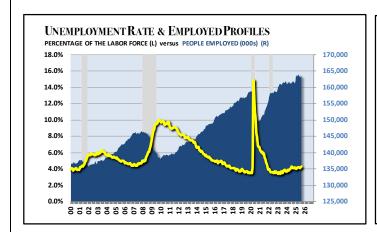
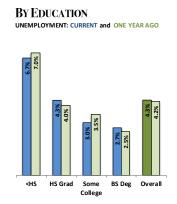
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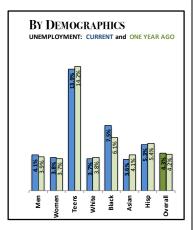
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EMPLOYMENT SECTOR







	Year-end		Previous Six Months					
(numbers in thousands)	2023	2024	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Non-farm Payrolls SA	157,304	158,926	159,340	159,422	159,561	159,466	159,518	159,540
Private Sector Employment	134,292	135,368	135,738	135,828	135,968	135,887	135,934	135,972
Civilian Population	267,991	269,638	273,023	273,197	273,385	273,585	273,785	274,001
Civilian Labor Force	167,451	168,547	170,591	171,109	170,510	170,380	170,342	170,778
Employed	161,183	161,661	163,508	163,944	163,273	163,366	163,106	163,394
Unemployed	6,268	6,886	7,083	7,165	7,237	7,015	7,236	7,384
Average Hourly Earnings	\$34.27	\$35.69	\$36.00	\$36.06	\$36.24	\$36.31	\$36.43	\$36.53
Long-term Unemployed	1,245	1,551	1,495	1,674	1,457	1,647	1,826	1,930
Not in Labor Force	100,540	101,091	102,431	102,088	102,875	103,204	103,443	103,223
Underemployed	11,889	12,641	13,477	13,347	13,300	13,119	13,457	13,833
Participation Rate	62.5%	62.5%	62.5%	62.6%	62.4%	62.3%	62.2%	62.3%
Employed-Population	60.1%	60.0%	59.9%	60.0%	59.7%	59.7%	59.6%	59.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
LT Unemp-Total Unemp	19.9%	22.5%	21.1%	23.4%	20.1%	23.5%	25.2%	26.1%
Underemployment Rate	7.1%	7.5%	7.9%	7.8%	7.8%	7.7%	7.9%	8.1%
Not in LF-Total Population	38%	37%	38%	37%	38%	38%	38%	38%

Periodic Changes							
MoM	YoY	YoY Pct					
22	1,466	0.9%					
38	1,328	1.0%					
216	5,145	1.9%					
436	2,282	1.4%					
288	1,969	1.2%					
148	313	4.4%					
\$0.10	\$1.30	3.7%					
104	385	24.9%					
-220	2,863	2.9%					
376	353	2.6%					
0.1%	-0.3%	-0.5%					
0.1%	-0.4%	-0.7%					
0.40/	0.40/						
0.1%	0.1%	-					
0.9%	4.3%	-					
0.2%	0.1%	-					
0%	0.3%	-					

(September 2025)..... The Labor Department reports non-farm payrolls increased by 22 thousand in August while, in a separate survey, the nation's unemployment rate increased to 4.3%. Private payrolls increased by 38 thousand. Approximately 434 thousand joined the labor force while the civilian population increased by 216 thousand. The number of employed increased by 288 thousand while the number of long-term unemployed (>27 weeks) increased by 104 thousand to 1.9 million people, or 26.1% of the unemployed (from last month's 25.2%).

Approximately 62.3 percent of the civilian population made up the labor force and about 59.6% of the population was employed. The nation's underemployment rate (jobless, part-time desiring full-time and those deferring search over past 60 days) was 8.1%, representing about 13.8 million people.

Over the past year, private payrolls have increased 1.32 million while average hourly earnings has increased by \$1.30, or 3.7% - this compares with an average consumer inflation rate of 2.7% - thereby, improving consumers' purchasing power relative to inflation.

Strategically... The data shows that the labor market continues to be untouched by recent uncertainty as we transition into a new economic structure that looks to deliver a more balance revenue stream coming from the Unites State's position in the global economy. The last major transition of this sort was post-WWII as the US economy transitioned from a manufacturing economy to a more dominant service economy. This will take years to accomplish in full and there certainly will be some short-term disruption as major sectors of the economy retool itself and business investment is organized. The result will be more stablized growth, less reliance on foreign import, retooling of the nation's mannufacturing sector and the creation of jobs.

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