

# Research Notes



New Hires by Industry  
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## Hiring Activity Trending Up Across Nearly All Industries; 19 of 20 Industry Groups Show Gains Since 2011; Accommodation/Food Services, Admin. Support Lead the Way

Industry	New Hires		
	2011:IQ	2017:IQ	Change
Accommodation/Food Services	34,409	49,422	15,013
Administrative/Support/Waste Management	27,806	38,535	10,729
Construction	11,310	20,458	9,148
Retail Trade	15,261	22,347	7,086
Health Care/Social Assistance	11,371	15,766	4,395
Transportation/Warehousing	5,300	8,426	3,126
Manufacturing	3,577	5,828	2,251
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	3,831	5,760	1,929
Information	2,358	4,117	1,759
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5,115	6,712	1,597
Finance/Insurance	2,411	3,925	1,514
Professional/Scientific/Technical Services	7,163	8,511	1,348
Public Administration	1,489	2,423	934
Wholesale Trade	2,996	3,868	872
Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	3,203	4,052	849
Educational Services	4,433	4,995	562
Management of Companies/Enterprises	2,018	2,443	425
Agriculture/ Forestry/Fishing/Hunting	314	639	325
Utilities	123	183	60
Mining/Quarrying/Oil/Gas Extraction	1,363	898	(465)

- Information from the Census Bureau's Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program allows for an analysis of new-hire activity in order to enhance our understanding of important labor market trends.
- New hires have been on the rise since the early part of this decade, when the economy began to improve. The most current information shows that new hire activity totaled 210,000 in 2017:IQ. This compares to 145,000 per quarter at the beginning of our economic recovery six years ago.
- The accommodation/food services industry has the highest number of number of new hires in 2017:IQ, at 50,000. Hiring activity is up by 15,000 from 2011.
- Hiring activity in the administrative support and construction industries has been trending up, with both accounting for about 10,000 more new hires during the first three months of 2017 compared to 2011.
- Taken as a whole, these findings are very consistent with overall trends in the labor market, as job levels have risen to a record high.