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Employment Trends in the Market

April Hiring Trends 2026

Total non-farm payroll came in at 115,000 in April. The unemployment rate remained the same at 4.3%. Note: Employment in health care, transportation, warehousing, and retail saw the greatest increase while the Federal Government declined.

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Job Increases/Decreases

Federal: (-9,000)
Healthcare: (37,000)
Construction: (little to no change)
Transportation and Warehouse: (30,000)

Industry Notes

The Primary Metal Manufacturing industry saw an increase payroll of 1,500 jobs and Fabricated Metal Products saw an increase of 1,900 jobs.

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Civilian Unemployment Rate

