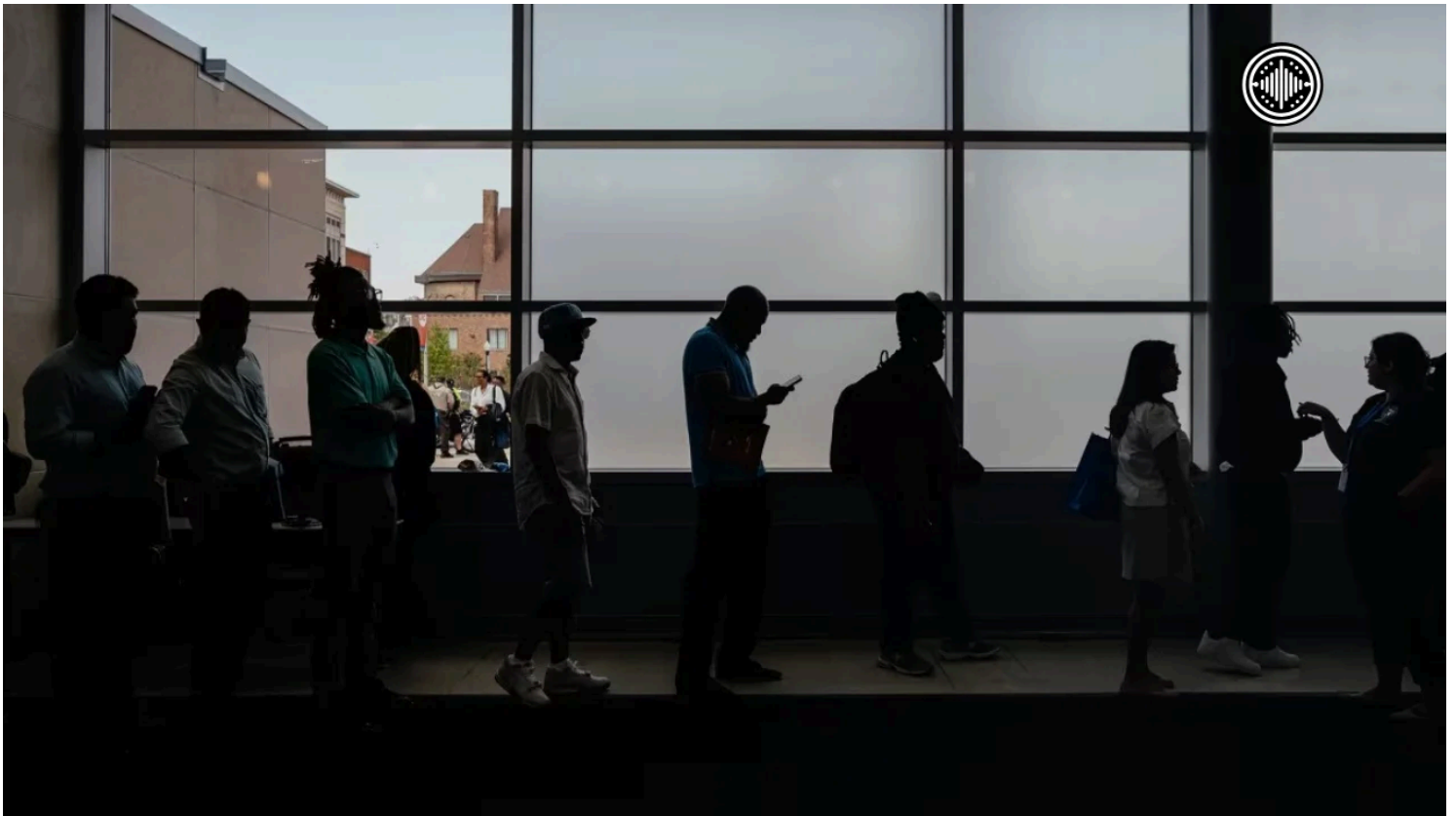


## US Adds 147K Jobs in June, Beating Forecasts

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The United States job market showed surprising strength in June, with the economy adding 147,000 new jobs, significantly more than economists had predicted. While experts expected about 106,000 new positions, the actual number far exceeded that, signaling ongoing resilience in the labor market.

Even more encouraging, the unemployment rate dropped unexpectedly to 4.1%, defying forecasts that it would rise to 4.3%. This unexpected decline suggests that the job market remains robust, providing steady opportunities for those seeking employment.

May's employment numbers were also updated, showing a slightly stronger job market than initially reported. The economy added 144,000 jobs in May, revised upward from the original estimate of 139,000. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in May stayed steady at 4.2%.

Joe Brusuelas, Chief Economist at RSM, weighed in on these results, highlighting the surprising lack of negative impact from ongoing trade tensions and tariffs. "You're just not seeing any feed through from tariff or trade-related stress," Brusuelas said in an interview. His comments suggest that despite the concerns around trade policies, the labor market is holding firm.

Brusuelas described the payroll data as "absolutely solid," adding that it fits with forecasts of a slowing but steady economy. This view offers some reassurance at a time when many worry that trade disputes or other factors might weaken economic growth.

Why do these numbers matter? Nonfarm payrolls, jobs in sectors excluding farming, government, private households, and nonprofit organizations, are key indicators economists use to gauge the health of the labor market. When job additions beat expectations, it usually points to a stronger economy with more opportunities for workers.

Similarly, the unemployment rate helps show how many people looking for work can find jobs. A falling unemployment rate, as seen in June, usually signals a tightening labor market where jobs are more available.

For businesses and workers alike, these figures provide a snapshot of economic health. A steady or improving job market tends to boost consumer confidence, encouraging spending that drives further growth.

Still, while the numbers are positive, experts like Brusuelas caution that the economy is not growing at a rapid pace. Instead, the data points to a gradual slowdown, but one that remains on solid footing.

This news comes at a time when many analysts are carefully watching how global trade issues, inflation, and other factors might influence the economy in the coming months. So far, the labor market seems to be holding strong despite these challenges.

In summary, June's jobs report offers a dose of optimism. With job growth outpacing expectations and unemployment rates falling, the United States economy shows signs of

resilience. For now, the labor market remains a bright spot amid ongoing economic uncertainties.