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Current Employment Statistics Highlights



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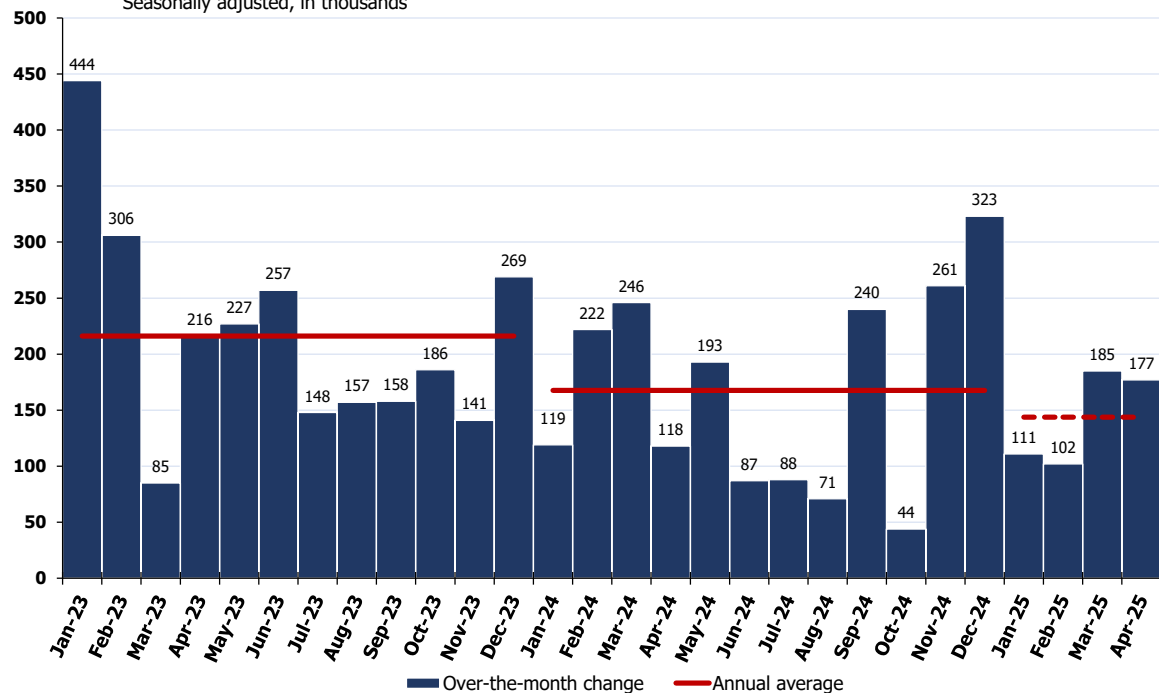
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Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 177,000 in April, roughly in line with the average monthly gain of 152,000 over the prior 12 months. In April, employment continued to trend up in health care, transportation and warehousing, financial activities, and social assistance. Federal government employment declined.

The total nonfarm employment change for February revised down from +117,000 to +102,000, and the change for March revised down from +228,000 to +185,000. On net, employment over these months is 58,000 lower than previously reported.

In April, average hourly earnings of all employees on private-sector payrolls rose by 6 cents, or 0.2 percent. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.8 percent. In April, average weekly hours of all employees remained at 34.3 hours.

Employment in total nonfarm
Over-the-month change, January 2023–April 2025
Seasonally adjusted, in thousands



Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, May 02, 2025.
Most recent 2 months of data are preliminary.

+70,000 Private Education and Health Services

Employment in health care increased by 51,000 in April, similar to its prior 12-month average monthly gain of 52,000. Over the month, job growth occurred in hospitals

(+22,000) and ambulatory health care services (+21,000).

In April, employment in social assistance continued to trend up (+8,000), but at a slower pace than the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+20,000).

+29,000 Transportation and Warehousing

Employment in transportation and warehousing increased by 29,000 in April, following little change in the prior month (+3,000). Job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+10,000), couriers and

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messengers (+8,000), and air transportation (+3,000) over the month. Transportation and warehousing added an average of 12,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months.

+14,000 Financial Activities

Employment in financial activities continued to trend up in April (+14,000). Since its most recent trough in April 2024, the industry has added 103,000 jobs.

+10,000 Government

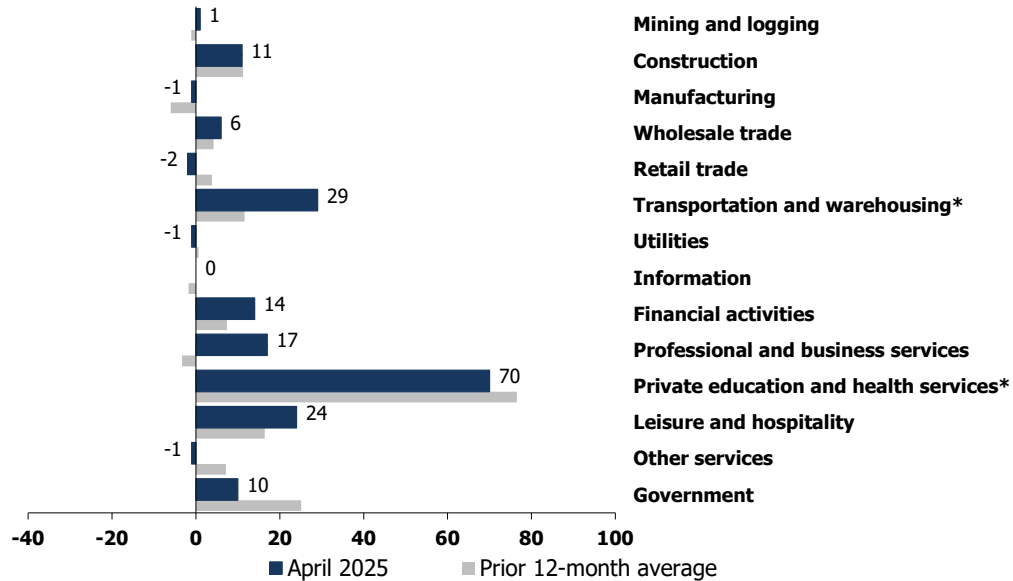
Within government, state (+6,000) and local (+13,000) government changed little in April. Federal government employment declined by 9,000 and has fallen by 26,000 since January. (Employees on paid leave or receiving ongoing severance pay are counted as employed in the establishment survey.)

Employment in total nonfarm

Over-the-month change, April 2025

Seasonally adjusted, in thousands

Total nonfarm:
177*

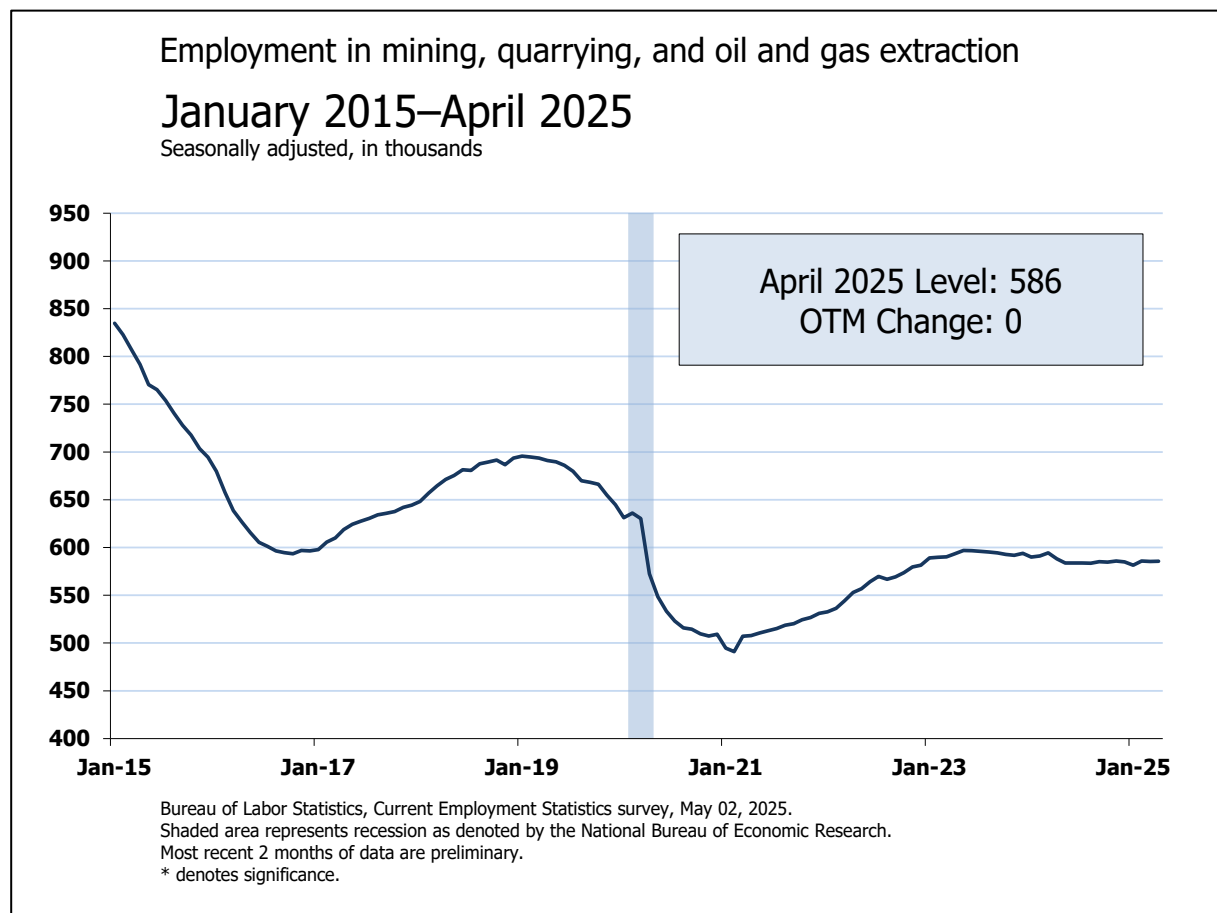


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Mining and Logging

Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction employment was flat (0) in April.

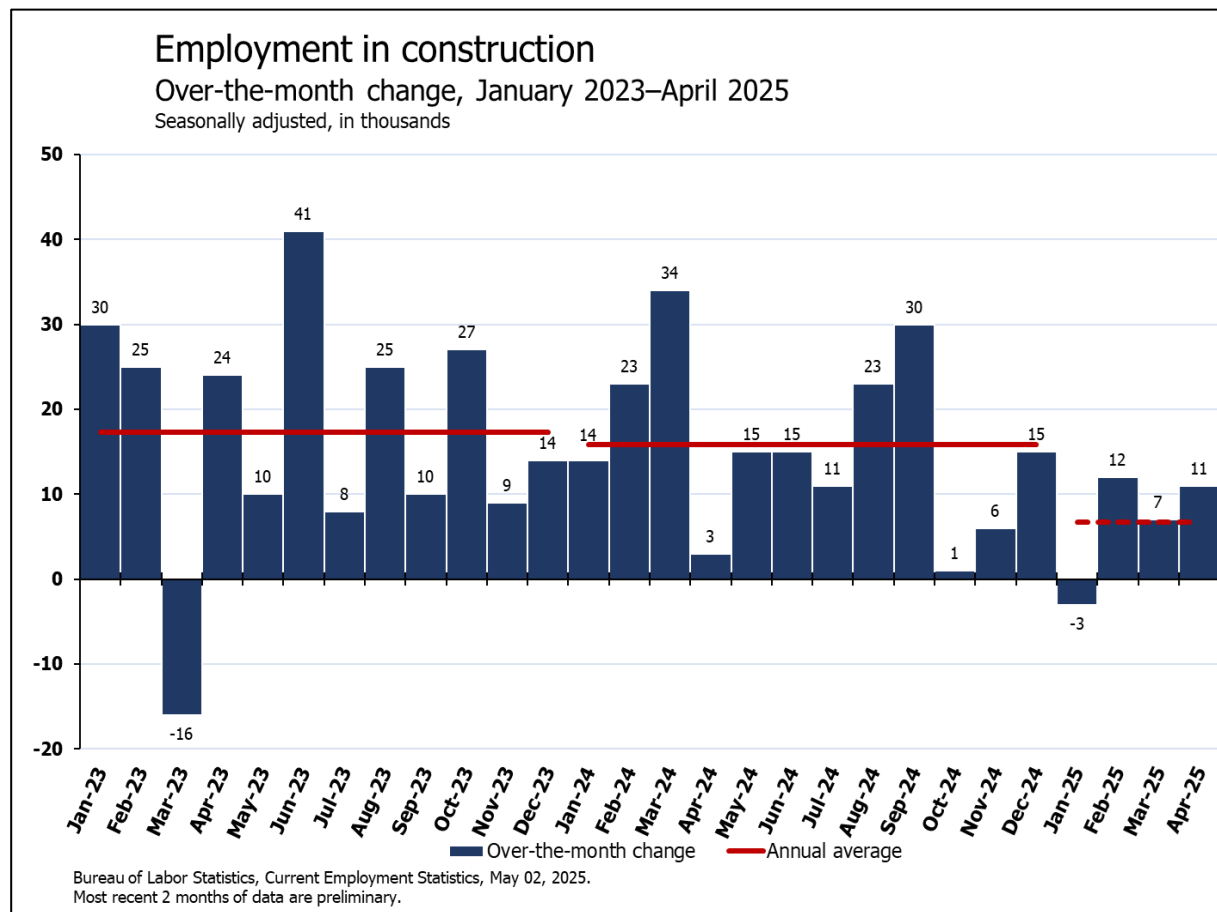
Over the month, both the [North American rotary rigs count](#)* and the average weekly price of [West Texas Intermediate crude oil](#)** decreased.



*To access the North American rotary rigs: select the link named "North America Rotary Rig Count Report- New Report," go to the NAM Breakdown tab and scroll to cell U7 ("Monthly chg").

**To access West Texas Intermediate crude oil: select "EDIT GRAPH" and change the "Modify frequency" to "Weekly, Ending Friday." Above the graph, modify date range to one year, including the 12th of the month.

Construction

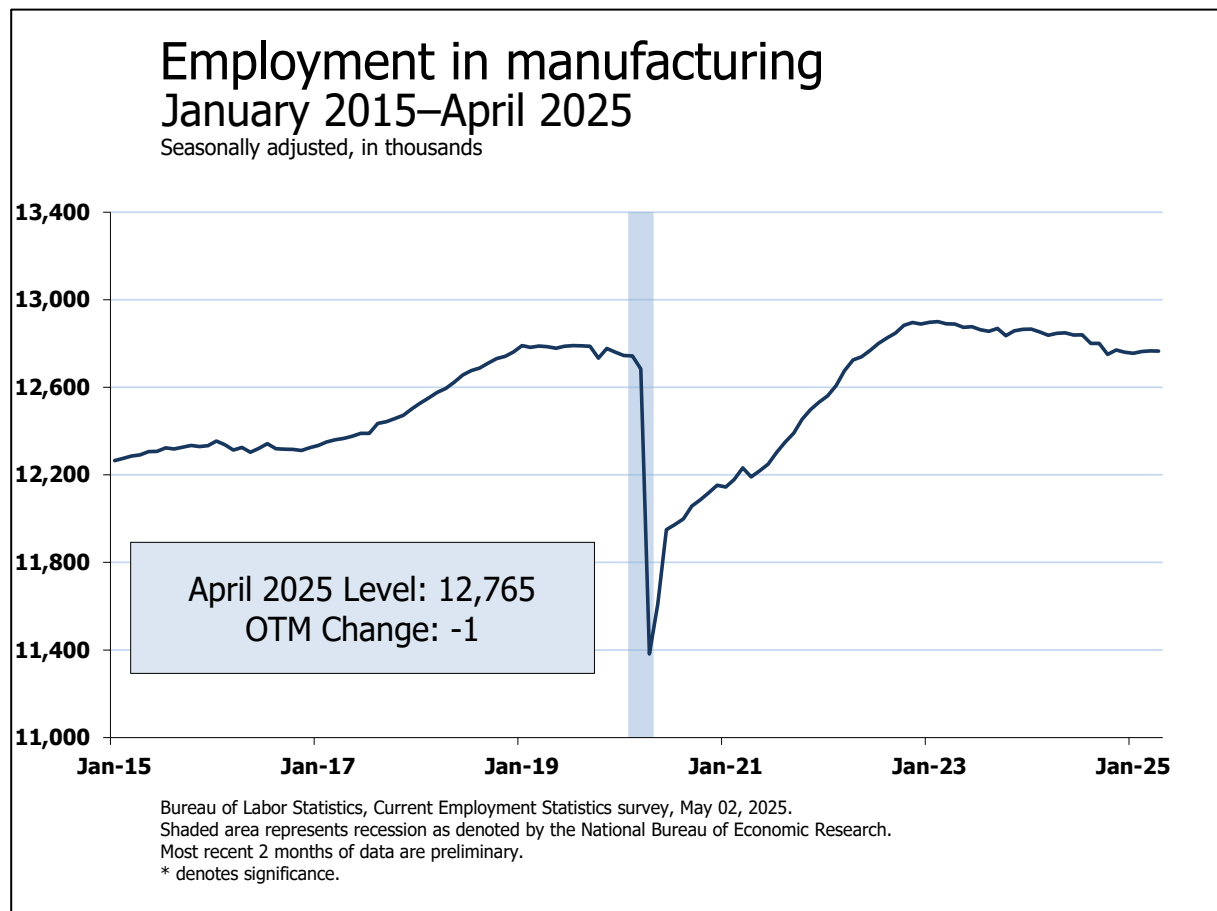


Employment in construction changed little in April (+11,000) and has shown little net change over the most recent 6 months.

Recent residential construction-related indicators are mixed. In March, [residential building permits](#) increased, while [new residential sales](#) and [housing starts](#) changed little. In April, the [average 30-year fixed mortgage rate](#)* increased.

*The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate is a weekly measure. The over-the-month change reflects the difference in rate for the week following the week of the 12th for April and the week that includes the 12th of the month for March.

Manufacturing



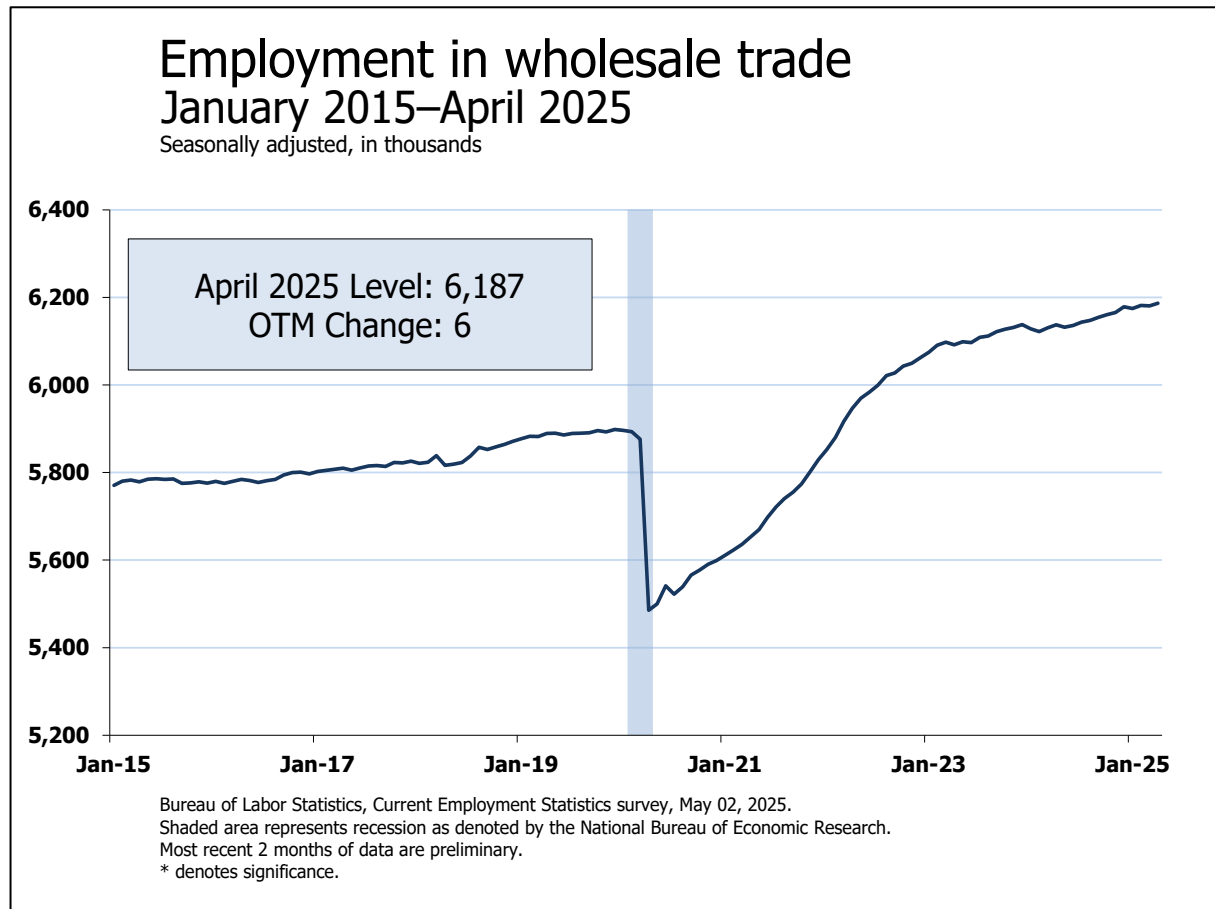
Employment in manufacturing was essentially flat in April (-1,000). The industry has lost 82,000 jobs over the most recent 12 months.

In April, average hourly earnings in manufacturing for all employees edged down by 11 cents to \$35.06, while average hourly earnings for production workers changed little (+7 cents) to \$28.80.

Over the month, average weekly hours for both all employees and production workers fell by 0.2 hours to 40.0 and 40.9 hours, respectively. Average weekly overtime hours for all employees remained unchanged at 2.9 hours in April. However, average overtime hours for production workers edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.6 hours over the month.

Wholesale Trade

In April, employment in wholesale trade changed little (+6,000).

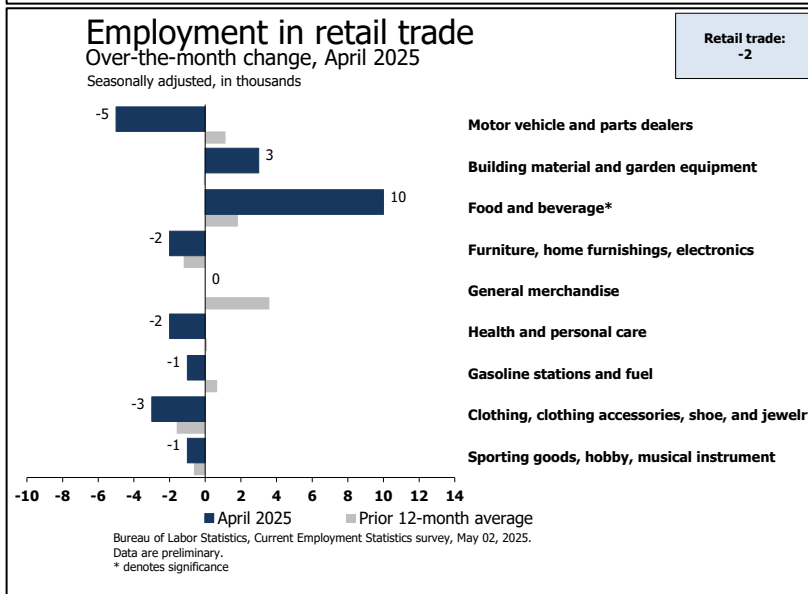


Retail Trade

Employment in retail trade changed little in April (-2,000). Over the most recent 6 months, retail trade employment has increased by 73,000. However, the industry has shown little net change over the year.

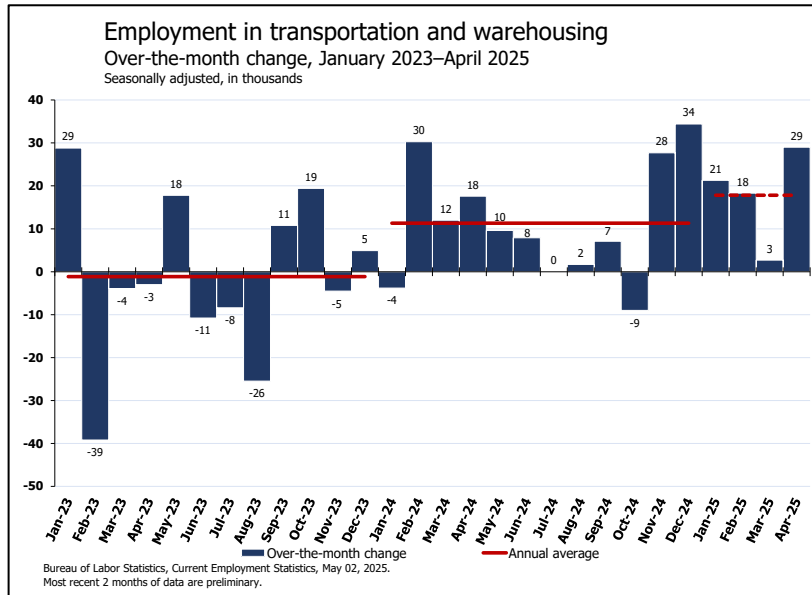
In April, food and beverage retailers employment increased by 10,000, while employment edged down in motor vehicle and parts dealers (-5,000).

Recent retail-related economic indicators are mixed. In March, [Auto Sales](#), the [Real Personal Consumption Expenditures](#) for goods, and [Retail Sales](#) increased. In contrast, the [Consumer Confidence Index](#) declined in April, and the per-gallon price of [regular gasoline](#)* increased.



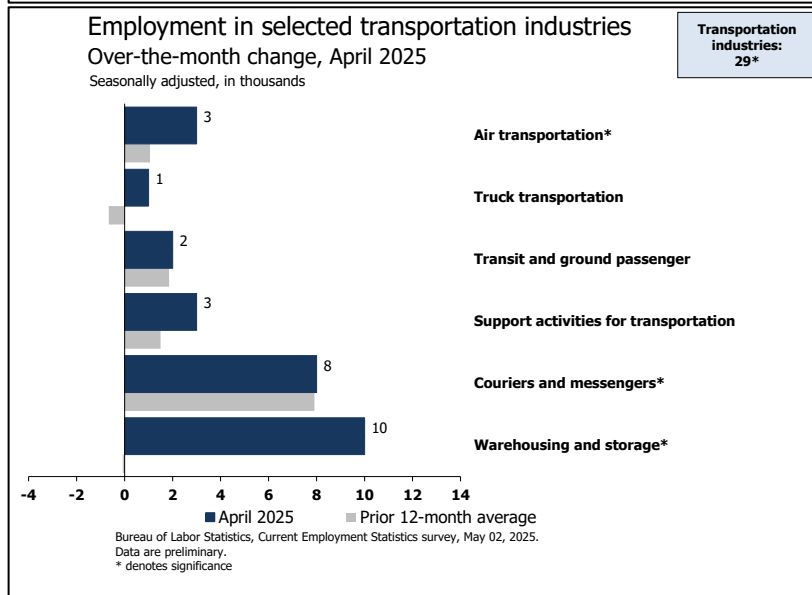
*The per-gallon price of regular gasoline is a weekly measure, and the over-the-month change reflects the difference in price for the week following the week of the 12th for both months.

Transportation and Warehousing



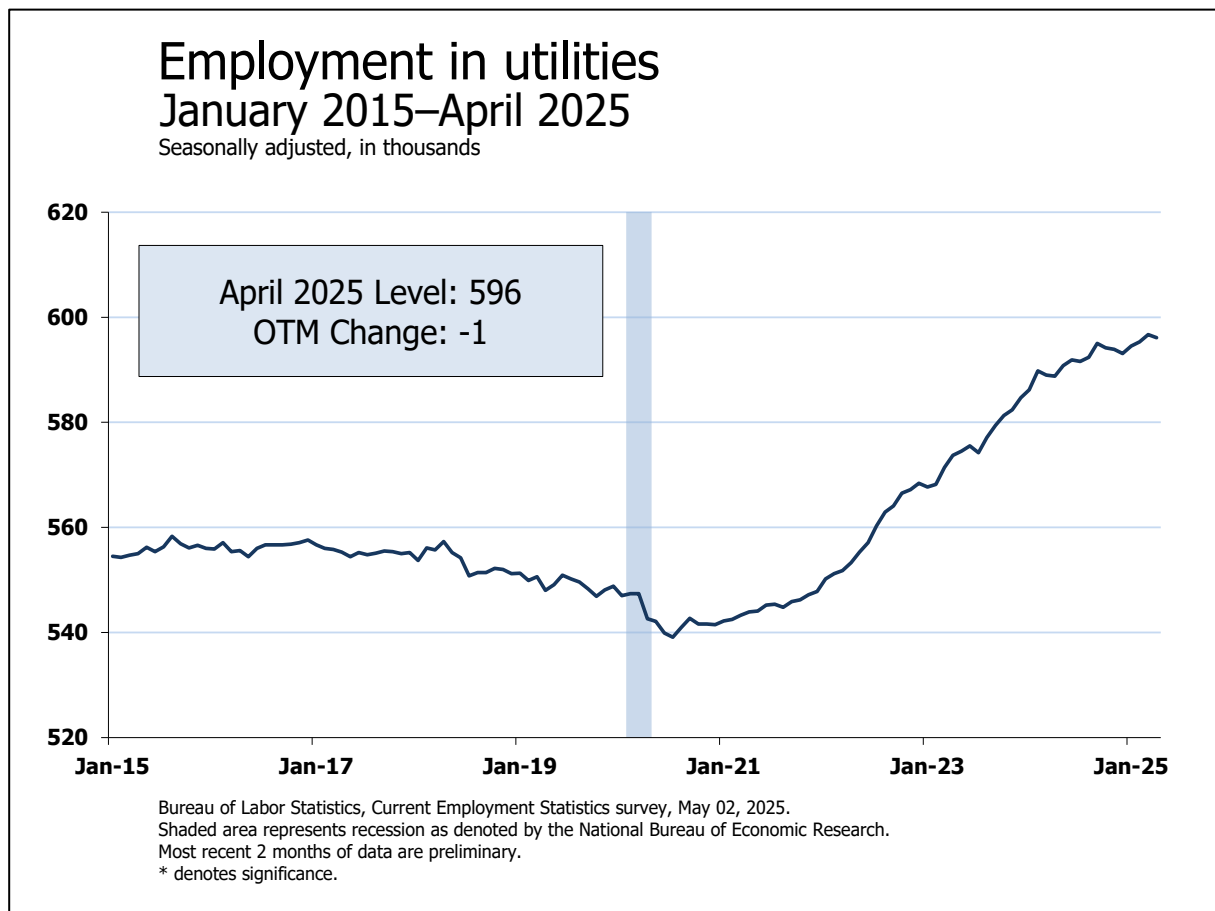
Transportation and warehousing added 29,000 jobs in April, following little change in the prior month (+3,000). Over the prior 12 months, the industry added an average of 12,000 jobs per month.

In April, employment increased in warehousing and storage (+10,000), couriers and messengers (+8,000), and air transportation (+3,000).



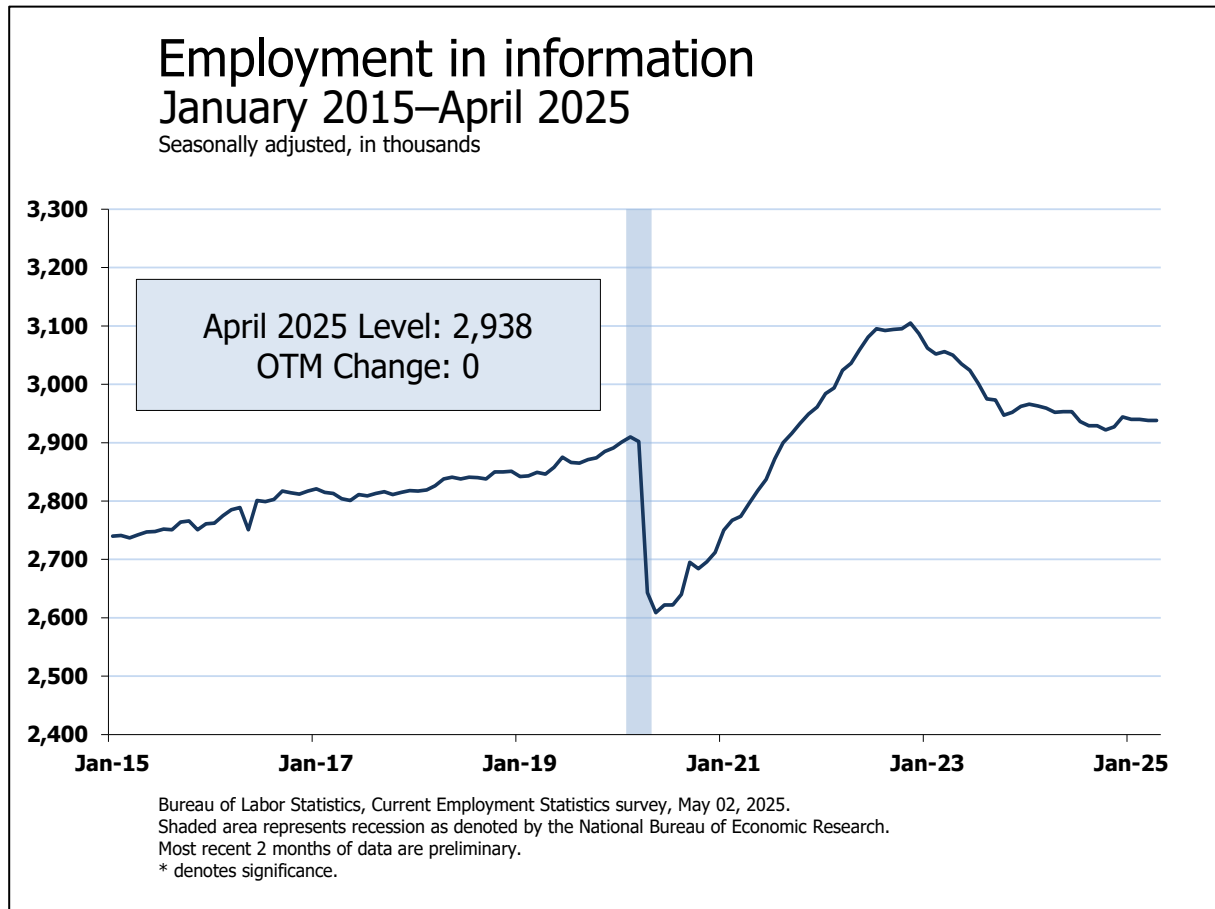
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Utilities employment changed little in April (-1,000).



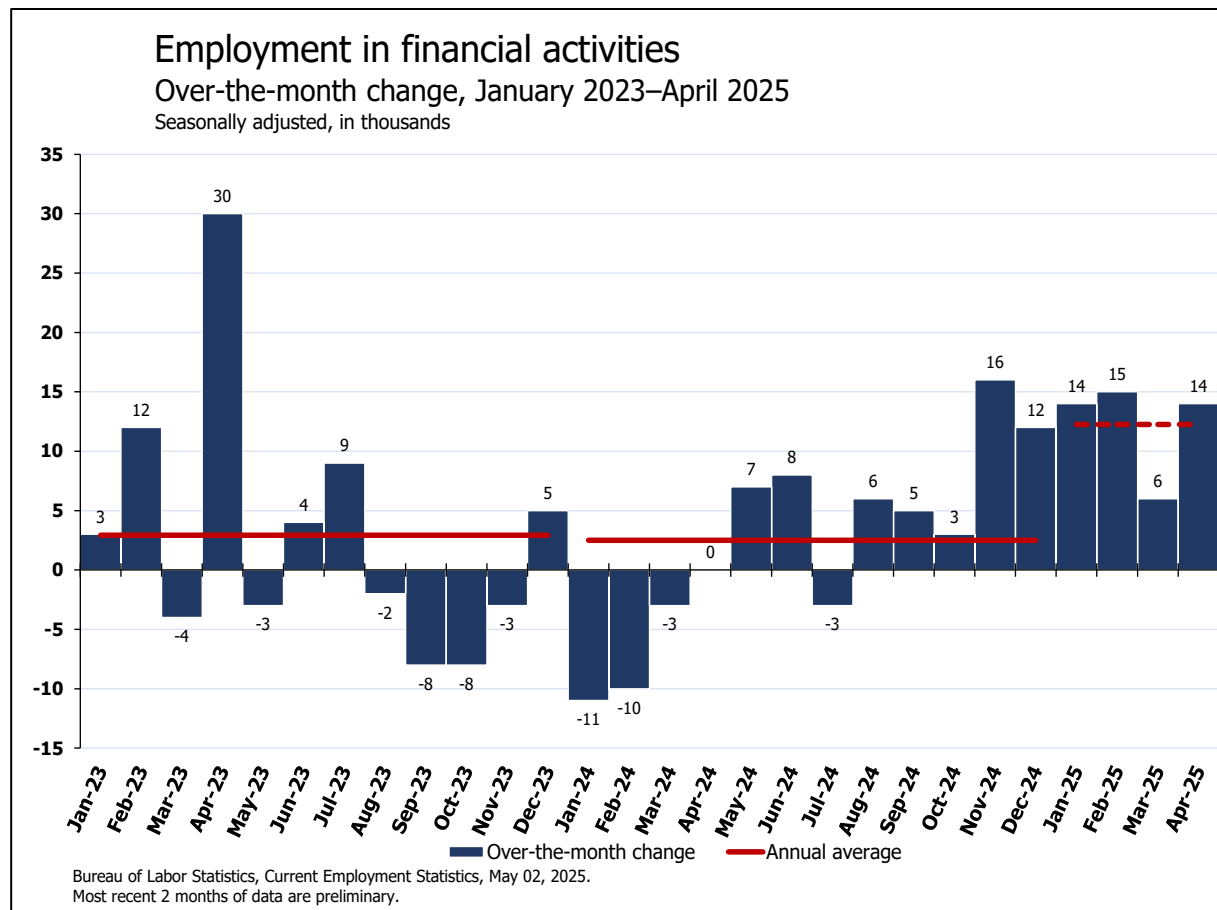
Information

Employment in information was unchanged in April (0) and has shown little net change over the most recent 12 months.

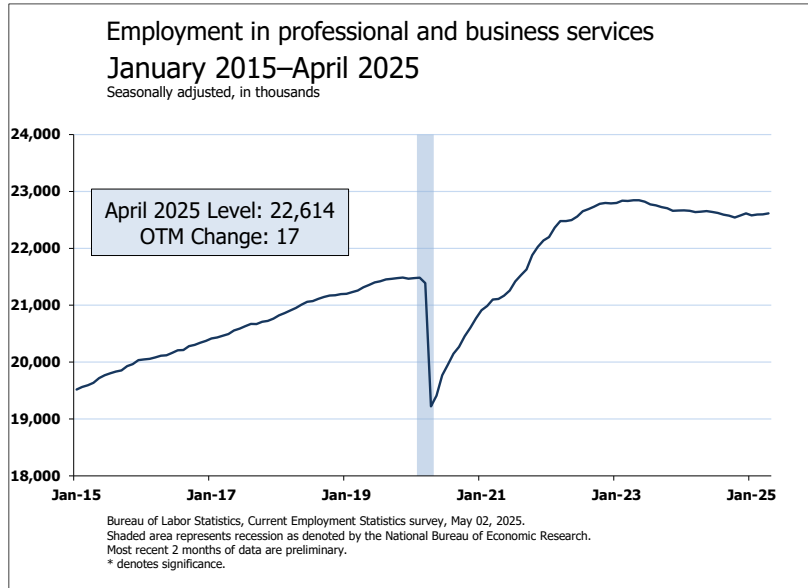


Financial Activities

Employment in financial activities continued to trend up in April (+14,000). Over the most recent 6 months, the industry has added 77,000 jobs.

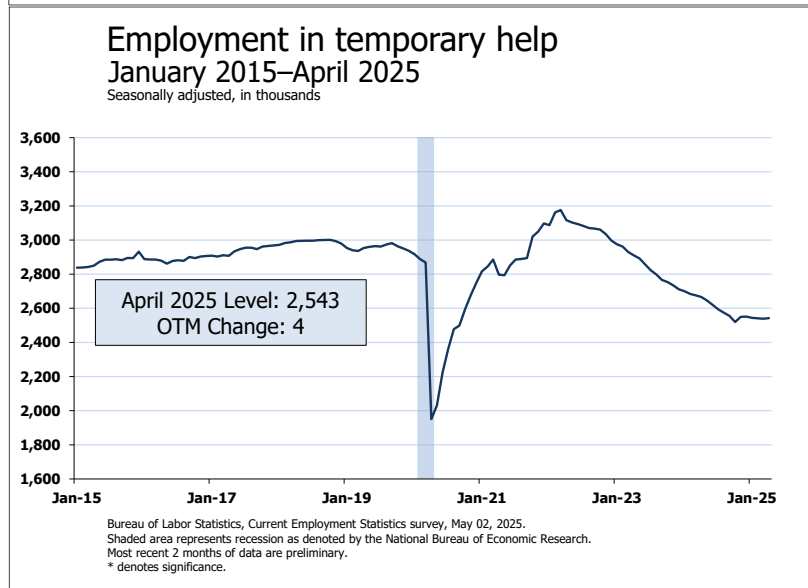


Professional and Business Services



Employment in professional and business services changed little in April (+17,000). The industry has lost 232,000 jobs since its most recent peak in May 2023.

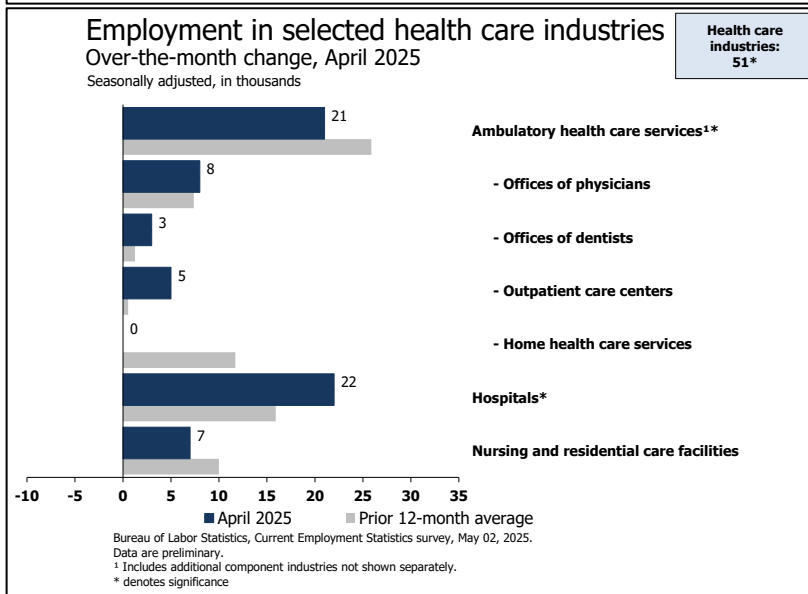
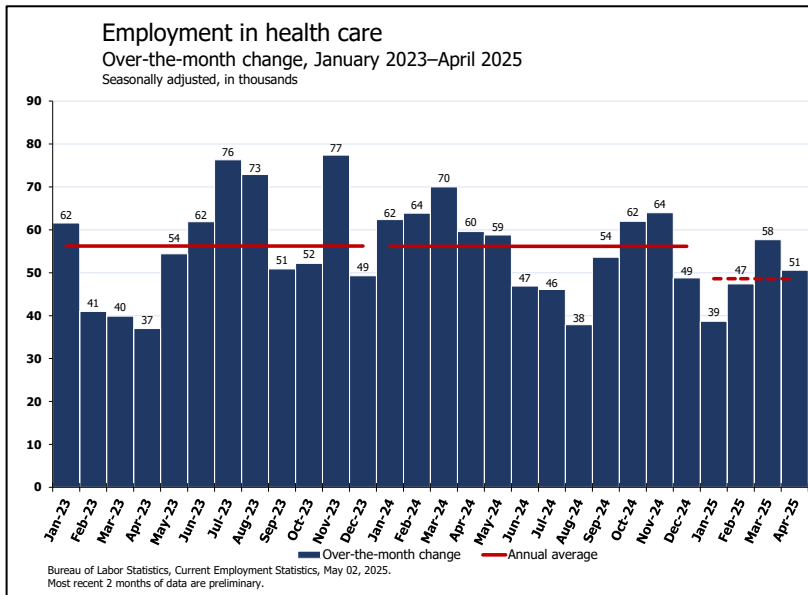
In April, employment in temporary help services changed little (+4,000) and has shown little net change over the last three months. However, since reaching an employment peak in March 2022, temporary help services has shed 634,000 jobs, a decline of 20.0 percent.



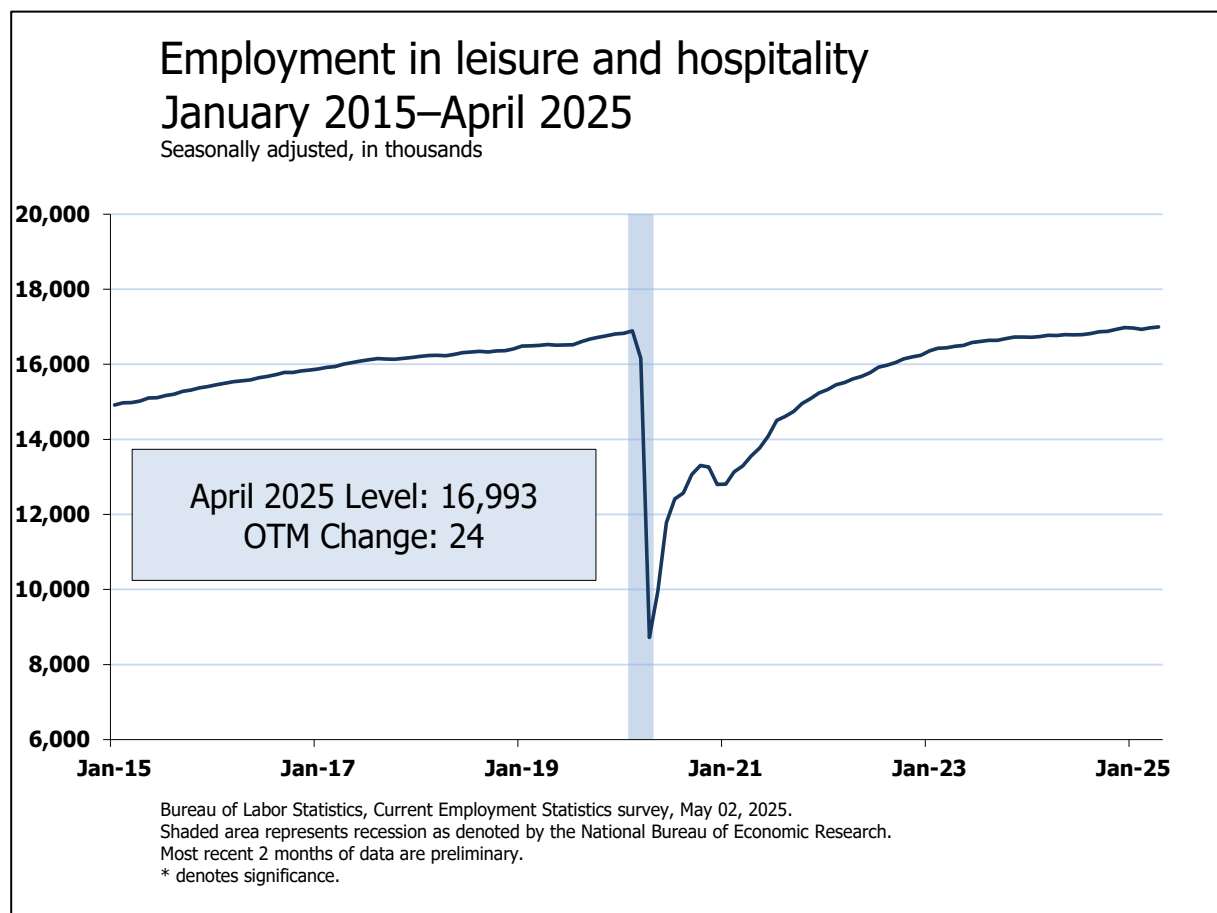
Private Education and Health Services

Health care added 51,000 jobs in April, similar to the average monthly gain of 52,000 over the prior 12 months.

In April, employment increased in hospitals (+22,000) and ambulatory health care services (+21,000). In addition, social assistance employment continued to trend up over the month (+8,000), below its prior 12-month average gain of 20,000.



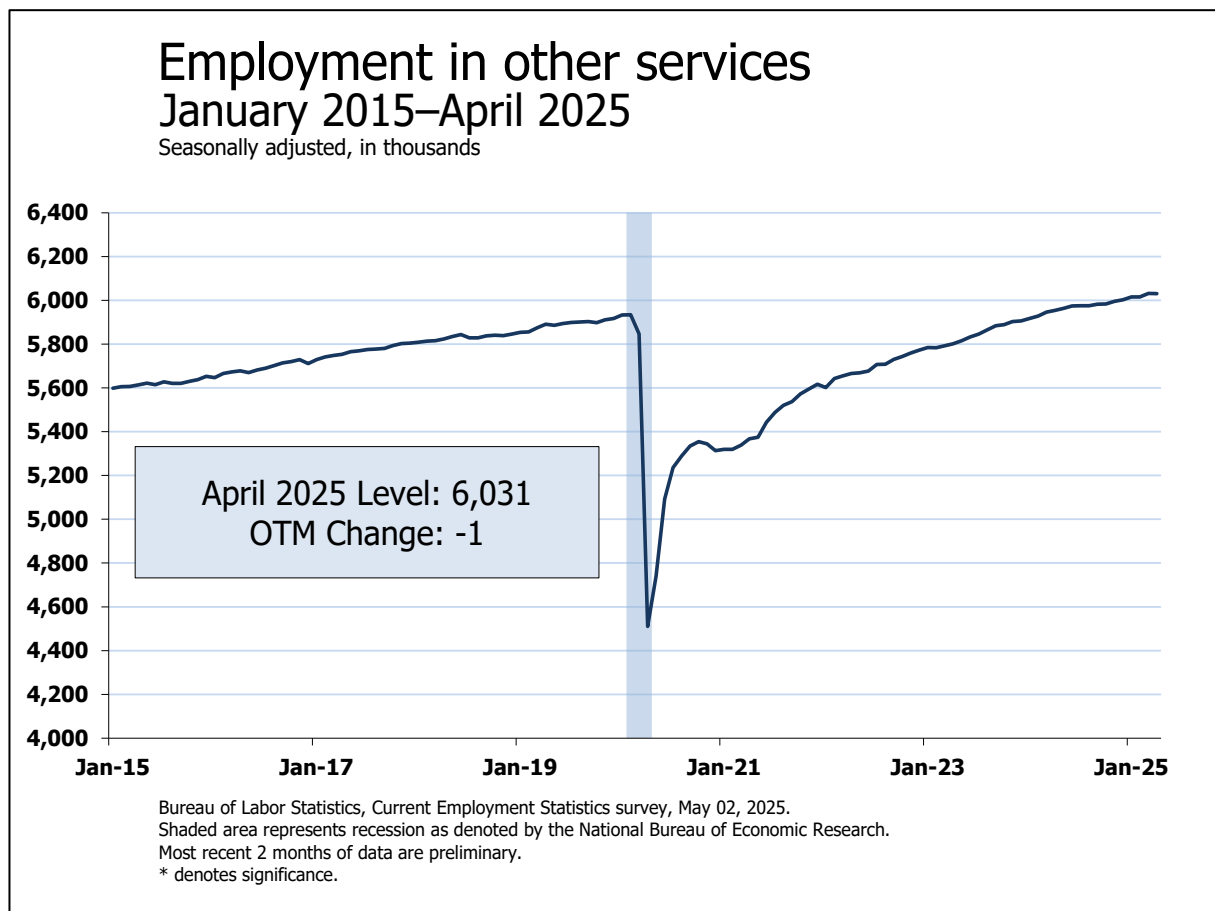
Leisure and Hospitality



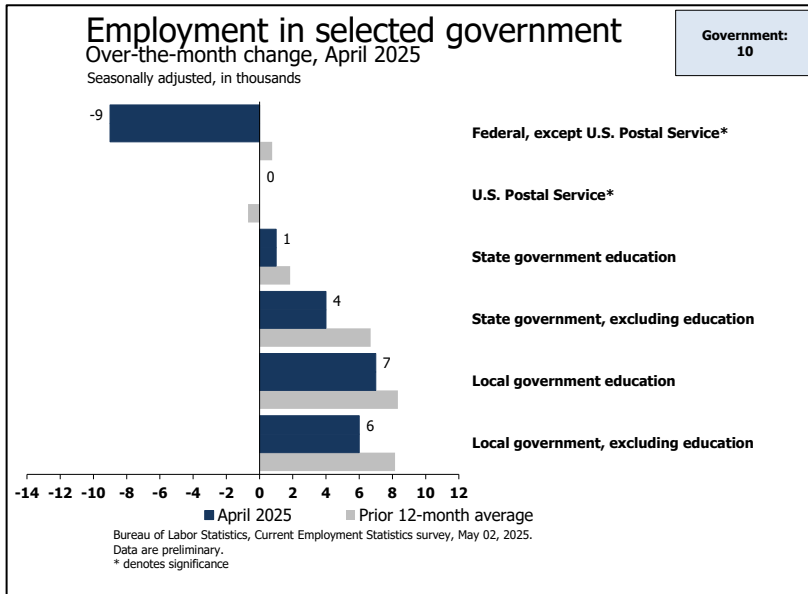
Employment in leisure and hospitality changed little in April (+24,000). Over the prior 12 months, the industry added an average of 16,000 jobs per month.

Other Services

Employment in other services changed little in April (-1,000). Over the most recent 12 months, the industry has added 77,000 jobs.

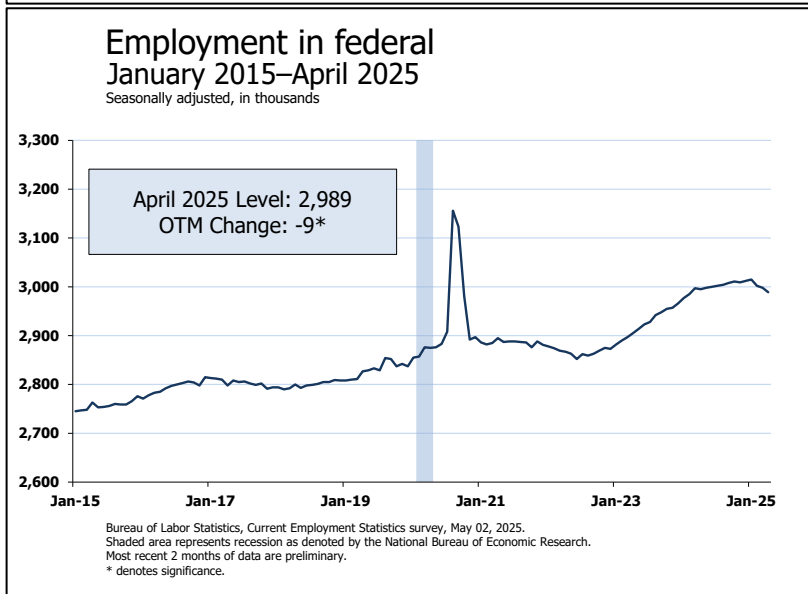


Government



In April, employment in government changed little (+10,000), following an average monthly gain of 25,000 over the prior 12 months. In April, employment changed little in state (+6,000) and local (+13,000) government.

Federal government employment decreased by 9,000 in April and has fallen by 26,000 since January 2025. (Employees on paid leave or receiving ongoing severance pay are included as employed in the establishment survey.)





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