

U.S. Municipal Bond Market

November Sees Third Straight Month of State and Local Government Job Losses

Nonfarm Payrolls Up Less than Expected

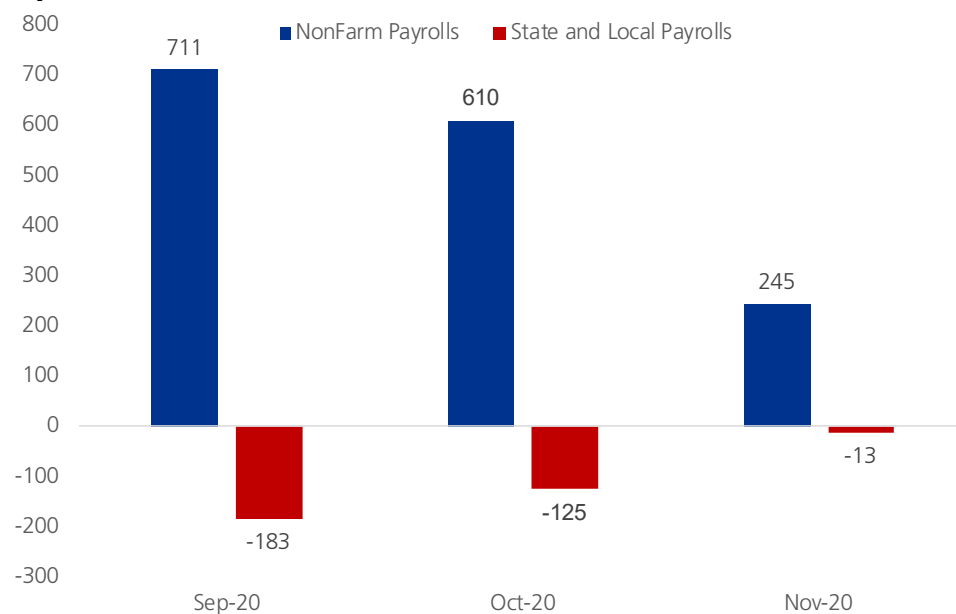
The U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in the month of November, a number much less than the 440,000 consensus estimate. This is the seventh straight month we have seen a positive tally. The unemployment rate fell slightly to 6.7% in November, per economic data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics today. For more on the jobs report, please see HilltopSecurities' Dec. 4 economic commentary, Disappointing Payroll Report Argues for Fiscal Support.

State and Local Government Jobs Down as Expected

State and local government jobs were down for a third straight month as these sectors lag the overall economic recovery. Specifically, state payrolls were unchanged month over month, while local government payrolls were down 13,000. State and local governments have lost a total of 321,000 positions from September to November 2020.

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State & Local Governments Shed 321k Jobs from Sept. to Nov. 2020, Overall Payrolls Positive



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