# The Heym Report

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#### **NYC Employment** (thousands)

#### Source: NYS Dept of Labor

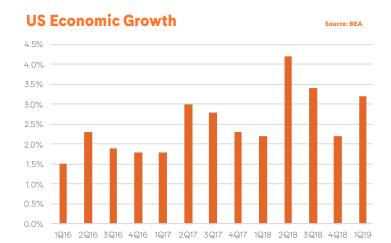
INDUSTRY	MAR-19	MAR-18	NET CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Education and Health Services	1,054.1	1,008.9	45.2	4.5%
Professional and Business Services	770.2	752.3	17.9	2.4%
Local Government	501.9	493.6	8.3	1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	630.9	624.3	6.6	1.1%
Information	208.6	203.7	4.9	2.4%
Construction	158.8	154.1	4.7	3.0%
Other Services	196.1	192.3	3.8	2.0%
State Government	43.5	43.6	-0.1	-0.2%
Federal Government	48.1	48.5	-0.4	-0.8%
Manufacturing	69.5	71.2	-1.7	-2.4%
Financial Activities	467.2	469.5	-2.3	-0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	454.3	458.8	-4.5	-1.0%
Total	4,603.2	4,520.8	82.4	1.8%

#### **NYC Employment Up 1.8%**

- Employment in March was 1.8% higher in NYC than the year before, with 82,400 jobs added.
- Health services accounted for more than half this increase.
- Leisure and hospitality lost the most jobs over the past year, shedding 4,500 workers.

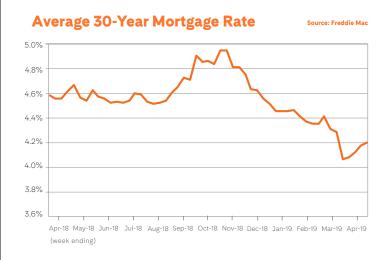
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### **US Economy Grows 3.2% in First Quarter**

- The US economy expanded at a 3.2% pace in the first quarter, its best first-quarter showing in four years.
- Economists had been expecting slower growth, due in part to the government shutdown that ended in January.
- The biggest contributors to economic growth in the first quarter were exports, consumer spending, and business investment.



## Mortgage Rates Rise for Fourth Straight Week

- Rates for 30-year conforming mortgages averaged 4.20% for the week ending April 25th, up from 4.17% the prior week.
- · One year ago, rates were averaging 4.58%.
- After reaching a recent low of 4.06% at the end of March, improving economic data has driven rates higher the past four weeks.

