# U.S. Economy Gained 303,000 Jobs In March, 2024 

## THREE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB CREATION 1

January, 2024 ..... 353,000
February, 2024 ..... 275,000
March, 2024 ..... 303,000

ONE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB GROWTH BY INDUSTRY 1

| Industry | People <br> February, 2023 | People <br> Employed <br> March, 2024 | Gain <br> or <br> Loss |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mining | 642,000 | 645,000 | 3,000 |
| Construction | $8,172,000$ | $8,211,000$ | 39,000 |
| Manufacturing | $12,956,000$ | $12,956,000$ | 0 |
| Wholesale | $6,149,900$ | $6,158,400$ | 8,500 |
| Retail | $15,642,300$ | $15,659,900$ | 17,600 |
| Transportation | $6,539,300$ | $6,540,500$ | 1,200 |
| Utilities | 588,400 | 588,000 | -400 |
| Information | $3,017,000$ | $3,017,000$ | 0 |
| Finance | $9,223,000$ | $9,226,000$ | 3,000 |
| Professional | $22,947,000$ | $22,954,000$ | 7,000 |
| Health | $26,013,000$ | $26,101,000$ | 88,000 |
| Leisure | $16,856,000$ | $16,905,000$ | 49,000 |
| Associations | $5,885,000$ | $5,901,000$ | 16,000 |
| Government | $23,199,000$ | $23,270,000$ | 71,000 |
|  |  |  | 302,900 |

## MARCH, 2024, HIRES BY BUSINESS SIZE 2 <br> Percentage of US new hires

| Small Business (1-49 employees) | 8\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mid-Size Business (50-499 employees) | 47\% |
| Large Business (500+ employees) | 44\% |

## 161,466,000 People Were Employed In March, 2024

## THREE MONTH CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

| January, 2024 | 161,152,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| February, 2024 | 160,968,000 |
| March, 2024 | 161,466,000 |


| Occupation | People Employed February, 2024 | People Employed March, 2024 | Gain or Loss |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Management | 30,285,000 | 30,519,000 | 234,000 |
| Professional | 40,366,000 | 40,267,000 | -99,000 |
| Services | 25,600,000 | 26,127,000 | 527,000 |
| Sales | 14,447,000 | 14,142,000 | -305,000 |
| Office, administrative | 15,913,000 | 15,658,000 | -255,000 |
| Farming, fishing, forestry | 797,000 | 868,000 | 71,000 |
| Construction, extraction | 8,415,000 | 8,540,000 | 125,000 |
| Installation, maintenance | 4,792,000 | 4,939,000 | 147,000 |
| Production | 8,405,000 | 8,330,000 | -75,000 |
| Transportation | 11,721,000 | 11,967,000 | 246,000 |

## 6,429,000 People Were Unemployed In March, 2024

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

| January, 2024 | 6,124,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| February, 2024 | 6,458,000 |
| March, 2024 | 6,429,000 |

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN MARCH, 20241

| 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 12.6 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 3.0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 ${ }^{1}$

|  |  | People Unemployed In March, 2024 | Unemployment Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Management | 717,000 | 2.3 |
|  | Professional | 863,000 | 2.1 |
|  | Services | 1,241,000 | 4.5 |
|  | Sales | 700,000 | 4.7 |
|  | Office, administrative | 588,000 | 3.6 |
|  | Farming, fishing, forestry | 100,000 | 10.3 |
|  | Construction, extraction | 579,000 | 6.3 |
|  | Installation, maintenance, repair | 116,000 | 2.3 |
| 13 | Production | 389,000 | 4.5 |
| A | Transportation, material moving | 724,000 | 5.7 |

REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND LENGTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT



# 99,989,000 People, Age 16 Years And Older, Were Not In The Labor Force In March, 2024 

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN THOSE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE 1

| January, 2024 | 100,265,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| February, 2024 | 100,285,000 |
| March, 2024 | 99,989,000 |


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