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Employment Trends in the Market

July Hiring Trends 2026

Total non-farm payroll came in at (-)23,000 in July. The average over the past year has been (+)36,000. The unemployment rate printed at 4.1% versus last month's 4.2%. Note: Employment in local government and retail trade decreased while healthcare saw an increase.

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Job Increases/Decreases

Local Government: (-50,000)
Healthcare: (22,000)
Construction: (unchanged)
Transportation and Warehouse: (unchanged)

Industry Notes

The Primary Metal Manufacturing industry saw an increase payroll of 600 jobs and Fabricated Metal Products saw an increase of 800 jobs.

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Civilian Unemployment Rate

