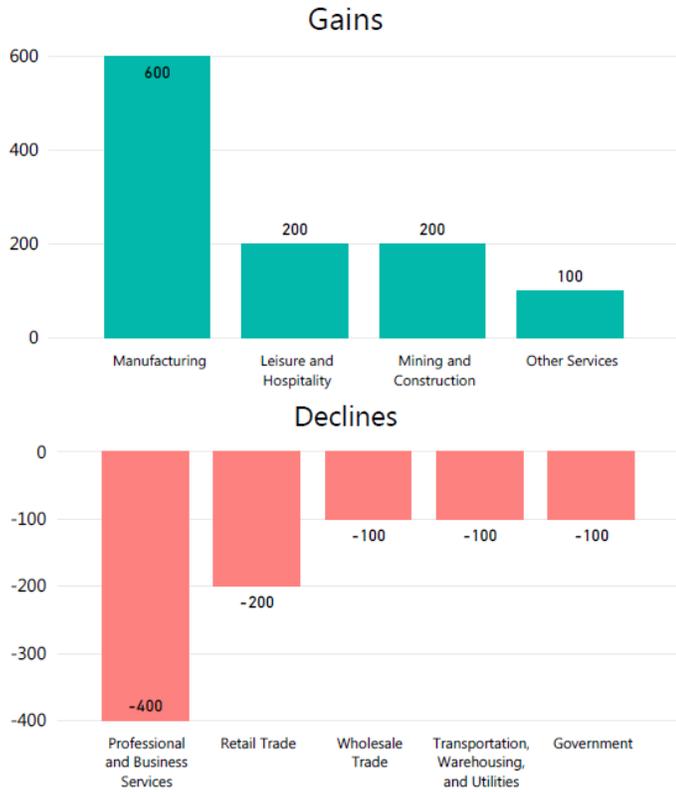


# April - 2019 Jobs Analysis

It's April, jobs are up, and IDES has changed their report format!  
Let's take a look...

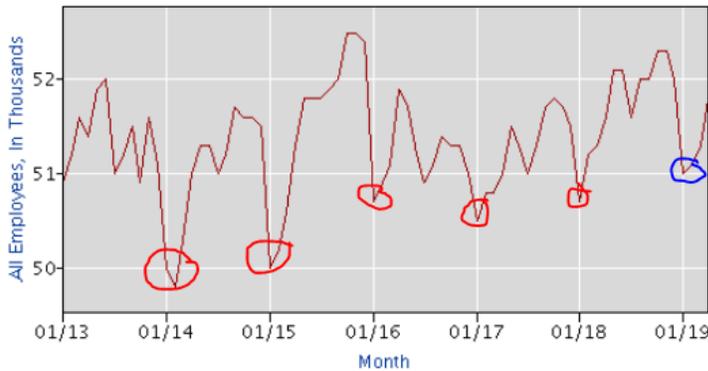


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Industry	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	OTM Change	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	51,800	51,300	51,600	500	200
Mining and Construction	3,000	2,800	2,800	200	200
Manufacturing	11,700	11,800	11,100	-100	600
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Retail Trade	5,000	4,900	5,200	100	-200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
Information	400	400	400	0	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Professional and Business Services	2,500	2,500	2,900	0	-400
Education and Health Services	9,100	8,900	9,100	200	0
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,100	5,100	200	200
Other Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Government	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100

Industry: Total Nonfarm  
Data Type: All Employees, In Thousands



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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	50.9	51.2	51.6	51.4	51.9	52.0	51.0	51.2	51.5	50.9	51.6	51.1
2014	50.0	49.8	50.3	51.0	51.3	51.3	51.0	51.2	51.7	51.6	51.6	51.5
2015	50.0	50.2	50.6	51.3	51.8	51.8	51.8	51.9	52.0	52.5	52.5	52.4
2016	50.7	50.9	51.1	51.9	51.7	51.2	50.9	51.1	51.4	51.3	51.3	51.0
2017	50.5	50.8	50.8	51.0	51.5	51.3	51.0	51.3	51.7	51.8	51.7	51.5
2018	50.7	51.2	51.3	51.6	52.1	52.1	51.6	52.0	52.0	52.3	52.3	52.0
2019	51.0	51.1	51.3	51.8(P)								

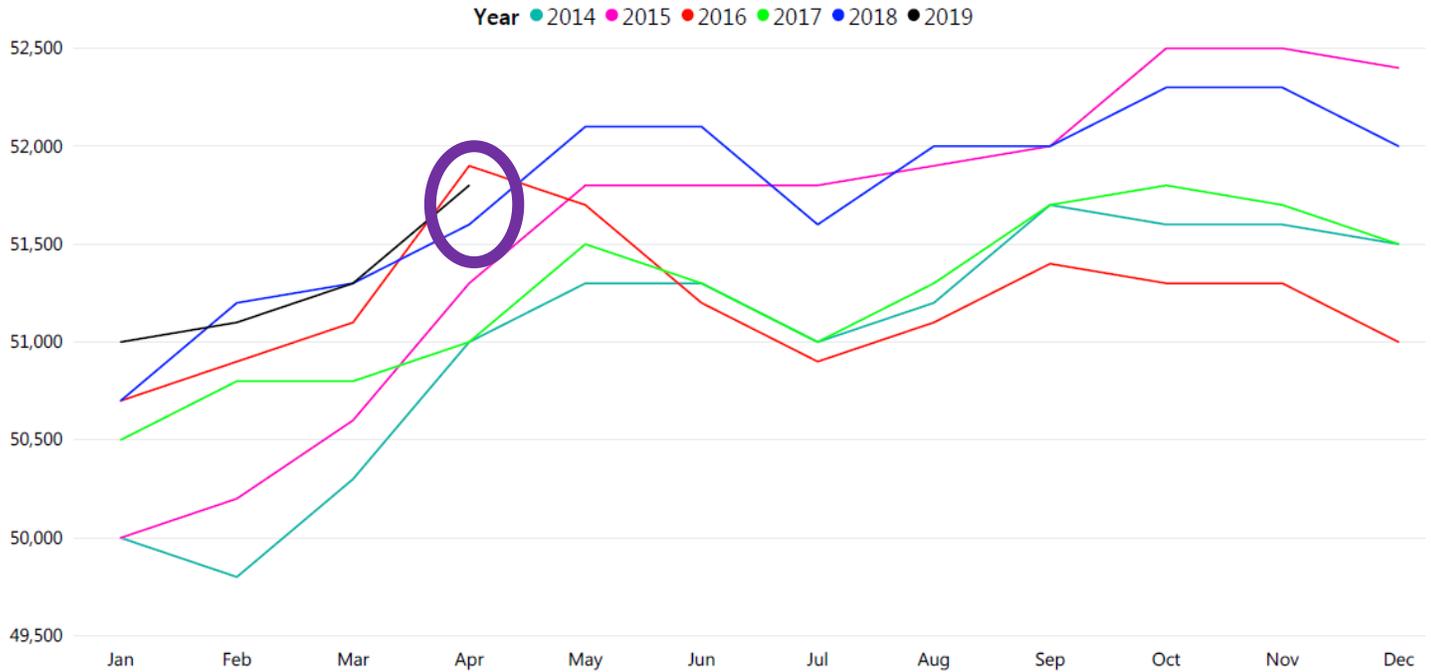
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Non-Farm jobs are continuing their rebound into the summer months holding onto most of the year-to-year Manufacturing growth we have been seeing and adding some recent additions in Leisure and Hospitality as well as Education and Health Services.

While we have experienced some losses in Professional and Business Services and Retail Trade, it is important to note that for the first time since 2013, our Non-farm employment failed to fall below 51,000 jobs following the holiday season.

Following along on the next page, you may recall there was some concern from the previous two reports that 2019 was under performing in relation to 2018; as you can see, 2019 is starting to gain a comfortable lead.

Total Non-Farm Employment



Lastly, while our unemployment rate does remain elevated in relation to April of 2017 and 2018 at 5.5%, we are still well below the 6.3% of 2016. If history is any indicator, we will see another drop in May and then a rise into the summer months.

Unemployment Rate (MSA) - Not Seasonally Adjusted

