ADP National Employment Report: Private Sector Employment Increased by 152,000 Jobs in May; Annual Pay was Up 5.0%

ROSELAND, N.J. – June 5, 2024 – Private sector employment increased by 152,000 jobs in May and annual pay was up 5.0 percent year-over-year, according to the May ADP® National Employment Report® produced by the ADP Research Institute® in collaboration with the Stanford Digital Economy Lab ("Stanford Lab"). The ADP National Employment Report is an independent measure and high-frequency view of the private-sector labor market based on actual, anonymized payroll data of more than 25 million U.S. employees.

The jobs report and pay insights use ADP’s fine-grained anonymized and aggregated payroll data to provide a representative picture of the private-sector labor market. The report details the current month’s total private employment change, and weekly job data from the previous month. Because the underlying ADP payroll databases are continuously updated, the report provides a high-frequency, near real-time measure of U.S. employment. This measure reflects the number of employees on ADP client payrolls (Payroll Employment) to provide a richer understanding of the labor market. ADP’s pay measure uniquely captures the earnings of a cohort of almost 10 million employees over a 12-month period.

“Job gains and pay growth are slowing going into the second half of the year,” said Nela Richardson, chief economist, ADP. “The labor market is solid, but we’re monitoring notable pockets of weakness tied to both producers and consumers.”

May 2024 Report Highlights*


JOBS REPORT

Private employers added 152,000 jobs in May
Job gains were slower in May due to a steep decline in manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality also showed weaker hiring.

Change in U.S. Private Employment: 152,000

Change by Industry Sector

- Goods-producing: 3,000
  - Natural resources/mining: -9,000
  - Construction: 32,000
  - Manufacturing: -20,000

- Service-providing: 149,000
  - Trade/transportation/utilities: 55,000
  - Information: -7,000
  - Financial activities: 28,000
Professional/business services -6,000
Education/health services 46,000
Leisure/hospitality 12,000
Other services 21,000

Change by U.S. Regions
- Northeast: 44,000
  - New England -1,000
  - Middle Atlantic 45,000
- Midwest: 9,000
  - East North Central 6,000
  - West North Central 3,000
- South: 101,000
  - South Atlantic 45,000
  - East South Central -4,000
  - West South Central 60,000
- West: -10,000
  - Mountain 8,000
  - Pacific -18,000

Change by Establishment Size
- Small establishments: -10,000
  - 1-19 employees 26,000
  - 20-49 employees -36,000
- Medium establishments: 79,000
  - 50-249 employees 49,000
  - 250-499 employees 30,000
- Large establishments: 98,000
  - 500+ employees 98,000

PAY INSIGHTS
Pay gains for job-changers slowed in May
Year-over-year pay gains for job-changers fell for the second month. Pay for job-changers was up 7.8 percent while pay growth for job-stayers held steady for the third month at 5 percent.

Median Change in Annual Pay (ADP matched person sample)
- Job-Stayers 5.0%
- Job-Changers 7.8%

Median Change in Annual Pay for Job-Stayers by Industry Sector
- Goods-producing:
  - Natural resources/mining 4.4%
  - Construction 5.3%
  - Manufacturing 4.7%

- Service-providing:
  - Trade/transportation/utilities 4.6%
  - Information 4.6%
  - Financial activities 5.1%
  - Professional/business services 4.8%
Median Change in Annual Pay for Job-Stayers by Firm Size

- **Small firms:**
  - 1-19 employees: 4.2%
  - 20-49 employees: 5.0%

- **Medium firms:**
  - 50-249 employees: 5.2%
  - 250-499 employees: 5.0%

- **Large firms:**
  - 500+ employees: 4.9%

To see Pay Insights by U.S. State, Gender, and Age for Job-Stayers, visit [here](https://adpemploymentreport.com/):

* Sum of components may not equal total, due to rounding.

The April total of jobs added was revised from 192,000 to 188,000. The historical data file, and weekly data for the previous month, is available at [https://adpemploymentreport.com/](https://adpemploymentreport.com/).

The April Pay Insights numbers have also been revised from 9.3 percent to 8 percent for job-changers due to a process correction in March to the Pay Insights data.

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The June 2024 ADP National Employment Report will be released at 8:15 a.m. ET on July 3, 2024.

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