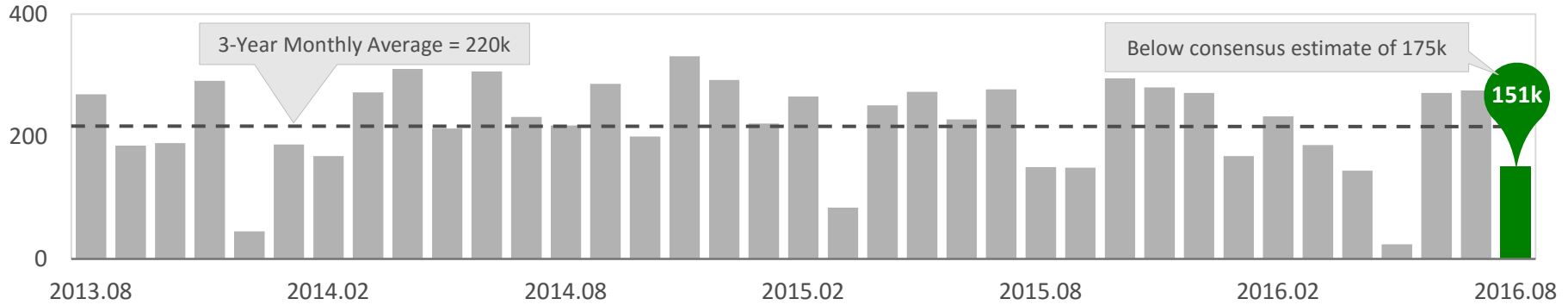


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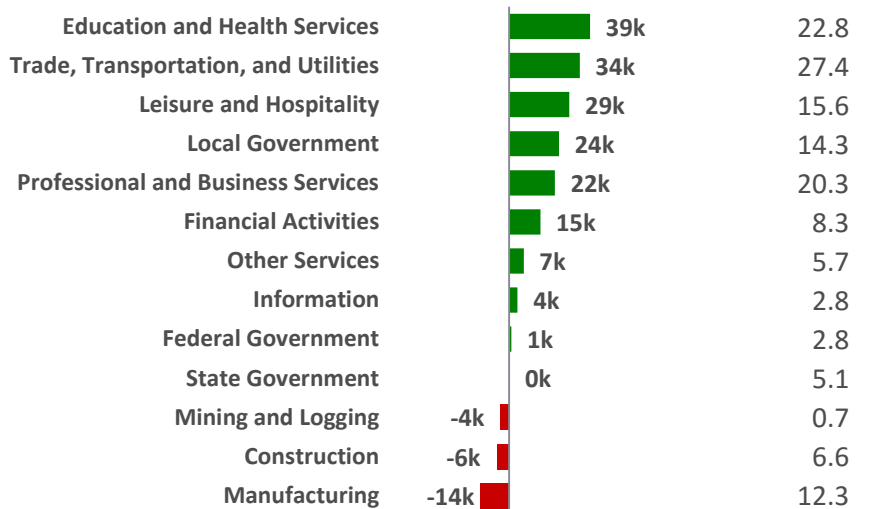
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Monthly Change in Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Thousands



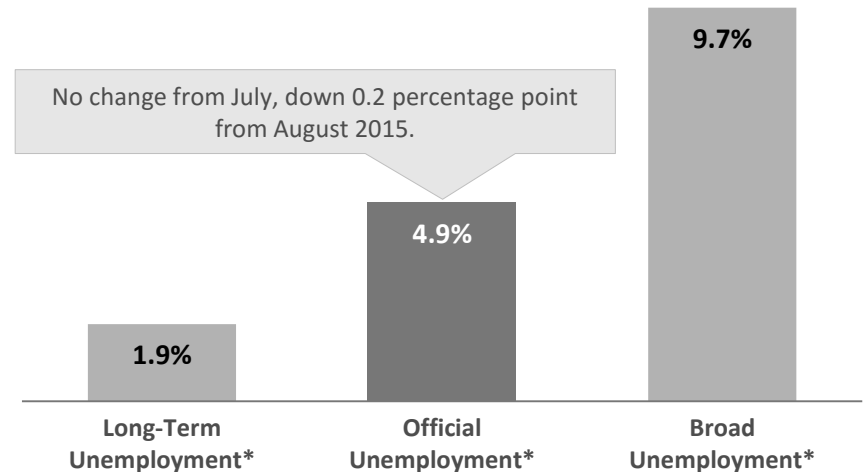
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Percentage



* Long-term unemployment accounts for those that have been unemployed for 15 weeks or more (U1); Official unemployment accounts for all those unemployed (U3); Broad unemployment accounts for all those unemployed plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force and those employed part-time for economic reasons (U6).

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The labor market cooled somewhat in August after two consecutive months of robust growth. Payroll and wage growth moderated, weekly hours slipped, and the unemployment rate held steady. Although many economists expect labor market growth to moderate as the economy nears full employment, will the Fed wait for signs of overheating before moving to raise interest rates?

151k

Change in Payroll Employment

The U.S. economy added 151k jobs in August, below expectations, after payrolls surged in June and July. Employment gains were heavily concentrated in the services sector, while construction and manufacturing payrolls declined. Will potential seasonal issues with back-to-school job churn in August result in revisions to payroll numbers next month?

4.9%

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate was unchanged in August for the third consecutive month at 4.9%. The participation rate was also unchanged. The unemployment rate has fluctuated between 4.7% and 5.1% since August 2015, a range consistent with the Fed's definition of full employment.

-0.1 hr

Change in Average Workweek

The average workweek for all private nonfarm employees fell by 6 minutes to 34.3 hours in August, marking its lowest level since February 2014 and the first decline in 6 months.

0.1%

Change in Average Hourly Earnings

Average hourly earnings rose 3 cents to \$25.73 in August, a 0.1% increase from July. Wages were up 2.4% from this time last year, below the 2.7% annual growth rate in July, which marked the largest increase in 7 years.