TCA Monthly Employment Snapshot May 2021 Report

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Top Expanding Sectors

- Leisure and Hosp: 292k
- Education and Health: 87k
- Government: 67k
- Trade, Trans, & Util: 37k
- Professional and Bus: 35k

Consumer Sentiment

88.3 (+340 bps)

April's figure is surpassed the 2020 average of 81.5.

PMI

61.2% (+50 bps)

There was a 36:1 ratio of positive to cautious comments from respondents in May. That ratio was 11:1 in April

Job Growth: 559k
Jobless Rate: 5.8%

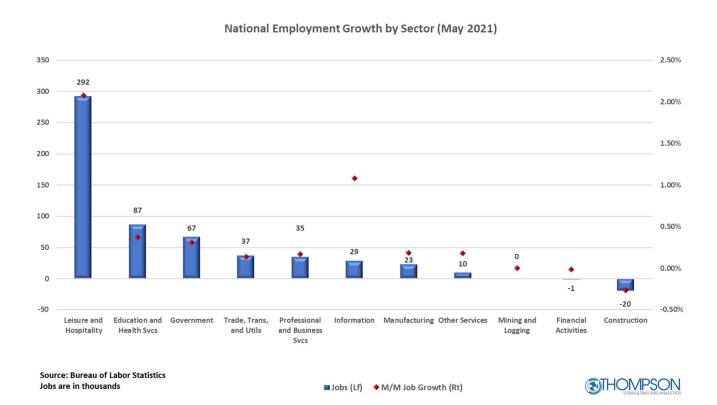
Economic Highlights

- May employment growth fell below expectations (675k).
- Leisure and hospitality wages have increased by 4.9% since Jan.
- 2021 Forecast: 475,000 jobs/month

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics Institute of Supply Management University of Michigan



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US labor market growth (559,000 jobs) was below expectations (675,000 jobs) in the May employment release. Leisure and hospitality (292,000 jobs) accounted for the bulk of the positive employment growth in May. Despite the strong employment growth, the sector still remains 2.5 million workers below pre-pandemic levels. The labor shortage in leisure and hospitality has caused weekly wages to rise by 4.9% since January 2021. Construction was one of the few sectors to decline in May (with a loss of 20,000 workers). Manufacturing employment rebounded in May and recorded an increase of 23,000 workers. The durables subsector (18,000 jobs) accounted for most of the employment growth in manufacturing. May's PMI registered at 61.2% (up 50 bps month-over-month). The US economy averaged employment growth of -778,000 jobs in 2020. We expect employment growth to average 475,000 workers per month in 2021.



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| US Labor Market Snapshot (May 2021) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Variable | Mar-20 | Apr-20 | May-20 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | Dec-20 | 2021 YTD | Difference from Jan '20 |
| Population (Civilian, Non-Inst.) | 259,758 | 259,896 | 260,047 | 260,204 | 260,373 | 260,558 | 260,742 | 260,925 | 261,085 | 261,230 | 261,017 | 0.6% |
| Total Employment | 150,840 | 130,161 | 132,994 | 137,840 | 139,566 | 141,149 | 141,865 | 142,545 | 142,809 | 142,503 | 143,859 | -5.5% |
| Full-Time Employment | 129,059 | 114,325 | 116,545 | 119,262 | 119,962 | 122,461 | 122,569 | 123,646 | 124,292 | 124,689 | 125,641 | -3.9% |
| Part-Time Employment | 26,564 | 19,117 | 20,819 | 23,125 | 23,941 | 24,896 | 25,067 | 26,139 | 25,373 | 24,917 | 25,008 | -9.2% |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4% | 14.8% | 13.3% | 11.1% | 10.2% | 8.4% | 7.8% | 6.9% | 6.7% | 6.7% | 6.1% | 260 bps |
| Underutilization Rate | 8.8% | 22.9% | 21.2% | 18.0% | 16.5% | 14.2% | 12.8% | 12.1% | 12.0% | 11.7% | 10.7% | 380 bps |
| Employment/Population Ratio | 59.9% | 51.3% | 52.8% | 54.6% | 55.2% | 56.5% | 56.6% | 57.4% | 57.4% | 57.4% | 57.8% | -330 bps |
| Labor Force Participation Rate | 62.6% | 60.2% | 60.8% | 61.4% | 61.5% | 61.7% | 61.4% | 61.6% | 61.5% | 61.5% | 61.5% | -190 bps |
| Not in Labor Force | 97,037 | 103,418 | 101,847 | 100,407 | 100,288 | 99,740 | 100,664 | 100,207 | 100,548 | 100,663 | 100,447 | 5.7% |

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Population, employment, and "Not in Labor Force" data are in thousands.

The US labor market produced a solid report in the May release. The unemployment rate fell by 30 bps in May. The underutilization rate also fell by 20 bps. This indicates that in addition to finding jobs, jobseekers are finding the type of jobs that they want (i.e. people seeking full-time employment are not having to settle for part-time positions). That being said, the number of people not in the labor force increased and the labor force participation rate decreased. These statistics are likely an indication of discouraged workers who are less than confident about finding a viable position. Wages are increasing, especially in many low-wage employment sectors, and we expect inflation to become harder to mitigate as the current labor shortage continues and wage increases persist.

