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U.S. companies boosted hiring last month by the most since July in a broad advance and some wage gains accelerated, pointing to solid demand for workers.

Private payrolls increased 184,000 in March after an upwardly revised 155,000 gain a month earlier, according to [figures published Wednesday](#) by the ADP Research

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manufacturing, she said.

The labor market has remained resilient in recent months, with healthy demand for workers and relatively low levels of unemployment. Federal Reserve officials have pointed to that strength, along with the need to see further progress on bringing down inflation, as a reason to hold off on cutting interest rates from their current two-decades high.

Job creation was broad, with the largest increases in leisure and hospitality, construction and trade and transportation. All regions posted gains, led by the South. The biggest advances were led by businesses with at least 50 workers.

The government's monthly employment report due Friday is expected to show about a 215,000 gain in nonfarm payrolls, which include private- and public-sector jobs. That pace, the median estimate in a Bloomberg survey, would be the slowest since November, following three solid months averaging 265,000.

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