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## **Industry Employment Remains Below Pre-Pandemic Levels**





National employment data for the long term care industry shows a continuing struggle to regain pre-pandemic levels of staffing. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics details the change between employment levels from February 2020 to September 2022.

Assisted living (AL) employment numbers show a few states with double-digit increases, but there are also states with double-digit losses. The positive gains in AL employment are an outlier relative to other industries in the sector.

Skilled nursing facilities are all still below pre-pandemic levels, with some states showing more than a 20 percent drop.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, March 2023. Data goes through September 2022 (2022-Q3) for all except assisted living data for AK, RI, and WY, which use annual estimates through 2021.