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Employment Trends in the Market

March Hiring Trends 2026

Total non-farm payroll increased by 178,000 in March. The unemployment rate came in at 4.3%. This is a slight decrease from February. Note: Employment in Healthcare, Construction, Transportation and Warehousing saw increases while Federal Government employment has ticked downward.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job Increases/Decreases

Federal: (-18,000)
Healthcare: (28,000)
Construction: (26,000)
Transportation and Warehouse: (21,000)

Industry Notes

The Primary Metal Manufacturing industry saw a decrease in payroll of 1,100 jobs and Fabricated Metal Products saw an increase of 5200 jobs.

Civilian Unemployment Rate

