

U.S. Rep. Steil: A new year, another disappointing jobs report

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WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Bryan Steil issued the following statement after the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the December Jobs Report.

“It may be a New Year, but our economy is still suffering from the failed policies from the Biden White House. The percentage of Americans working remains historically low, and today’s jobs report fell well below expectations. We must focus on getting workers back to work, and promote policies that return us to the historic economy we saw prior to the pandemic.”

The December jobs report fell far short of expectations, with only 199,000 jobs added compared to the 422,000 expected. The labor force participation rate remains near its lowest level in 45 years. Before the pandemic, the labor force participation rate was 63.3%. In December it was 61.9%.