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

Source: NYS Dept of Labor

INDUSTRY	APR-19	APR-18	NET CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Education and Health Services	1,063.1	1,015.1	48.0	4.7%
Professional and Business Services	772.3	753.8	18.5	2.5%
Information	210.9	199.7	11.2	5.6%
Local Government	502.7	494.1	8.6	1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	631.0	623.5	7.5	1.2%
Construction	160.9	156.2	4.7	3.0%
Other Services	197.6	193.2	4.4	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	467.8	464.6	3.2	0.7%
Financial Activities	471.2	468.5	2.7	0.6%
State Government	43.6	43.7	-0.1	-0.2%
Federal Government	48.4	48.7	-0.3	-0.6%
Manufacturing	68.8	71.1	-2.3	-3.2%
Total	4,638.3	4,532.2	106.1	2.3%

### **NYC Job Growth Outpaces Both US and NYS**

- Private sector employment rose 2.5% in NYC compared to April 2018, higher than the national rate of 2.0% and state rate of 1.5%.
- Including government jobs, total employment rose 2.3% over the past year, with 106,100 jobs added.
- This was the highest year-over-year job gain in NYC in three years.

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### **Building Permits**

Source: HUI

	1Q19	1Q18	Percent Change
Manhattan	1,037	1,326	-22%
Brooklyn	2,271	1,737	31%
Bronx	839	1,181	-29%
Queens	2,010	794	153%
Staten Island	172	132	30%
Total	6,329	5,170	22%

#### **Permits Rise in NYC**

- Permits were filed for 6,329 new residential units in the first quarter in NYC, 22% more than a year ago.
- Queens fueled much of this increase, with permits up 153% compared to 1Q18.
- · Manhattan permits fell 22% from a year ago.

# **Average 30-Year Mortgage Rate**

Source: Freddie Mad



## Mortgage Rates Fall for Third Straight Week

- 30-year conforming mortgage rates fell to 4.07% for the week ending May 16th, their third straight weekly decline.
- Concerns over trade negotiations, and some weaker-thanexpected economic data pushed rates lower.
- A year ago, 30-year rates were averaging 4.61%.

