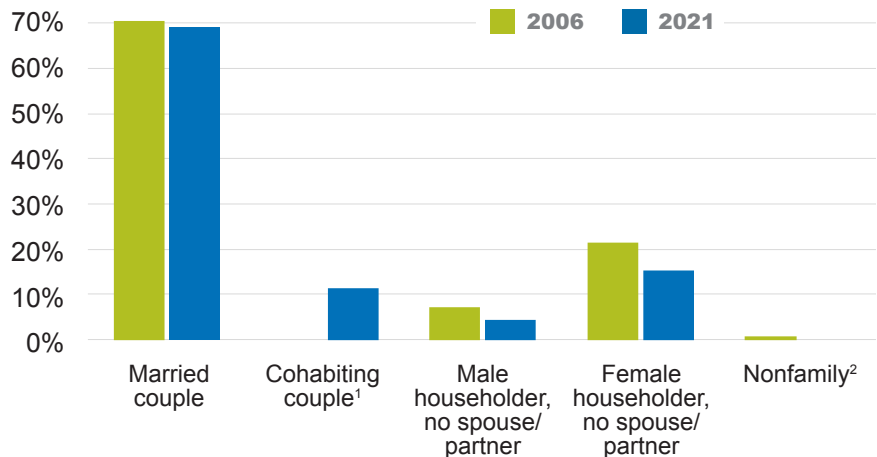
## Vermont jobs increase, the number of kids falls

The number of children in Vermont dropped by almost 1 percent a year between 2006 and 2021. According to the latest Census data, more than 133,000 children under 18 lived in the state in 2006, compared with just over 116,000 in 2021. Of those, 69 percent were living in married-couple households, a similar share to 15 years earlier. At the same time, the share of children in single-parent households dropped. How can this be? A category recently created for unmarried couples helps explain the difference. Prior to 2019

single-parent households were described as “no spouse present.” Now the category is male or female householder with “no spouse/partner present.” As newly defined, single-parent families decreased. But about 11 percent of Vermont children were counted as living in households of cohabiting couples, a group not tracked before 2019.

### Fewer children but familiar living arrangements

Vermont children under 18, by household type, 2006 and 2021



Data source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 1-yr. estimates, 2006, 2021  
<sup>1</sup>Household type not used in 2006; <sup>2</sup>Household type not used in 2021.  
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## THIS MONTH

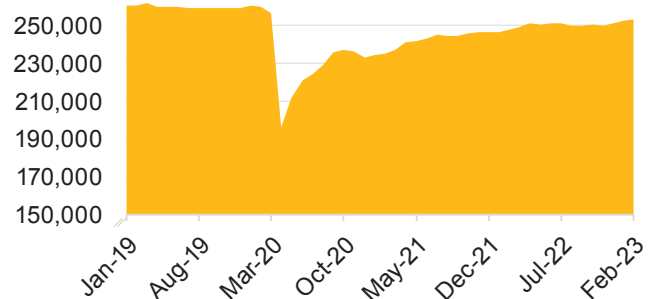
Private employers added 1,000 jobs in February, pushing private sector employment to its highest level since the pandemic. Vermont had 253,300 private sector jobs last month—just under 9,000 to go before employers are back to the peak achieved before Covid-19 struck.

LATEST BLS DATA - MARCH 24, 2023			
	FEB 2023	JAN 2023	FEB 2022
Labor Force	345,427	344,527	340,337
Employment	335,593	334,424	332,023
Unemployment	9,834	10,103	8,314
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Jobs continue to recover

Nonfarm private sector jobs, seasonally adjusted, 2019-2023



Data source: Vermont Department of Labor  
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