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A bevy of employment reports released last week raised questions about the health of the previously robust U.S. labor market. Initial jobless claims rose, but remained at historic lows—with a welcome drop in continuing claims. Another report revealed that private businesses made fewer hires in April than in recent months, but showed a sizable increase by small businesses—drivers of the domestic economy. Layoffs were higher in April and, most significantly, the Labor Department’s April jobs report posted a disappointing 160,000 additions to the workforce, though it did indicate an uptick in wages.

There were discrepancies in other data, too. The manufacturing sector still showed underperformance, but with some hope with a rise in factory orders. Vehicle sales grew in April to a 17.3 million, a bump of nearly a million purchases from March. Taken in total, it would seem the economy has not yet shaken the slow pace of growth so far this year.

The London interbank offered rate (Libor) was largely unchanged, with one- and three-month Libor hovering around 44 and 63, respectively.