

## **SUMMARY**

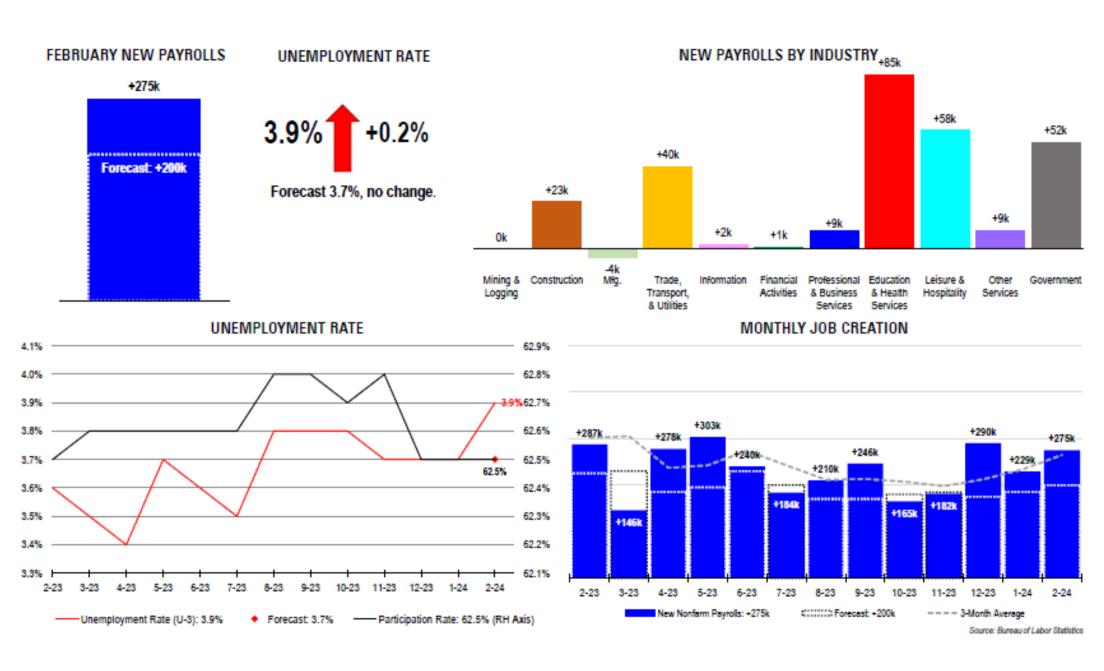
The Labor Department's February employment report beats expectations with 275k payrolls added, compared to the 200k projected. However, it is a weaker report than previous months. Despite this, the labor market remains historically high.

## **KEY TAKE AWAYS**

- **Job creation: 275k** new payrolls, expected growth was 200k, however revisions made to previous two months showing lower numbers than originally reported
- **Unemployment Rate** rose unexpectedly to 3.9%
- Average Hourly Earnings rose 0.1% slightly below expectations of 0.1%

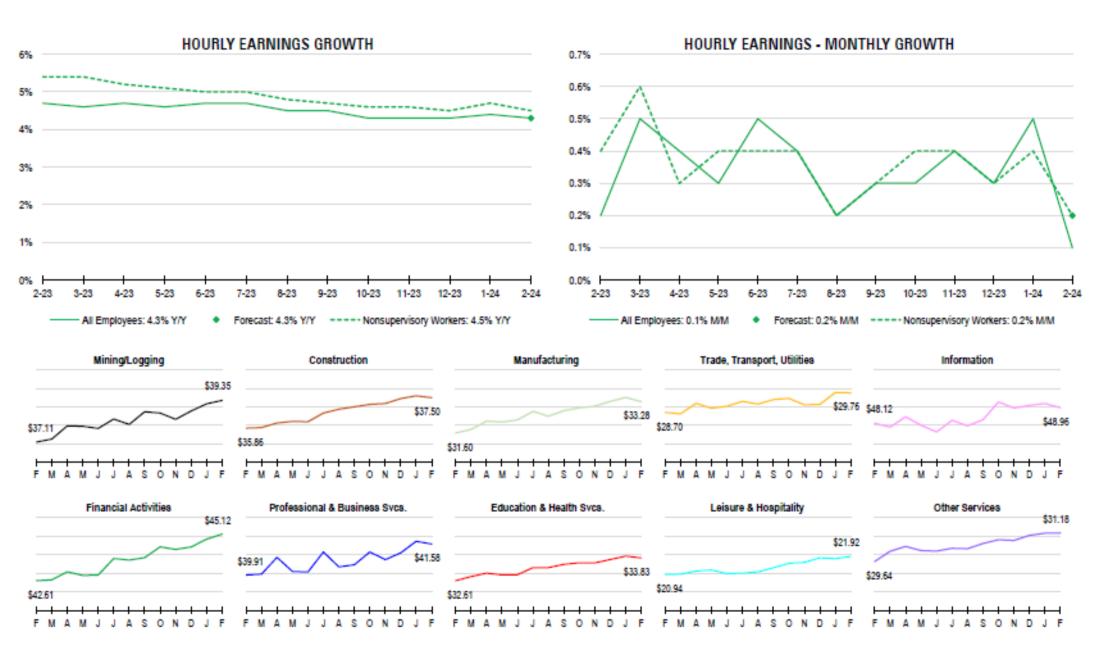






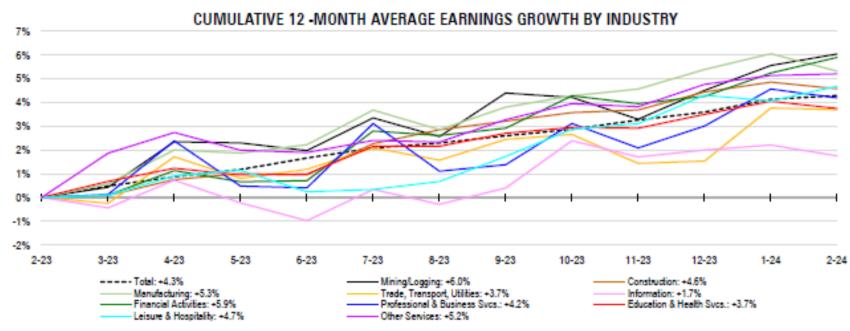




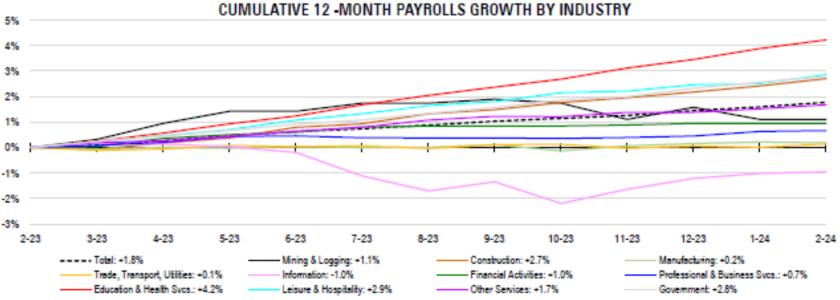








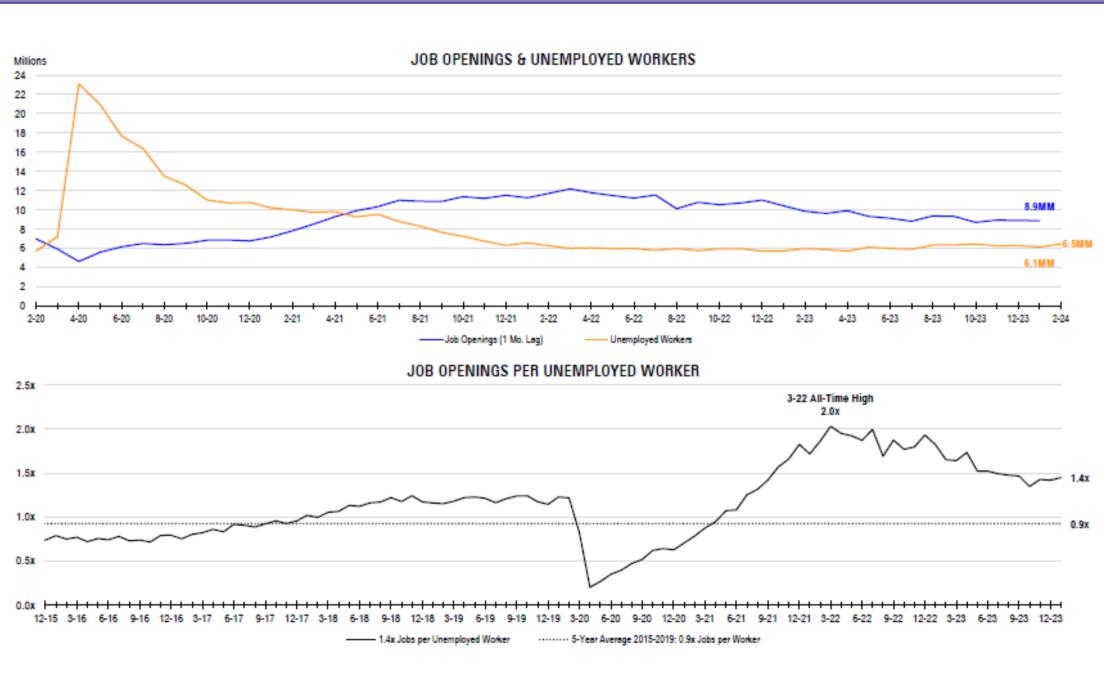
Monthly Earnings Growth	February
Mining/Logging	+0.5%
Construction	-0.3%
Manufacturing	-0.7%
Trade, Transport, Utilities	-0.1%
Information	-0.4%
Financial Activities	+0.6%
Professional & Business Svcs.	-0.4%
Education & Health Svcs.	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	+0.6%
Other Services	+0.1%
Total	+0.1%



Monthly Payrolls Growth	February
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Manufacturing	-0.0%
Trade, Transport, Utilities	+0.1%
Information	+0.1%
Financial Activities	+0.0%
Professional & Business Svcs.	+0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	+0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	+0.3%
Other Services	+0.2%
Government	+0.2%
Total	+0.2%











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