



# Monthly Employment Update

## Employment Situation

April 2026 | Released May 08, 2026

<b>+115K</b> Change in nonfarm payroll jobs Mar 2026 to Apr 2026	<b>+0.0 percent</b> Change in unemployment rate Mar 2026 to Apr 2026	<b>-0.1 percent</b> Change in labor force participation rate Mar 2026 to Apr 2026
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### From March 2026 to April 2026:

- Nonfarm payroll employment **increased by 115K to 158.74 million.**
  - Private sector payroll employment increased by 123K to 135.43 million.
  - Government payroll employment decreased by 8K to 23.31 million.
- The headline unemployment rate (U-3) **remained unchanged at 4.3 percent.**
  - The broadest measure of unemployment (U-6, which adds underemployment to unemployment) increased by 0.2 percentage points to 8.2 percent.
- The labor force participation rate (LFPR) **decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 61.8 percent.**

### From April 2025 to April 2026:

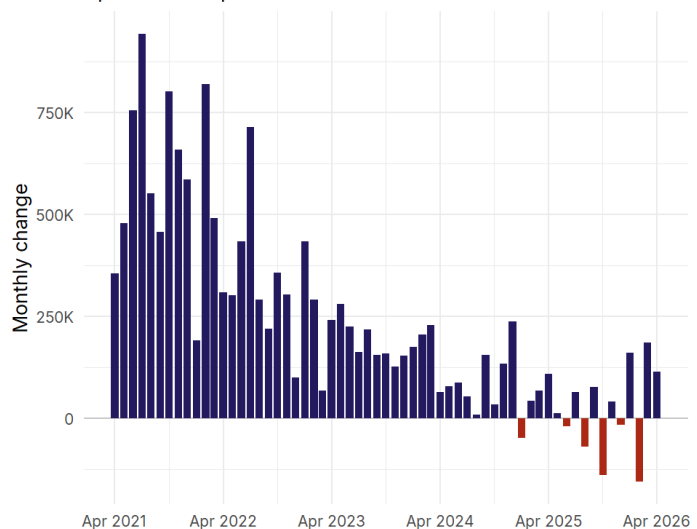
- For all employees on private nonfarm payrolls:
  - Average nominal weekly earnings increased by 3.57 percent.
  - Average nominal hourly earnings increased by 3.57 percent.
- For production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls:
  - Average nominal weekly earnings increased by 3.97 percent.
  - Average nominal hourly earnings increased by 3.67 percent.

Unemployment Rate  
April 2021 to April 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

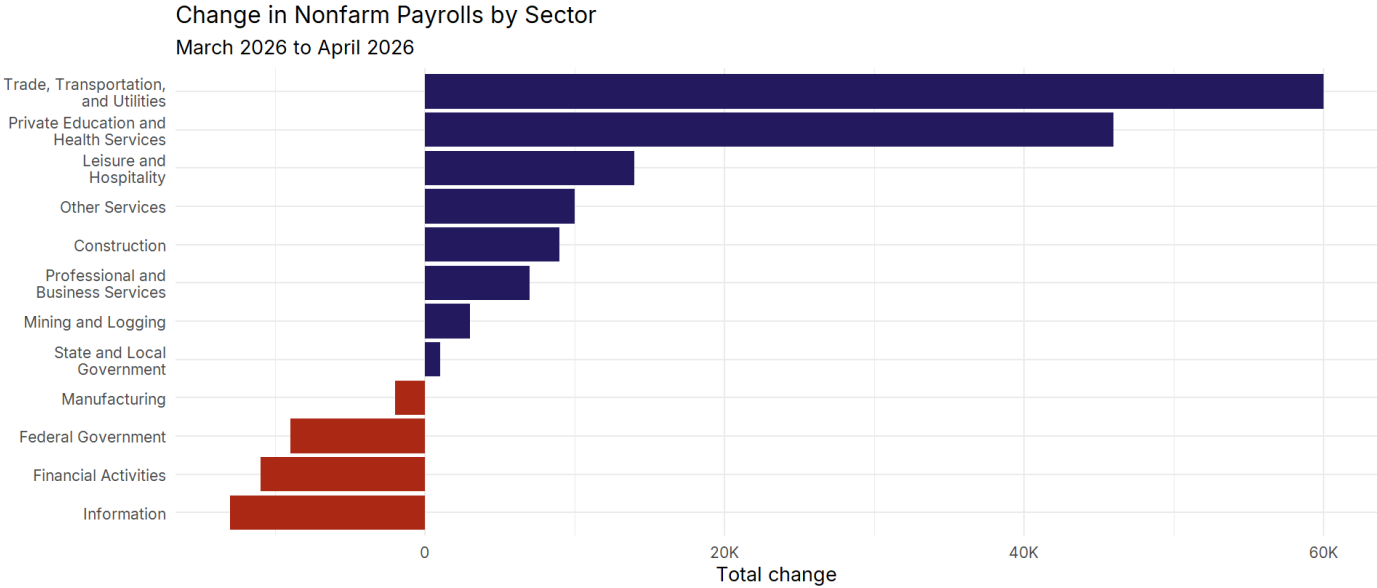
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls  
April 2021 to April 2026



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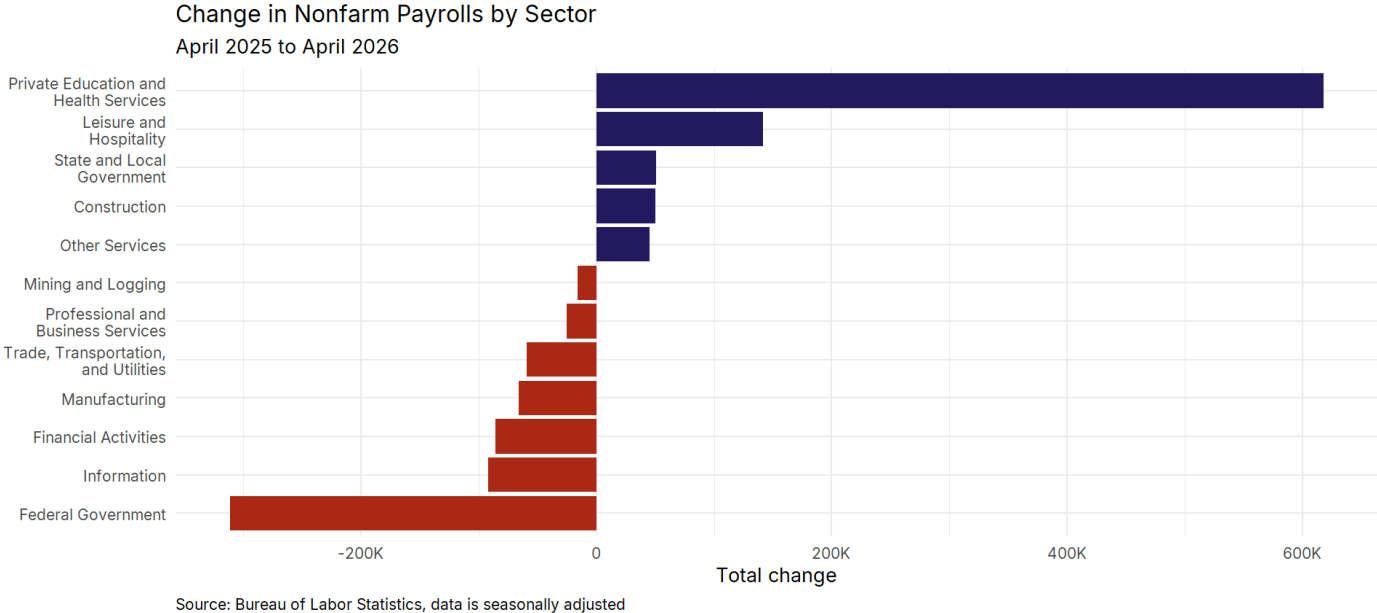
**From March 2026 to April 2026:**

- The best performing sectors were **trade, transportation, and utilities (+60K)** and **private education and health services (+46K)**.
- The worst performing sectors were **information (-13K)** and **financial activities (-11K)**.



**From April 2025 to April 2026:**

- The best performing sectors were **private education and health services (+618K)** and **leisure and hospitality (+142K)**.
- The worst performing sectors were **federal government (-311K)** and **information (-92K)**.



**Table 1. Labor Indicators**

	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	M/M change	Apr 2025	Y/Y change
<b>Payroll jobs</b>					
Nonfarm	158.736M	158.621M	<b>115K</b>	158.485M	251K
Private	135.428M	135.305M	<b>123K</b>	134.917M	511K
Government	23.308M	23.316M	<b>-8K</b>	23.568M	-260K
<b>Unemployment</b>					
Official rate (U-3)	4.3%	4.3%	<b>0.0pp</b>	4.2%	0.1pp
Broader rate (U-6)	8.2%	8.0%	<b>0.2pp</b>	7.8%	0.4pp
<b>Labor force participation rate</b>					
16 years and over	61.8%	61.9%	<b>-0.1pp</b>	62.6%	-0.8pp
Prime age (25-54 years)	83.8%	83.8%	<b>0.0pp</b>	83.6%	0.2pp
Employment-to-Population Ratio	59.1%	59.2%	<b>-0.1pp</b>	60.0%	-0.9pp

**Table 2. Earnings Indicators**

	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	M/M change	Apr 2025	Y/Y change
<b>Production and non-supervisory</b>					
Hourly earnings	<b>\$32.23</b>	\$32.12	0.34%	\$31.09	3.67%
Weekly earnings	<b>\$1,089.37</b>	\$1,085.66	0.34%	\$1,047.73	3.97%
<b>All employees</b>					
Hourly earnings	<b>\$37.41</b>	\$37.35	0.16%	\$36.12	3.57%
Weekly earnings	<b>\$1,283.16</b>	\$1,277.37	0.45%	\$1,238.92	3.57%

**Table 3. Revisions**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Net revision</b>
Nonfarm jobs added				
April 2026	115K			
March 2026	178K	185K		<b>7K</b>
February 2026	-92K	-133K	-156K	<b>-64K</b>

**Table 4. Comparison to ADP Estimate**

	<b>BLS</b>	<b>ADP</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Private nonfarm jobs added	123K	109K	<b>14K</b>

# Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

March 2026 | Released May 05, 2026

**-56K**

Change in nonfarm job openings  
Feb 2026 to Mar 2026

**+655K**

Change in nonfarm hires  
Feb 2026 to Mar 2026

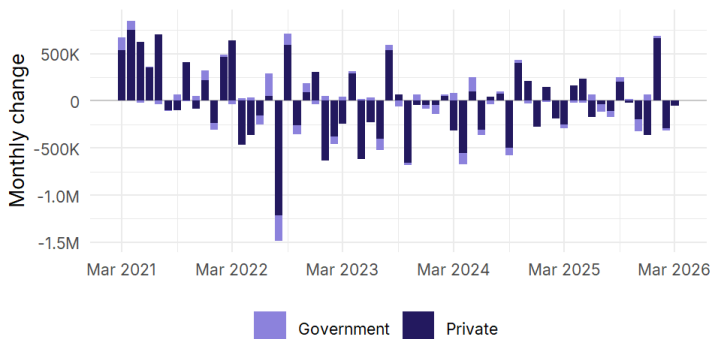
**+356K**

Change in nonfarm separations  
Feb 2026 to Mar 2026

**Job Openings:** The total number of nonfarm job openings decreased by 56K to 6.87 million, and the rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.1 percent.

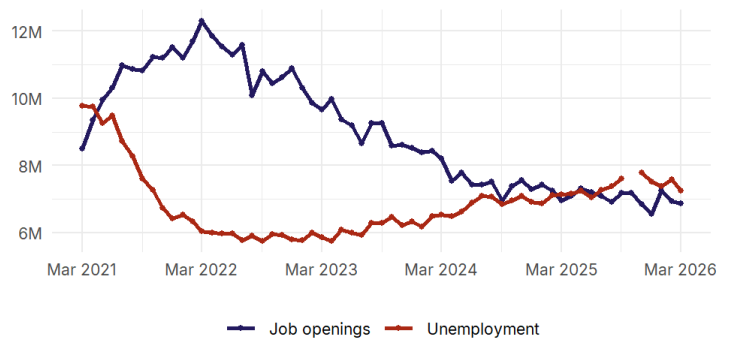
- The best performing sectors were **private education and health services** (+106K) and **financial activities** (+101K).
- The worst performing sectors were **professional and business services** (-318K) and **other services** (-41K).

Change in Job Openings Level by Sector  
March 2021 to March 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment (U) and Job Openings (V) Levels  
March 2021 to March 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

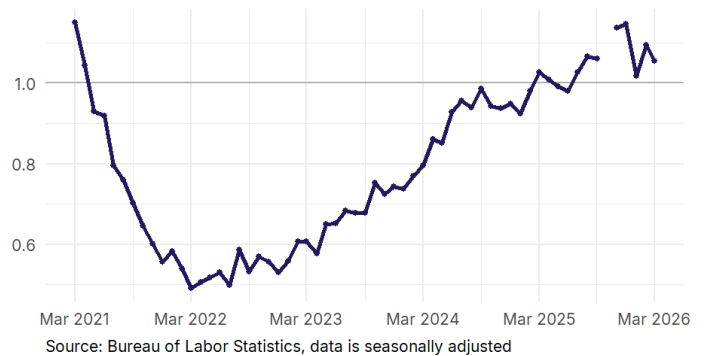
**Hires:** The total number of nonfarm hires increased by 655K to 5.55 million, and the rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.5 percent.

- The best performing sectors were **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+194K) and **professional and business services** (+165K).
- The worst performing sectors were **state and local government** (-8K) and **federal government** (-7K).

**Separations:** The total number of nonfarm separations increased by 356K to 5.38 million, and the rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.4 percent.

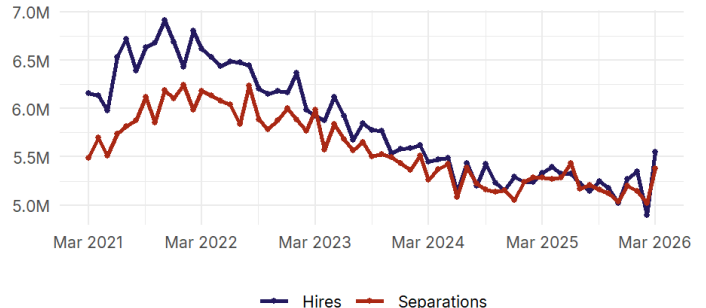
- **Quits** increased by 125K to 3.17 million, and the rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 2 percent.
- **Layoffs and discharges** increased by 153K to 1.87 million, and the rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 1.2 percent.
- **Other separations** increased by 76K to 339K, and the rate remained unchanged at 0.2 percent.

Ratio of Unemployment to Job Openings (U/V)  
March 2021 to March 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Hires and Separations Levels  
March 2021 to March 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

**Table 5. JOLTS Level Indicators**

	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	M/M change	Mar 2025	Y/Y change
<b>Job openings level</b>					
Nonfarm	6.866M	6.922M	<b>-56K</b>	6.952M	-86K
Private	6.143M	6.197M	<b>-54K</b>	6.119M	24K
<b>Hire level</b>					
Nonfarm	5.554M	4.899M	<b>655K</b>	5.333M	221K
Private	5.236M	4.567M	<b>669K</b>	4.997M	239K
<b>Separation level</b>					
Nonfarm	5.378M	5.022M	<b>356K</b>	5.288M	90K
Private	5.065M	4.697M	<b>368K</b>	4.943M	122K

**Table 6. JOLTS Rate Indicators**

	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	M/M change	Mar 2025	Y/Y change
<b>Job openings rate</b>					
Nonfarm	4.1%	4.2%	<b>-0.1pp</b>	4.2%	-0.1pp
Private	4.3%	4.4%	<b>-0.1pp</b>	4.3%	0.0pp
<b>Hire rate</b>					
Nonfarm	3.5%	3.1%	<b>0.4pp</b>	3.4%	0.1pp
Private	3.9%	3.4%	<b>0.5pp</b>	3.7%	0.2pp
<b>Separation rate</b>					
Nonfarm	3.4%	3.2%	<b>0.2pp</b>	3.3%	0.1pp
Private	3.7%	3.5%	<b>0.2pp</b>	3.7%	0.0pp

## Upcoming releases

Date	Time	Release	Data source
May 12	08:30 AM	Monthly Inflation Update, April 2026	Bureau of Labor Statistics
May 13	10:00 AM	Monthly Fiscal Update, April 2026	U.S. Treasury
May 22	10:00 AM	State Employment and Unemployment, April 2026	Bureau of Labor Statistics
May 28	08:30 AM	Monthly Expenditures Update, April 2026	Bureau of Economic Analysis
May 28	08:30 AM	Monthly GDP Update, Q1 2026 Second Estimate	Bureau of Economic Analysis
Jun 05	08:30 AM	Monthly Employment Update, May 2026	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Jun 05	10:00 AM	Monthly Debt Update, June 2026	U.S. Treasury

## Notes

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; ADP National Employment Report; JEC Republicans calculations

"pp" = percentage points; "M/M" = month over month; "Y/Y" = year over year

Consistent with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, monthly figures are seasonally adjusted. Discrepancy in change figures is possible due to rounding.