



JOBS REPORT

April 2024



Total Jobs Added*

175,000

(* Non-Farm Jobs Only)

Unemployment Rate

3.9%

(No change since March)

Total Non-Farm payroll employment increased by **175,000** in April, and the unemployment rate changed little at **3.9 percent**. Job gains occurred in health care, in social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing. Both the unemployment rate, at **3.9 percent**, and the number of unemployed people, at **6.5 million**, changed little in April. The unemployment rate has remained in a narrow range of **3.7 percent to 3.9 percent** since August 2023.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at **1.3 million**, was essentially unchanged in April. The long-term unemployed accounted for **19.6 percent** of all unemployed people. In April, the number of people not in the labor force who currently want a job, at **5.6 million**, was little changed. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

USA Industry Specific Updates – April 2024

* (+) Jobs Added MoM, (-) Jobs Decreased MoM)

Retail
+20,000

- General merchandise +10,000
- Building material and others +7,000
- Health and personal retailers 5,000
- Electronics and appliances +3,000

Construction
+49,000

- Average job growth in the last 12 months +22,000 per month

Healthcare
+56,000

- Ambulatory health care +33,000
- Hospitals +14,000
- Nursing and residential +9,000

Transportation and Warehousing
+22,000

- Couriers +8,000
- Warehousing +8,000

Government
+8,000

- Average job per month growth over 12 months +55,000

Other Sectors

- Social assistance +31,000

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by **7 cents**, or **0.2 percent**, to **\$34.75**. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by **3.9 percent**. In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by **6 cents**, or **0.2 percent**, to **\$29.83**.

Source: The US Bureau of Labor Statistics

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