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Minnesota Payrolls Flat in May

Nonfarm employers added just 100 jobs during the month. Hiring has slowed recently as employers continue to struggle to find qualified workers. The unemployment rate was flat at 3.3%.

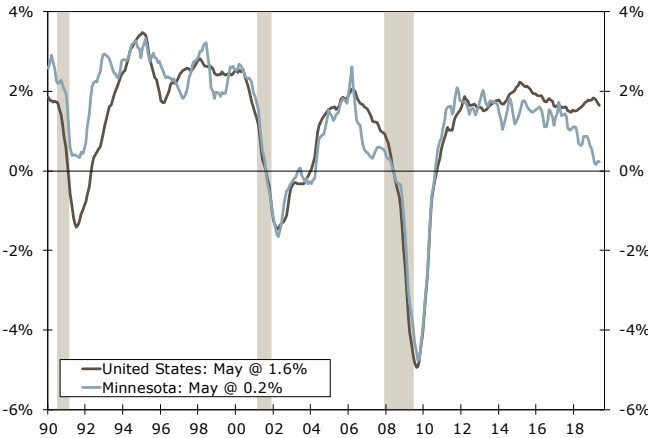
Payrolls Mostly Flat During May

- Job growth continues to moderate in Minnesota, as employers have averaged just 600 new jobs over the past three months. Over the year, employment has risen 0.1%—a gain of 5,400 jobs.
- Industries fared differently in May, perhaps reflecting some seasonal quirks arising from an unusually harsh winter. Manufacturing gave back April’s huge gain and fell 1,200 jobs, while professional, scientific & tech. services rose by 2,900.

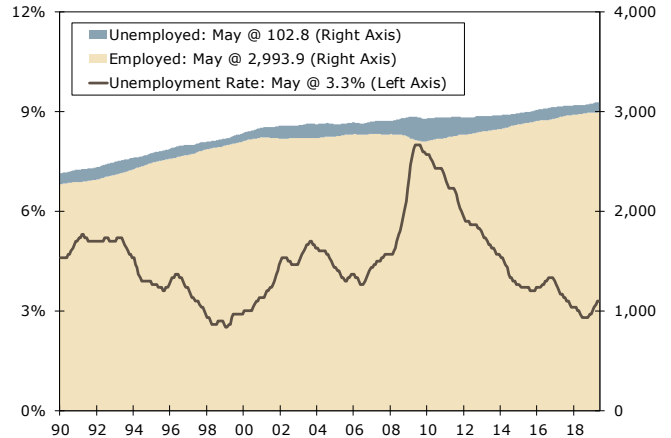
Workforce Operating Near Capacity

- Labor market constraints are likely to continue to place a ceiling on job growth. The unemployment and labor force participation rates were unchanged at 3.3% and 69.9%, respectively, in May. With skilled labor scarce, a breakout in hiring this year is unlikely.
- St. Cloud and Rochester have posted solid gains over the past year, while Duluth and the Twin Cities—the largest employment center—have shed jobs on net.

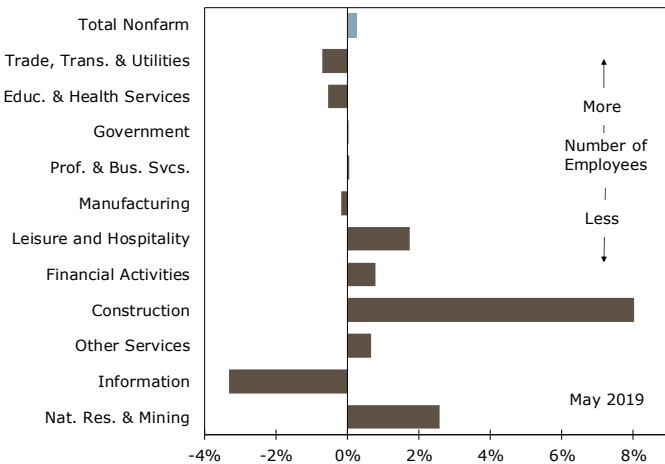
Minnesota Nonfarm Employment
3-Month Moving Averages



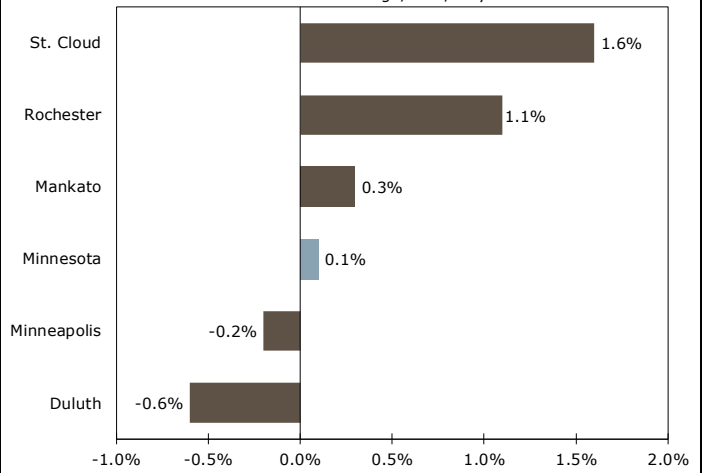
Minnesota Unemployment & Labor Force
Percent, Thousands of Workers, Seasonally Adjusted



Minnesota Employment Growth By Industry
Year-over-Year Percent Change, 3-MMA



Minnesota Employment Growth by MSA
Year-over-Year Percent Change, NSA, May 2019



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