

Job Openings Rise While Hiring Falls

U.S. job openings increased while hiring fell in April, according to a report from the Labor Department's monthly job openings and labor turnover survey.

Available positions increased to 7.6 million in April, from 6.9 million in March. The rate of job openings rose to 4.6% in April, from 4.2% in March.

The rate of workers facing layoffs was little changed, at 1.1% in April compared with 1.2% in March.

Meanwhile, the hiring rate worsened to 3.2% in April from 3.5% in March, with about 5.1 million Americans landing new jobs in April.

The quit rate—workers leaving their jobs voluntarily—was 1.9% in April compared with 2% in March. The rate can serve as a measure of workers' willingness or ability to leave their job.

April's job scenario reflected what Fed officials have described as relatively stable, with little signals of any harsh downturns as layoffs remain low. But the data may suggest continuing economic uncertainty weighed on firms' decisions to hire more workers.

On Friday, economists will get a better read on the labor market, as the employment report for May will be released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Hires rate



Note: Seasonally adjusted. April 2026 hires rate is preliminary. Rate represents the number of hires as a percentage of total employment.
Source: Labor Department

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