

# ADP National Employment Report: Private Sector Employment Decreased by 27,000 Jobs in March; the March NER Utilizes Data Through March 12 and Does Not Reflect the Full Impact of COVID-19 on the Overall Employment Situation

ROSELAND, N.J., April 1, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Private sector employment decreased by 27,000 jobs from February to March according to the March [ADP National Employment Report®](#). The report utilizes data through the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The NER uses the same time period the Bureau of Labor and Statistics uses for their survey. As such, the March NER does not reflect the full impact of COVID-19 on the overall employment situation.

Broadly distributed to the public each month, free of charge, the *ADP National Employment Report* is produced by the ADP Research Institute® in collaboration with Moody's Analytics. The report, which is derived from ADP's actual payroll data, measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month on a seasonally-adjusted basis.

## **March 2020 Report Highlights \***

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**Total U.S. Nonfarm Private Employment: -27,000**

### **By Company Size**

**- Small businesses: -90,000**

- 1-19 employees -66,000
- 20-49 employees -24,000

**- Medium businesses: 7,000**

- 50-499 employees 7,000

**- Large businesses: 56,000**

- 500-999 employees 1,000
- 1,000+ employees 55,000

### **By Sector**

**- Goods-producing: -9,000**

- Natural resources/mining 1,000
- Construction -16,000
- Manufacturing 6,000

**- Service-providing: -18,000**

- Trade/transportation/utilities -37,000
- Information -7,000
- Financial activities 0
- Professional/business services -3,000
- Professional/technical services 11,000
- Management of companies/enterprises -2,000
- Administrative/support services -12,000

- Education/health services 48,000
  - Health care/social assistance 44,000
  - Education 4,000
- Leisure/hospitality -11,000
- Other services -8,000

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

#### **- Franchise Employment\*\***

- Franchise jobs -4,300

\*\*Complete details on franchise employment can be found [here](#).

"It is important to note that the ADP National Employment Report is based on the total number of payroll records for employees who were active on a company's payroll through the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. This is the same time period the Bureau of Labor and Statistics uses for their survey," said Ahu Yildirmaz, co-head of the ADP Research Institute. "As such, the March NER does not fully reflect the most recent impact of COVID-19 on the employment situation, including unemployment claims reported on March 26, 2020."

The matched sample used to develop the *ADP National Employment Report* was derived from ADP payroll data, which represents 460,000 U.S. clients employing nearly 26 million workers in the U.S. The February total of jobs added was revised down from 183,000 to 179,000.

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The April 2020 *ADP National Employment Report* will be released at 8:15 a.m. ET on May 6, 2020.

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The *ADP National Employment Report*® is a monthly measure of the change in total U.S. nonfarm private employment derived from actual, anonymous payroll data of client companies served by ADP®, a leading provider of human capital management solutions. The report, which measures nearly 26 million U.S. workers, is produced by the ADP Research Institute®, a specialized group within the company that provides insights around employment trends and workforce strategy, in collaboration with Moody's Analytics, Inc.

Each month, ADP Research Institute issues the *ADP National Employment Report* as part of the company's commitment to adding deeper insights into the U.S. labor market and providing businesses, governments and others with a source of credible and valuable information. The *ADP National Employment Report* is broadly distributed to the public each month, free of charge.

The data for this report is collected for pay periods that can be interpolated to include the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month, and processed with statistical methodologies similar to those used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to compute employment from its monthly survey of establishments. Due to this processing, this subset is modified to make it indicative of national employment levels; therefore, the resulting employment changes computed for the *ADP National Employment Report* are not representative of changes in ADP's total base of U.S. business clients.

For a description of the underlying data and the statistical model used to create this report, please see the [ADP National Employment Report: Development Methodology](#).

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