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Labor Market Statistics

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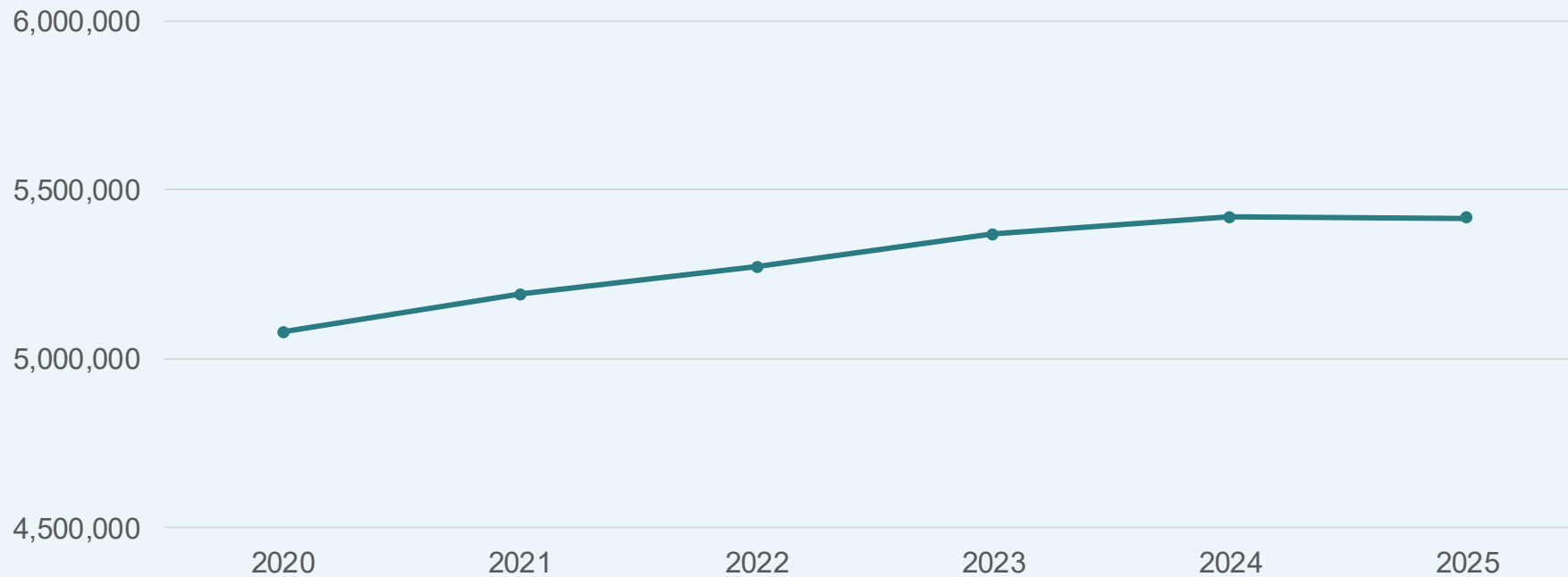


ECONOMIC TRENDS

- ▶ Civilian Labor Force
- ▶ Unemployment Rate
- ▶ Labor Force Participation Rate
- ▶ Non-agricultural Employment (Job Numbers)

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

GEORGIA | ANNUAL 2020–2025

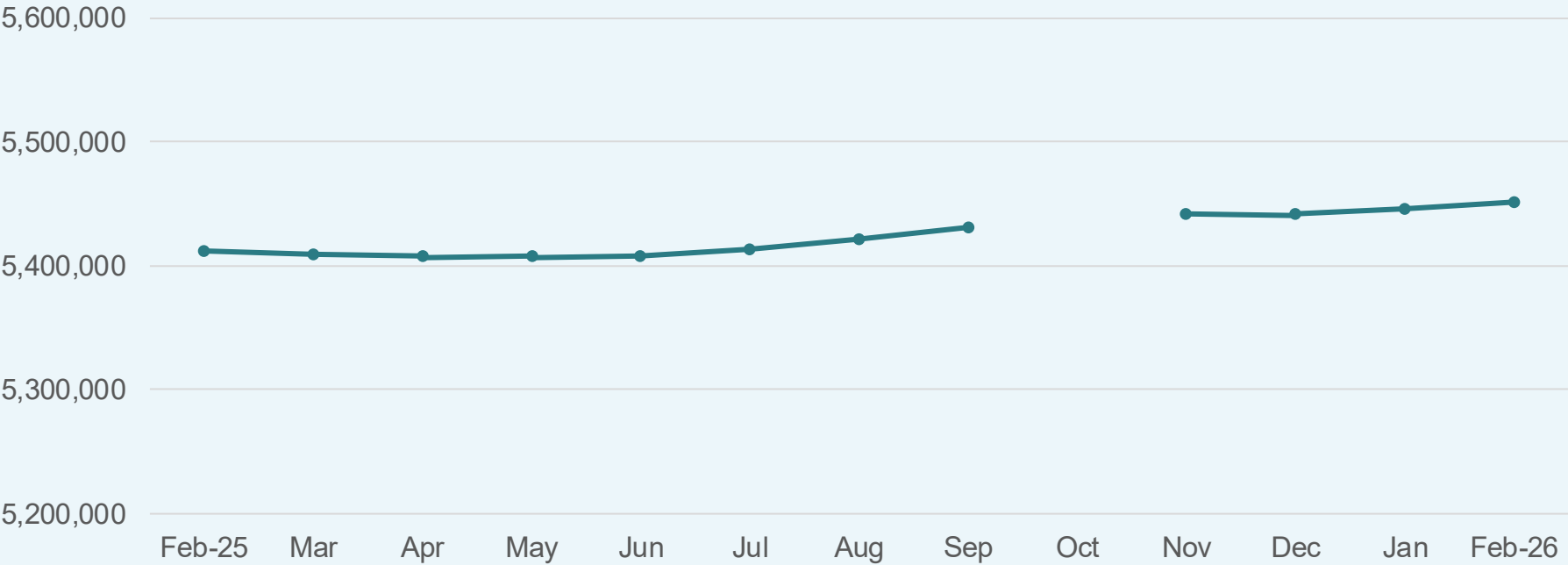


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- The all-time high labor force was 5,451,101 in February 2026.

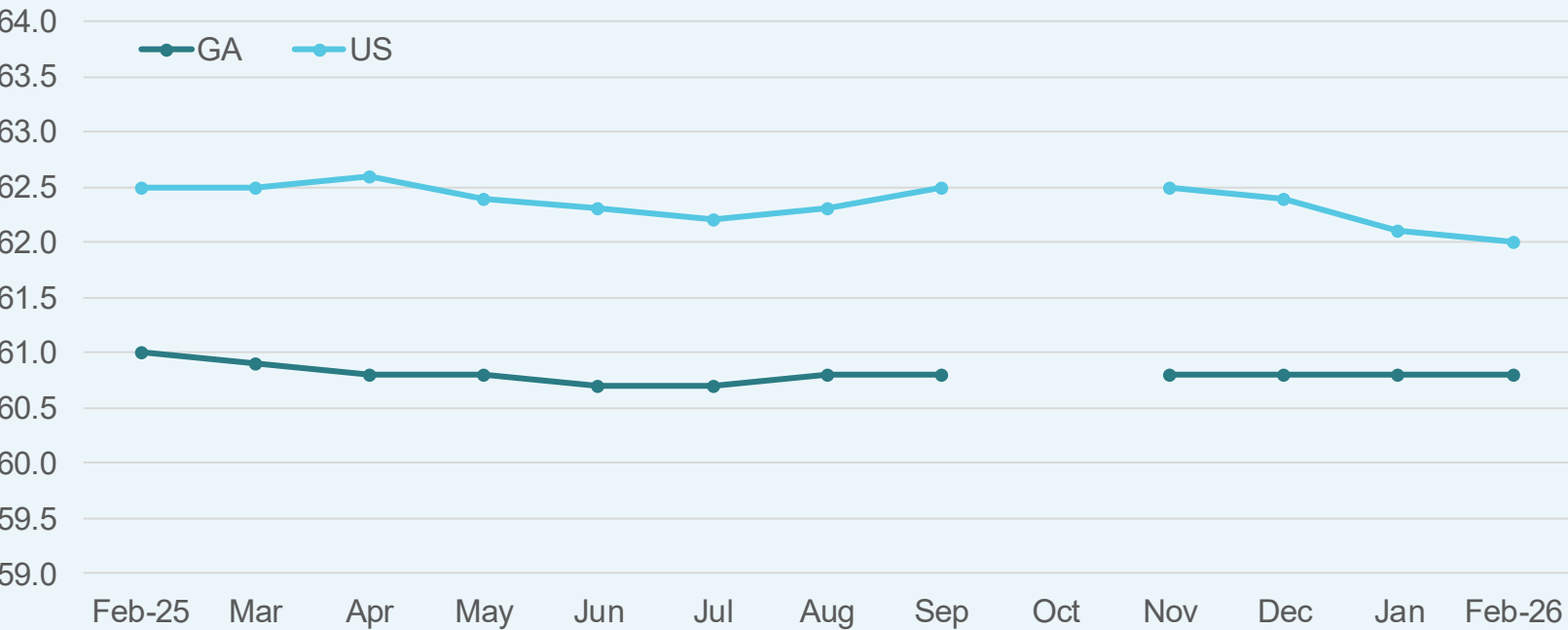
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LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

GEORGIA COMPARED TO U.S. | FEBRUARY 2024–FEBRUARY 2025



- Georgia’s all-time high LFPR was 69.2% in January 1999.
- Georgia’s all-time low LFPR was 59.6% in September 2020.

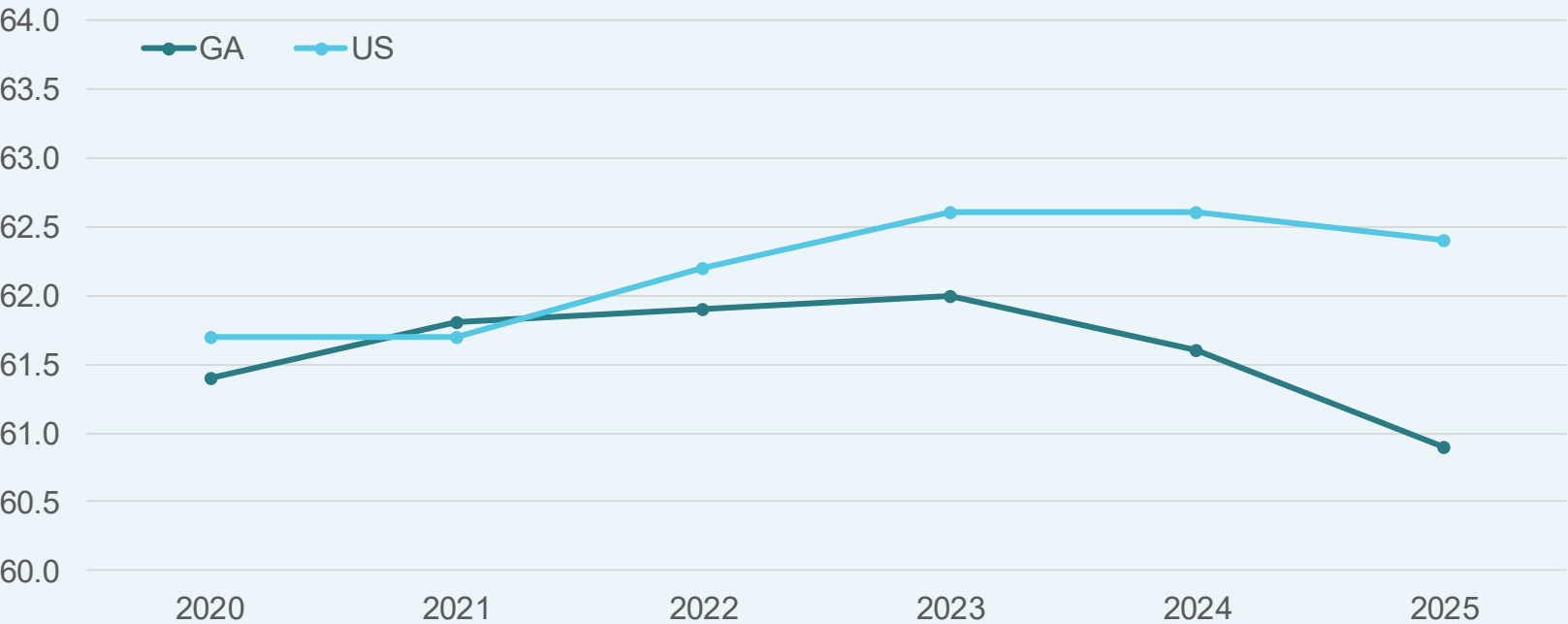
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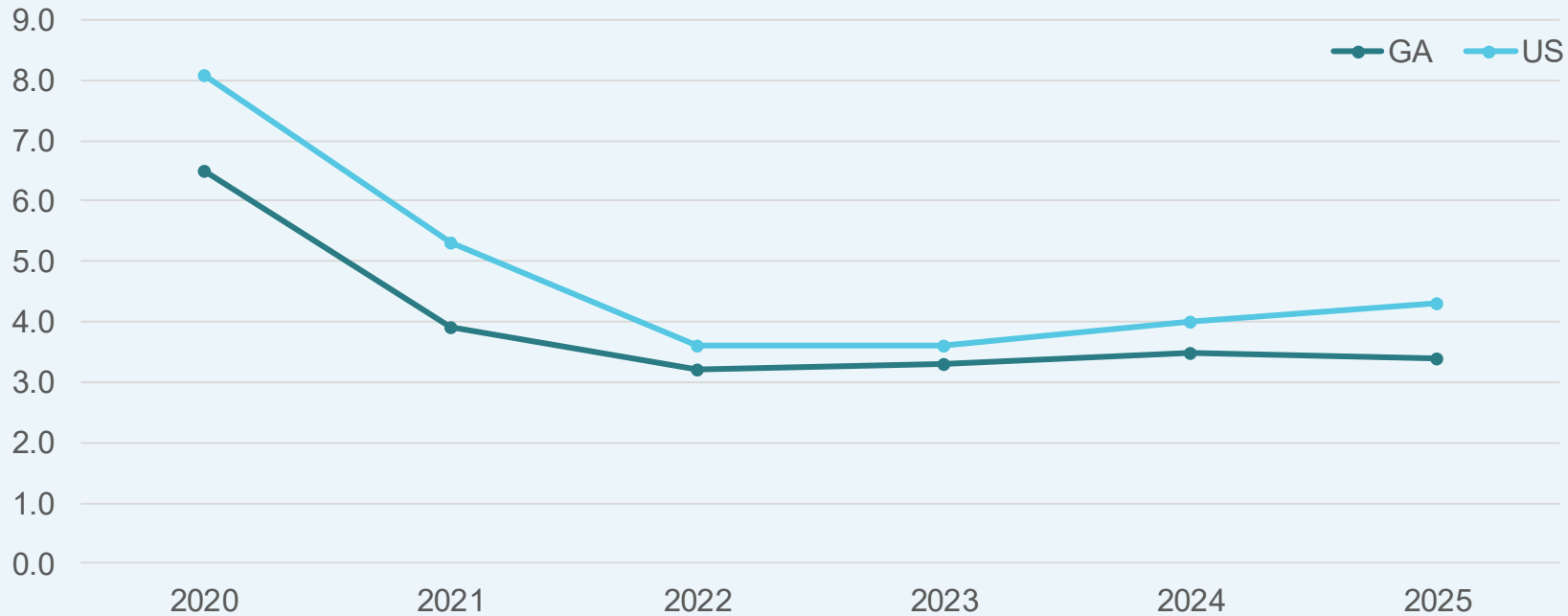
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

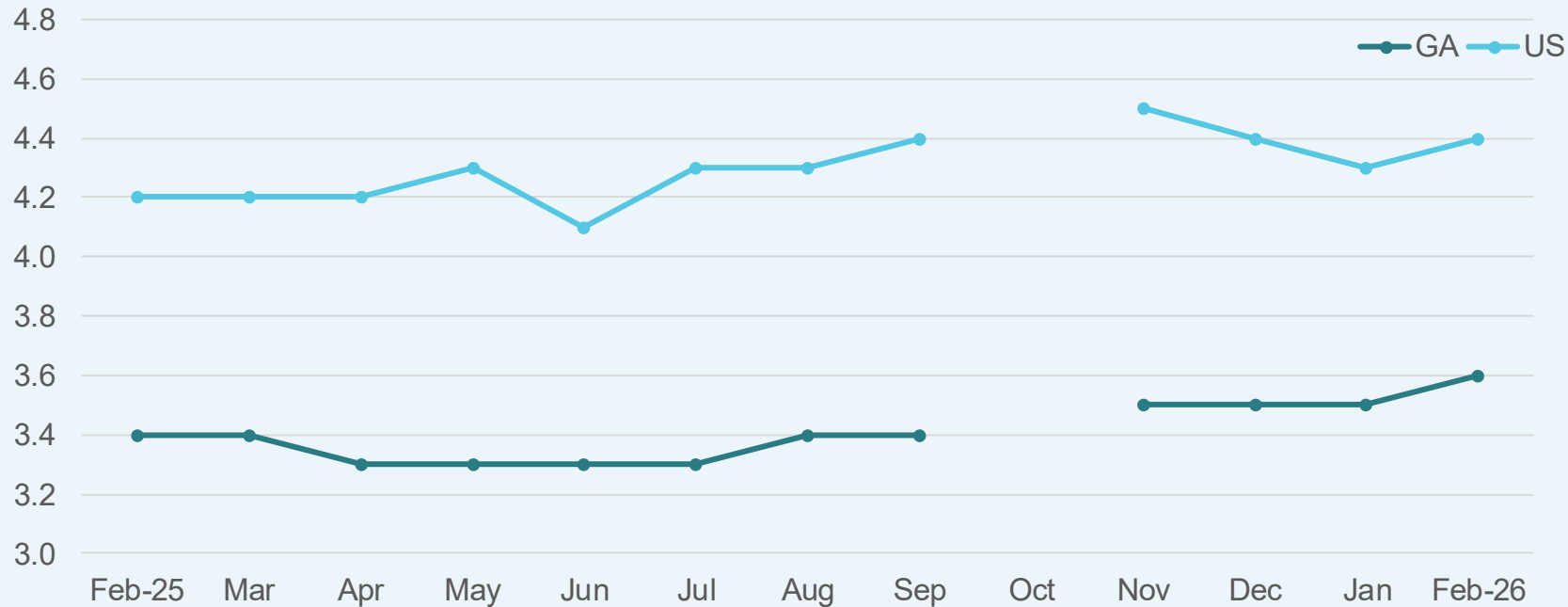
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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- Georgia's all-time low unemployment rate was 3.1% in July 2022.
- Georgia's all-time high unemployment rate was 12.5% in April 2020.

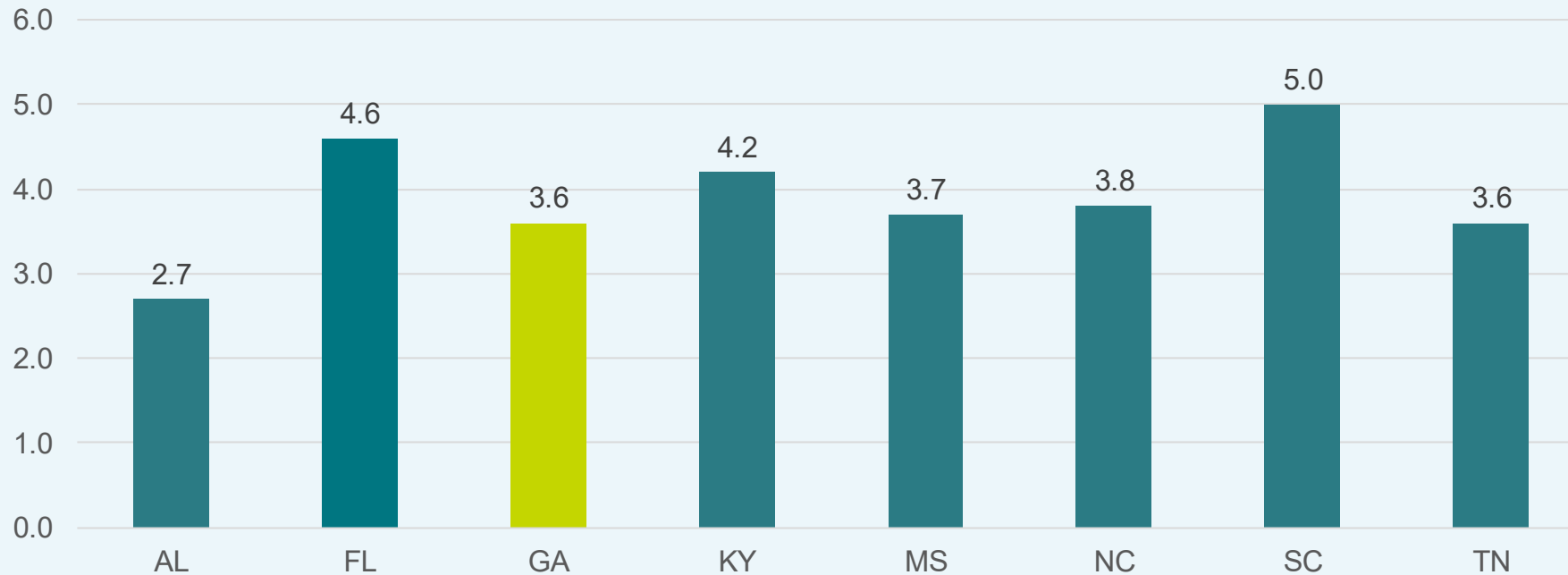
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

SOUTH REGION | FEBRUARY 2026

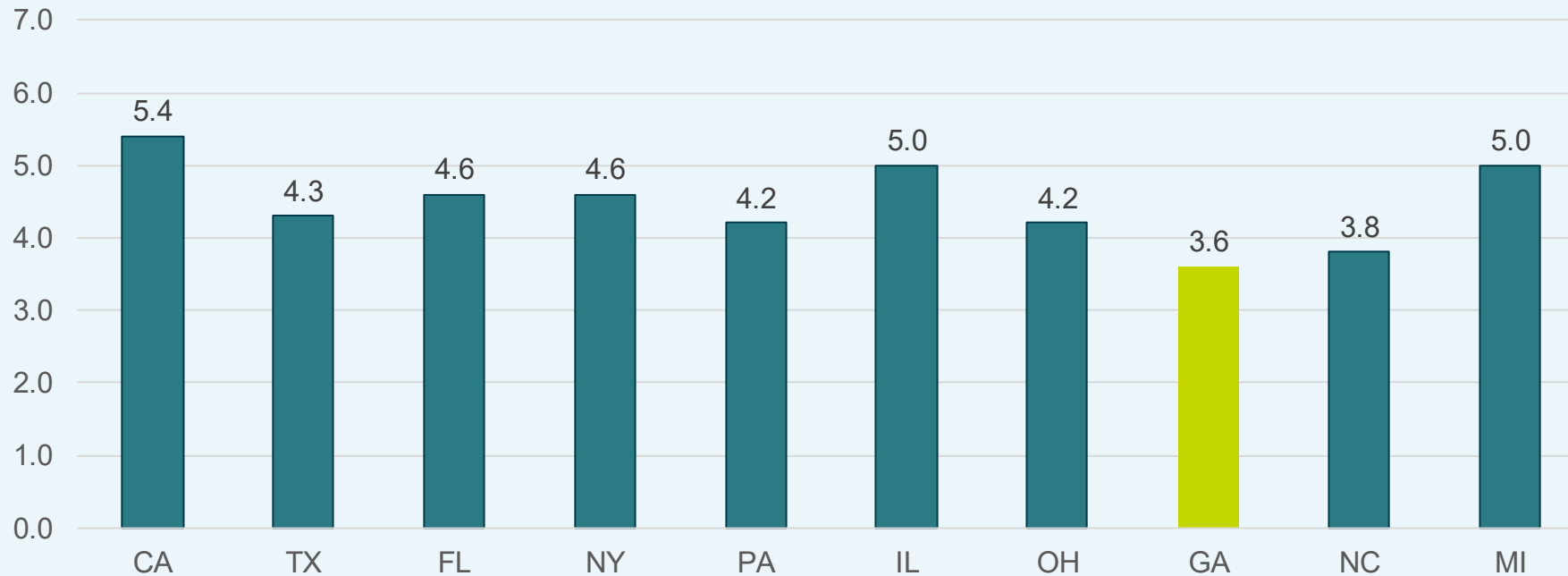


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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

TOP 10 STATES BY POPULATION | FEBRUARY 2026



Source: USDOL, BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

GEORGIA | FEBRUARY 2026

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES	FEBRUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2025	QTY NET CHANGE
Labor Force	5,451,101	5,411,608	39,493
Employed	5,256,871	5,227,983	28,888
Unemployed	194,230	183,625	10,605
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.4%	0.2%

- The unemployment rate was 2nd lowest in the South Region, 12th lowest nationally among all states.

Source: GDOL, Workforce Statistics Division, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT WITH OTY CHANGE GEORGIA | ANNUAL 2020–2025

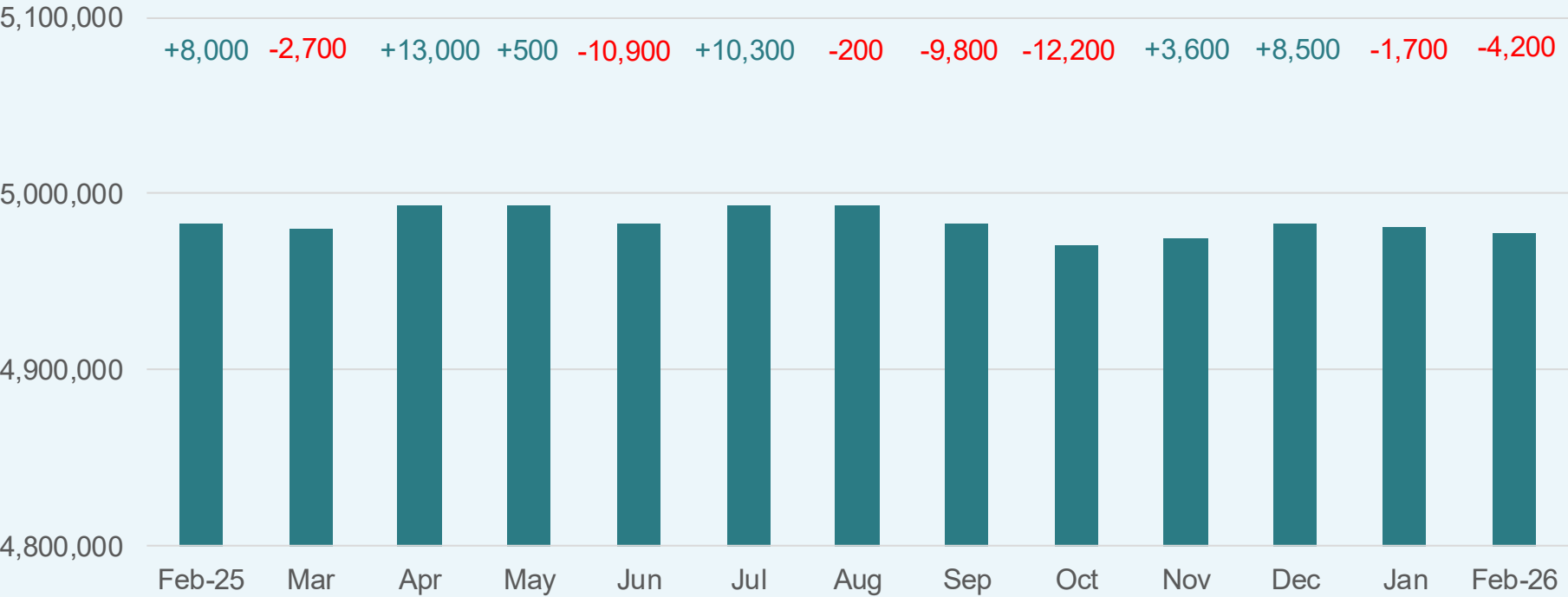


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NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT WITH OTM CHANGE

GEORGIA | FEBRUARY 2025–FEBRUARY 2026



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NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

GEORGIA | FEBRUARY 2026

NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	FEBRUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2025	QTY NET CHANGE
Jobs Numbers	4,977,200	4,983,000	-5,800

- The all-time high job total was 4,993,800 in May 2025

Source: GDOL, Workforce Statistics Division, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

NET JOB GAINS

GEORGIA | FEBRUARY 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026

SECTOR	TOTAL JOBS	12-MONTH NET GAIN
Health Care and Social Assistance	638,400	22,500
Local Government	445,500	4,300
State Government	162,400	1,400
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	66,500	600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	80,900	300

Source: GDOL, Workforce Statistics Division, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

NET JOB LOSSES

GEORGIA | FEBRUARY 2025–FEBRUARY 2026

SECTOR	TOTAL JOBS	12-MONTH NET LOSS
Federal Government	101,900	-12,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	294,600	-4,300
Retail Trade	508,000	-3,700
Wholesale Trade	224,300	-3,600
Accommodation and Food Services	449,900	-2,400

Source: GDOL, Workforce Statistics Division, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)





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