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Employment Trends in the Market

September Hiring Trends 2026

Total non-farm payroll increased by 29,000 in September which was lower than the 84,000 expected by economists. The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.2% from 4.1%, and all major industries saw minor to no change in employment in September.

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Job Increases/Decreases

Local Government: (unchanged)
Healthcare: (17,000)
Construction: (11,000)
Transportation and Warehouse: (unchanged)
Manufacturing: (9,000)

Industry Notes

Primary Metal Manufacturing saw a decrease in payroll of 200 jobs and Fabricated Metal Products saw a decrease of 900.

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Civilian Unemployment Rate

