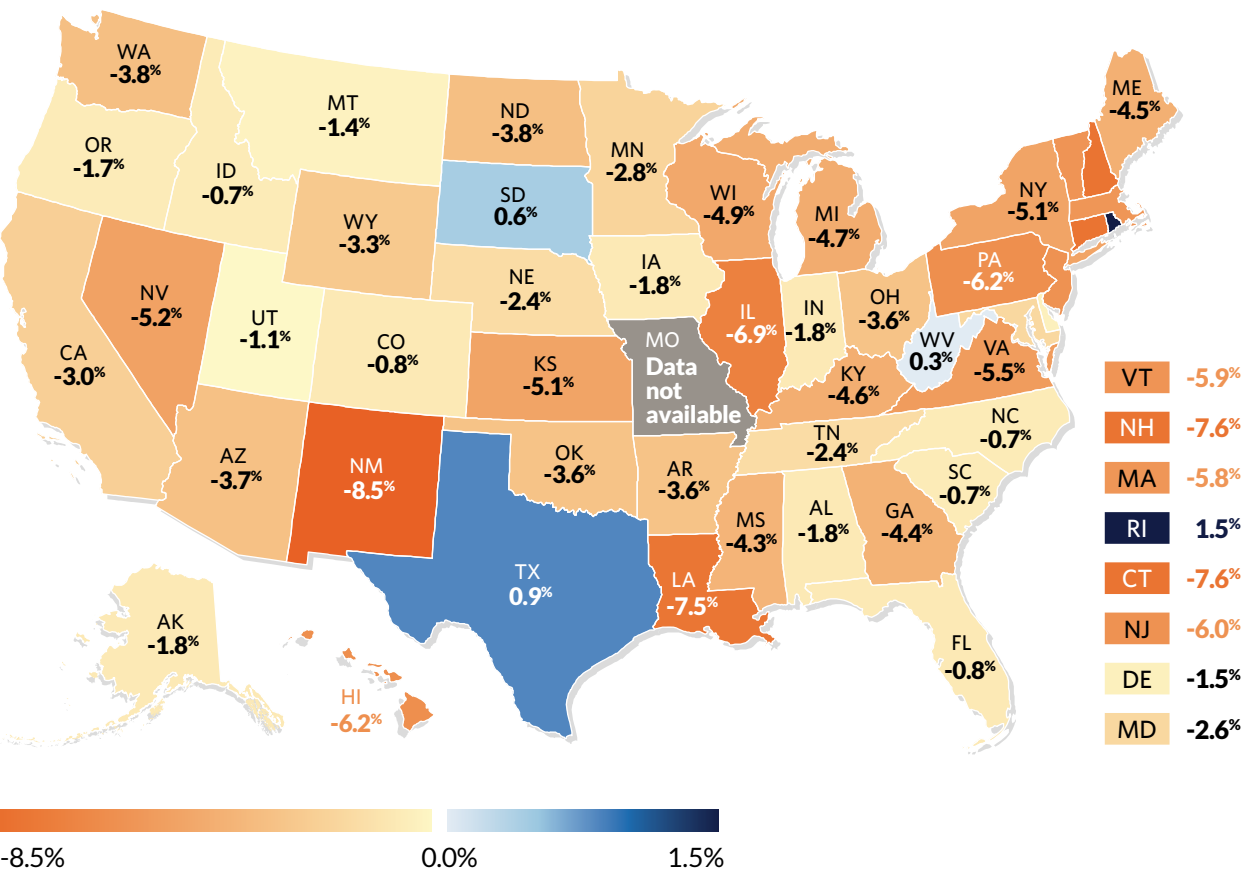


Figure 2

Government Jobs Below Pre-Pandemic Levels in Most States

Change in state and local government employment, excluding education, July 2019 to July 2021



Note: Estimates for Missouri were unavailable. Hawaii data includes total local government and noneducation state employment. Illinois figure reflects only noneducation local employment. Employment numbers include tribal governments.

Source: Pew calculations of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics nonseasonally adjusted job estimates for July 2019 and July 2021