





**Unemployment Rate** 



**3.4**%

(Increased by .1% since March)

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 253,000 in April, and the unemployment rate changed little at 3.4 percent. Employment continued to trend up in professional and business services, health care, leisure and hospitality, and social assistance. Both the unemployment rate, at 3.4 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 5.7 million, changed little in April. The unemployment rate has ranged from 3.4 percent to 3.7 percent since March 2022.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (3.1 percent), teenagers (9.2 percent), Whites (3.1 percent), Blacks (4.7 percent), Asians (2.8 percent), and Hispanics (4.4 percent) showed little or no change in April.

### USA Industry-Specific Updates – April 2023

## Professional & Business Services +43,000

- Scientific, and technical services +45.000
- Monthly growth +25,000 over 6 months
- Temporary heath services -23,000

## Leisure and Hospitality +31,000

- Food services and drinking places +25,000
- Employment below pre-pandemic by 2.4%

# Healthcare +40,000

- Ambulatory health care +24,000
- Hospitals +7,000
- Nursing and residential care +9,000

## Transportation & Warehousing +23,000

- Insurance and related activities +15,000
- Real estate +9,000
- No significant change in employment since January 2023

## Social Assistance +25,000

 Individual and family services +21,000

#### **Other Sectors**

- Mining, oil, and gas extraction + 6,000
- Government +23,000

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 16 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$33.36. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 4.4 percent. In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 11 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$28.62.

Source: The US Bureau of Labor Statistics

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