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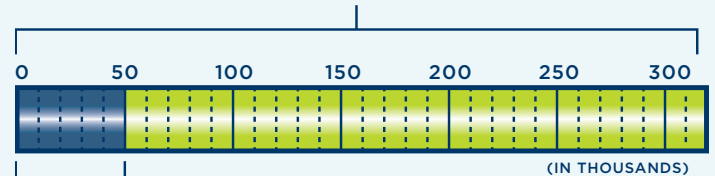
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EMPLOYMENT EXPLODES IN DECEMBER WITH 312,000 JOBS ADDED; UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP SLIGHTLY TO 3.9%

Employers added a robust 312,000 jobs in December, nearly double the 180,000 predicted by analysts. The unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 3.9 percent. Healthcare added an astounding 50,000 jobs for the month: 38,000 in ambulatory care, 7,000 in hospitals and 5,000 in nursing and residential care centers. Healthcare added a total of 346,000 jobs in 2018, up more than 20 percent from the 284,000 gained in 2017. Job gains for October were revised up from +237,000 to +274,000, and gains in November were revised up from +155,000 to +176,000, for a total of 58,000 more jobs than previously reported for those months. After these revisions, job gains averaged 254,000 per month over the last three months. A total of 2.6 million jobs were added in 2018, up from 2.2 million added in 2017.

ALL U.S. JOBS: +312,000



HEALTHCARE JOBS: +50,000

AMBULATORY CARE _____ +38,000

HOSPITALS _____ +7,000

NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL CARE _____ +5,000

Source: BLS.gov

HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY CREATES 346,000 OF 2.6 MILLION TOTAL JOBS ADDED IN 2018

Demand for healthcare workers remained strong throughout 2018, with the industry accounting for more than 13 percent of all jobs created during the year. The aging population, chronic disease increases, and healthcare provider retirements continue to be the biggest drivers of demand. In March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics published additional healthcare employee data. The ten largest occupations in the U.S. healthcare workforce currently comprise more than eight million workers, including roughly three million nurses. The majority of those nurses are employed by hospitals.

LARGEST OCCUPATIONS IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY, BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Registered Nurses	2,906,840
Nursing Assistants	1,453,670
Home Health Aides	820,960
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	702,700
Medical Assistants	646,320
Pharmacy Technicians	417,720
Physicians and Surgeons	355,460
Dental Assistants	337,160
Clinical Lab Technologists and Technicians	322,380
Pharmacists	309,330

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