U.S. JOBS REPORT RECAP

JUNE 2025

8.0M Estimated
OPEN JOBS
PREV MONTH: 8.1M

139K
NEW JOBS ADDED
PREV MONTH*: 147K

4.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
PREV MONTH: 4.2%

3.4M Estimated
MONTHLY QUITS
PREV MONTH: 3.3M

62.4%
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
PREV MONTH: 62.6%

+0.4%
HOURLY EARNINGS (MoM)
PREV MONTH: +0.2%

OUTLOOK

The May labor market report continues to reflect a gradual cooling trend in the U.S. economy. Job gains came in above expectations but remain well below the levels seen throughout most of 2023 and early 2024. Revisions to prior months trimmed 95,000 jobs from March and April totals.

Labor market participation ticked downward, and hiring remains uneven across sectors. Federal employment fell by 22,000 jobs in May - driven by cuts associated with the "Department of Government Efficiency" - bringing year-to-date losses in the federal sector to 59,000. While layoffs remain modest, hiring hesitancy has taken hold amid tariff uncertainty, interest rate stagnation and unclear fiscal policy.

Still, resilient consumer demand in services and healthcare has kept the labor market from backsliding into contraction. Wage growth and low involuntary part-time employment remain bright spots, but many analysts caution that a continued slowdown in hiring is likely over the summer months.

*The change in total new jobs added in April decreased by 30,000, from +177,000 to +147,000.

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