## U.S. Economy Gained 275,000 Jobs In February, 2024

THREE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB CREATION 1
December, 2023 216,000
January, 2024 353,000
February, $2024 \quad 275,000$

ONE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB GROWTH BY INDUSTRY 1

| Industry | People <br> Employed | People <br> January, 2024 | Gain <br> February, 2023 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mining | 640,000 | 640,000 | (orss |
| Construction | $8,139,000$ | $8,162,000$ | 23,000 |
| Manufacturing | $12,968,000$ | $12,964,000$ | $-4,000$ |
| Wholesale | $6,156,200$ | $6,155,000$ | $-1,200$ |
| Retail | $15,617,900$ | $15,636,600$ | 18,700 |
| Transportation | $6,491,700$ | $6,511,400$ | 19,700 |
| Utilities | 585,700 | 588,900 | 3,200 |
| Information | $3,018,000$ | $3,020,000$ | 2,000 |
| Finance | $9,232,000$ | $9,233,000$ | 1,000 |
| Professional | $22,922,000$ | $22,931,000$ | 9,000 |
| Health | $25,938,000$ | $26,023,000$ | 85,000 |
| Leisure | $16,824,000$ | $16,882,000$ | 58,000 |
| Associations | $5,872,000$ | $5,881,000$ | 9,000 |
| Government | $23,128,000$ | $23,180,000$ | 52,000 |
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FEBRUARY, 2024, HIRES BY BUSINESS SIZE ${ }^{2}$
Percentage of US new hires

| Small Business (1-49 employees) | 9\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mid-Size Business (50-499 employees) | 48\% |
| Large Business (500+ employees) | 43\% |

## 160,968,000 People Were Employed In February, 2024

## THREE MONTH CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

| December, 2023 | 161,183,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| January, 2024 | 161,152,000 |
| February, 2024 | 160,968,000 |


| Occupation | People Employed January, 2024 | People Employed February, 2024 | Gain or Loss |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Management | 30,137,000 | 29,861,000 | -276,000 |
| Professional | 39,848,000 | 40,355,000 | 507,000 |
| Services | 25,292,000 | 25,843,000 | 551,000 |
| Sales | 14,185,000 | 14,364,000 | 179,000 |
| Office, administrative | 16,035,000 | 15,520,000 | -515,000 |
| Farming, fishing, forestry | 946,000 | 981,000 | 35,000 |
| Construction, extraction | 8,474,000 | 8,400,000 | -74,000 |
| Installation, maintenance | 4,769,000 | 4,905,000 | 136,000 |
| Production | 8,380,000 | 8,188,000 | -192,000 |
| Transportation | 11,645,000 | 11,896,000 | 251,000 |

## 6,458,000 People Were Unemployed In February, 2024

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT ${ }^{1}$

| December, 2923 | 6,268,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| January, 2024 | 6,124,000 |
| February, 2024 | 6,458,000 |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN FEBRUARY, $2024{ }^{1}$

|  | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 12.5 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | US | Men | Women | Teens | White | Black | Asian | Hispanic | High <br> School <br> Diploma | Bachelor's <br> Degree+ | Gulf II <br> Veterans |

UNEMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION ${ }^{1}$

|  | UNEMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION 1 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | People Unemployed In February, 2024 | Unemployment Rate |
|  | Management | 731,000 | 2.4 |
|  | Professional | 849,000 | 2.1 |
|  | Services | 1,395,000 | 5.1 |
|  | Sales | 704,000 | 4.7 |
|  | Office, administrative | 664,000 | 4.1 |
|  | Farming, fishing, forestry | 119,000 | 10.8 |
|  | Construction, extraction | 665,000 | 7.3 |
|  | Installation, maintenance, repair | 156,000 | 3.1 |
|  | Production | 382,000 | 4.5 |
| A | Transportation, material moving | 718,000 | 5.7 |

REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
AND LENGTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT


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## 100,285,000 People, Age 16 Years And Older, Were Not In The Labor Force In February, 2024

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN THOSE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE 1

| December, 2023 | 100,540,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| January, 2024 | 100,265,000 |
| February, 2024 | 100,285,000 |



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