

# The U.S. Economy Gained 115,000 Jobs In April, 2026

## THREE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB CREATION <sup>1</sup>

	February, 2026	-92,000
	March, 2026	178,000
<sup>1</sup>	April, 2026	115,000

## ONE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB GROWTH BY INDUSTRY <sup>1</sup>

Industry	People Employed March, 2026	People Employed April, 2026	Gain or Loss
Mining	603,000	606,000	3,000
Construction	8,312,000	8,321,000	9,000
Manufacturing	12,598,000	12,596,000	-2,000
Wholesale	6,059,500	6,065,500	6,000
Retail	15,444,500	15,466,300	21,800
Transportation	6,554,000	6,584,300	30,300
Utilities	605,700	607,600	1,900
Information	2,786,000	2,773,000	-13,000
Finance	9,130,000	9,119,000	-11,000
Professional	22,438,000	22,445,000	7,000
Health, Private Ed	27,788,000	27,834,000	46,000
Leisure	16,964,000	16,978,000	14,000
Associations	6,022,000	6,032,000	10,000
Government	23,316,000	23,308,000	-8,000
			<b>115,000</b>

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## APRIL, 2026, HIRES BY BUSINESS SIZE <sup>2</sup>

Small Business (1-49 employees)	65,000
Mid-Size Business (50-499 employees)	-2,000
Large Business (500+ employees)	42,000
<b>Total U.S. (private-sector hires)</b>	<b>105,000</b>

# The U.S. Employment Snapshot

# 162,622,000 People Were Employed In April, 2026

## THREE MONTH CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

February, 2026	162,912,000
March, 2026	162,848,000
April, 2026	162,622,000

## ONE-YEAR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION <sup>1</sup>

Occupation	People Employed April, 2025	People Employed April, 2026	Gain or Loss
Management	31,675,000	30,659,000	-1,016,000
Professional	40,510,000	40,679,000	169,000
Services	27,297,000	27,193,000	-104,000
Sales	13,982,000	14,184,000	202,000
Office, administrative	16,042,000	16,471,000	429,000
Farming, fishing, forestry	997,000	940,000	-57,000
Construction, extraction	8,463,000	7,786,000	-677,000
Installation, maintenance	4,964,000	4,859,000	-105,000
Production	8,081,000	7,883,000	-198,000
Transportation	12,059,000	12,127,000	68,000

## PEOPLE WORKING PART TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS <sup>1</sup>

February, 2026	4,396,000
March, 2026	4,497,000
April, 2026	4,942,000

## ONE YEAR CHANGE IN HOURS AND WAGES <sup>1</sup>

	April, 2025	April, 2026
Average workweek in hours	34.3	34.3
Average manufacturing overtime in hours	2.9	3.0
Average hourly wage	\$36.12	\$37.41
Average weekly earnings	\$1,238.92	\$1,283.16

# The U.S. Employment Snapshot

## 7,373,000 People Were Unemployed In April, 2026

### THREE MONTH CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>1</sup>

February, 2026	7,571,000
March, 2026	7,239,000
April, 2026	7,373,000

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN APRIL, 2025 <sup>1</sup>

U.S.	Men	Women	Teens	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	High School Diploma	Bachelor's Degree+	Veterans age 18 years and over
4.3	4.0	3.9	14.4	3.7	7.3	3.3	5.0	4.7	2.8	3.6

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### UNEMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION <sup>1</sup>

	People Unemployed In April, 2026	Unemployment Rate
Management	737,000	2.3
Professional	885,000	2.1
Services	1,362,000	4.8
Sales	635,000	4.3
Office, administrative	675,000	3.9
Farming, fishing, forestry	75,000	7.4
Construction, extraction	408,000	5.0
Installation, maintenance, repair	186,000	3.7
Production	289,000	3.5
Transportation, material moving	807,000	6.2
<b>Total and Average</b>	<b>6,059,000</b>	<b>4.32%</b>

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### REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND LENGTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN APRIL, 2026 <sup>1</sup>

I lost my job	47%
I quit my job	11%
I am reentering the job market	31%
I am new to the job market	11%
1-4 weeks	34%
5-14 weeks	26%
15-26 weeks	15%
27+ weeks	25%

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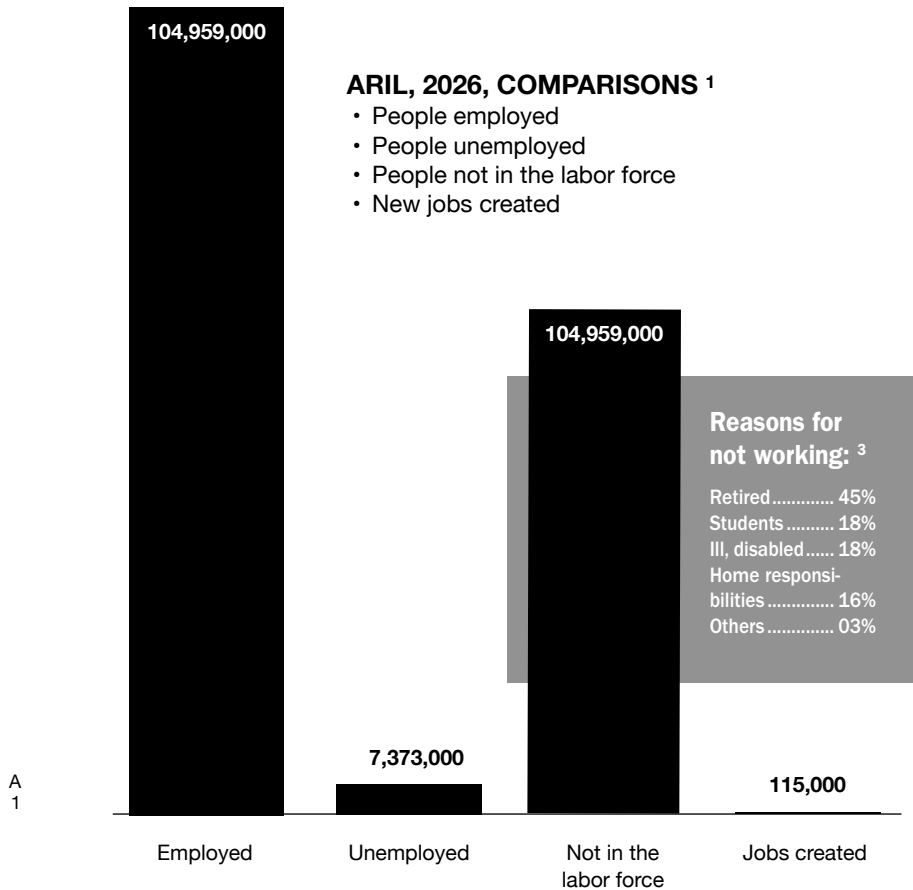
## 104,959,000 People, Age 16 Years And Older, Were Not In The Labor Force In April, 2026

### THREE MONTH CHANGE IN THOSE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE <sup>1</sup>

	February, 2026	104,283,000
	March, 2026	104,771,000
A	April, 2026	104,959,000

### ARIL, 2026, COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>

- People employed
- People unemployed
- People not in the labor force
- New jobs created



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