

The U.S. Economy Gained 178,000 Jobs In March, 2026

THREE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB CREATION ¹

January, 2026	130,000
February, 2026	-92,000
¹ March, 2026	178,000

ONE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB GROWTH BY INDUSTRY ¹

Industry	People Employed February, 2026	People Employed March, 2026	Gain or Loss
Mining	601,000	603,000	2,000
Construction	8,304,000	8,330,000	26,000
Manufacturing	12,576,000	12,591,000	15,000
Wholesale	6,051,300	6,054,600	3,300
Retail	15,418,200	15,427,900	9,700
Transportation	6,529,500	6,550,500	21,000
Utilities	606,200	605,000	-1,200
Information	2,794,000	2,791,000	-3,000
Finance	9,149,000	9,134,000	-15,000
Professional	22,415,000	22,417,000	2,000
Health, Private Ed	27,704,000	27,795,000	91,000
Leisure	16,955,000	16,999,000	44,000
^{B1} Associations	6,031,000	6,022,000	-9,000
Government	23,325,000	23,317,000	-8,000
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MARCH 2026, HIRES BY BUSINESS SIZE ²

Small Business (1-49 employees)	+136%
Mid-Size Business (50-499 employees)	-32%
Large Business (500+ employees)	-04%
Total U.S. (private-sector hires)	100%

The U.S. Employment Snapshot

162,848,000 People Were Employed In March, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

January, 2026	163,097,000
February, 2026	162,912,000
March, 2026	162,848,000

ONE-YEAR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION ¹

Occupation	People Employed March, 2025	People Employed March, 2026	Gain or Loss
Management	31,088,000	31,088,000	0
Professional	40,930,000	40,906,000	-24,000
Services	26,675,000	26,627,000	-48,000
Sales	13,861,000	13,967,000	106,000
Office, administrative	16,527,000	16,563,000	36,000
Farming, fishing, forestry	959,000	885,000	-74,000
Construction, extraction	8,475,000	8,014,000	-461,000
Installation, maintenance	5,014,000	4,814,000	-200,000
Production	7,923,000	7,685,000	-238,000
Transportation	11,958,000	12,214,000	256,000

PEOPLE WORKING PART TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ¹

January, 2026	4,888,000
February, 2026	4,396,000
March, 2026	4,497,000

ONE YEAR CHANGE IN HOURS AND WAGES ¹

	March, 2025	March, 2026
Average workweek in hours	34.2	34.2
Average manufacturing overtime in hours	2.9	3.0
Average hourly wage	\$36.11	\$37.38
Average weekly earnings	\$1,234.96	\$1,278.40

The U.S. Employment Snapshot

7,239,000 People Were Unemployed In March, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT ¹

January, 2026	7,368,000
February, 2026	7,571,000
March, 2026	7,239,000

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN MARCH, 2025 ¹

US	Men	Women	Teens ^A	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	High School Diploma	Bachelor's Degree+	Veterans age 18 years and over
4.3	3.8	4.0	13.7	3.6	7.1	3.7	4.8	4.7	2.8	3.9

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UNEMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION ¹

	People Unemployed In March, 2026	Unemployment Rate
Management	814,000	2.6
Professional	1,002,000	2.4
Services	1,513,000	5.4
Sales	737,000	5.0
Office, administrative	649,000	3.8
Farming, fishing, forestry	110,000	11.1
Construction, extraction	658,000	7.6
Installation, maintenance, repair	183,000	3.7
Production	325,000	4.1
Transportation, material moving	704,000	5.4

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REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND LENGTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN MARCH, 2026 ¹

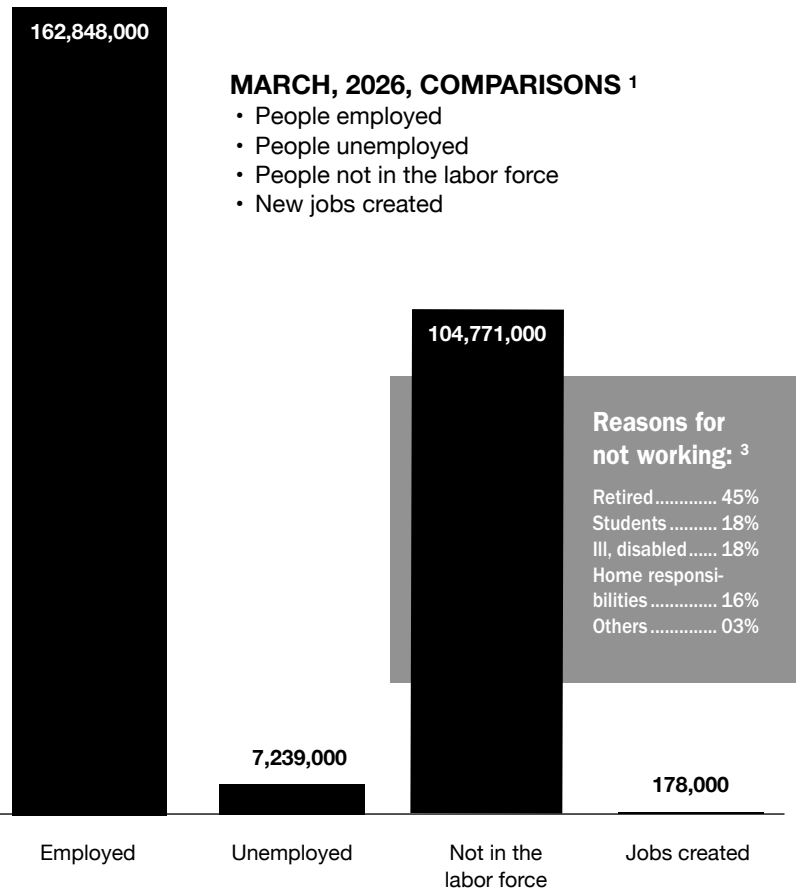
I lost my job	46.8%	1-4 weeks	29.8%
I quit my job	12.4%	5-14 weeks	27.9%
I am re-entering the job market	31.0%	15-25 weeks	16.9%
I am new to the job market	9.8%	27+ weeks	25.4%

The U.S. Employment Snapshot

104,771,000 People, Age 16 Years And Older, Were Not In The Labor Force In March, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN THOSE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE ¹

	January, 2026	104,211,000
	February, 2026	104,283,000
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