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Employment Trends in the Market

August Hiring Trends 2026

Total non-farm payroll increased by 162,000 in August. The average monthly increase over the last year has been 31,000. The unemployment rate remained unchd at 4.1%.

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Job Increases/Decreases

Local Government: (42,000)
Healthcare: (13,000)
Construction: (22,000)
Transportation and Warehouse: (unchanged)
Manufacturing: (16,000)

Industry Notes

The Primary Metal Manufacturing industry saw an increase payroll of 1,300 jobs and Fabricated Metal Products saw an increase of 5,700 jobs.

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Civilian Unemployment Rate

