

### NYC Employment (thousands)

Source: NYS Dept of Labor

INDUSTRY	APR-20	APR-19	NET CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Leisure and Hospitality	131.3	466.8	-335.5	-71.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	467.1	627.5	-160.4	-25.6%
Professional and Business Services	688.6	789.2	-100.6	-12.7%
Education and Health Services	968.0	1,068.3	-100.3	-9.4%
Construction	78.1	161.3	-83.2	-51.6%
Other Services	140.0	194.8	-54.8	-28.1%
Financial Activities	454.7	477.5	-22.8	-4.8%
Manufacturing	45.6	67.6	-22.0	-32.5%
Local Government	486.3	493.7	-7.4	-1.5%
Information	204.8	210.2	-5.4	-2.6%
State Government	43.5	43.6	-0.1	-0.2%
Federal Government	48.9	48.2	0.7	1.5%
Total	3,756.9	4,648.7	-891.8	-19.2%

### NYC Employment Falls 19%

- NYC had 891,800 fewer jobs in April than a year ago, a 19% decline.
- Not surprisingly, the biggest job losses were in industries most impacted by the lockdown, with leisure and hospitality employment falling 72% from April 2019.
- The city's unemployment rate jumped to 14.2% in April, from just 4.1% in March.

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### Initial Claims for Unemployment

Source: US DOL

WEEK ENDING	US
3/21/20	3,307,000
3/28/20	6,867,000
4/4/20	6,615,000
4/11/20	5,237,000
4/18/20	4,442,000
4/25/20	3,867,000
5/2/20	3,176,000
5/9/20	2,687,000
5/16/20	2,438,000

### U.S. Jobless Claims Fall to 2.4 Million

- Just over 2.4 million initial claims for unemployment were filed in the week ending May 16, down from just under 2.7 million the prior week.
- This marked the seventh straight week of declines.
- Since lockdowns began, 38.6 million people have filed unemployment claims.

### Average 30-Year Mortgage Rate

Source: Freddie Mac



### Mortgage Rates Fall

- Rates for 30-year conforming mortgages averaged 3.24% in the week ending May 21st, down from the prior week and just above the record low set at the end of April.
- One year ago, rates were averaging 4.06%.
- Mortgage applications have risen recently due to low rates and the reopening of many states, a positive sign for housing's recovery.