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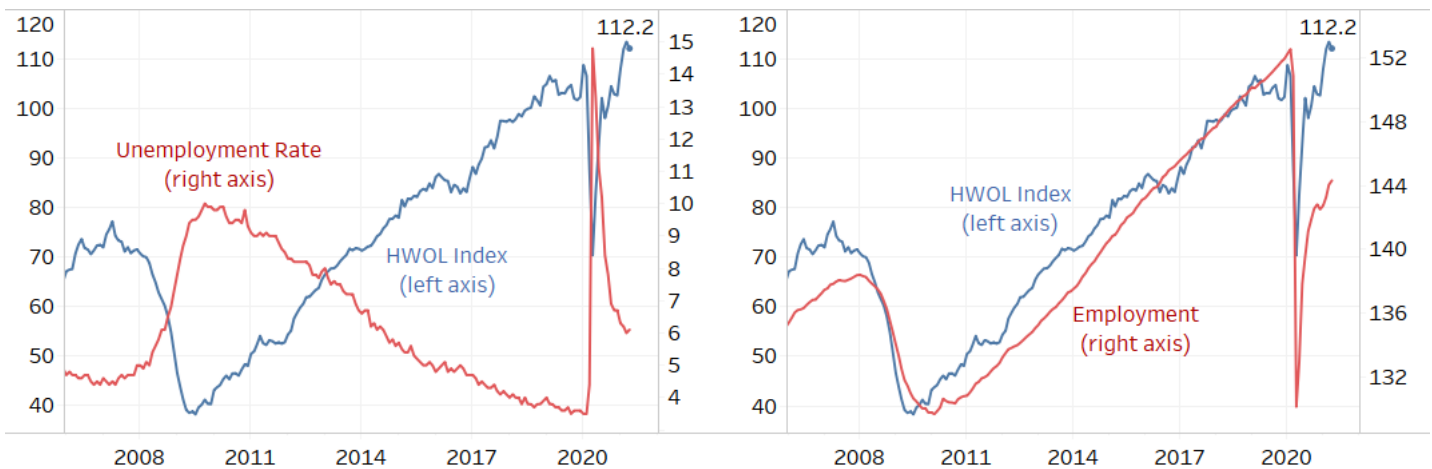
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Online Labor Demand Slightly Declined in April

NEW YORK, May 12, 2021...*The Conference Board®-Burning Glass® Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) Index* declined in April and now stands at 112.2 (July 2018=100), down from 113.5 in March. The Index rose 1.3 percent from February to March and is up 59.3 percent from a year ago.

The Help Wanted OnLine® Index is produced in collaboration with Burning Glass Technologies, the global pioneer in real-time labor market data and analysis. This recent collaboration enhances the Help Wanted OnLine® program by providing additional insights into important labor market trends.

Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) Index: United States, seasonally adjusted, April 2021
[July 2018=100]



Sources: The Conference Board, Burning Glass Technologies, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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The release schedule, national historic table and technical note are available on The Conference Board website, <http://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm>. The underlying data for The Conference Board HWOL is collected by Burning Glass Technologies, Inc.

Table 1. HWOL Data Series: Total ads by Census Division, seasonally adjusted, April 2021

Area ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)	Area ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)
United States	7,011.4	South Atlantic	1,396.6
New England	319.6	East South Central	356.2
Middle Atlantic	717.1	West South Central	810.8
East North Central	1,006.5	Mountain	661.9
West North Central	515.8	Pacific	1,219.3

Source: The Conference Board, Burning Glass Technologies

1. Census Divisions defined by the U.S. Census Bureau
2. Ad levels are seasonally adjusted and may not add up to the total US count

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Table 2. HWOL Data Series: Total ads by State, seasonally adjusted, April 2021

State	Total Ads ¹ (Thousands)	State	Total Ads ¹ (Thousands)
Alabama	81.8	Montana	21.6
Alaska	19.4	Nebraska	56.9
Arizona	188.3	Nevada	79.6
Arkansas	36.3	New Hampshire	26.7
California	875.7	New Jersey	167.6
Colorado	202.3	New Mexico	39.1
Connecticut	64.7	New York	314.9
Delaware	15.3	North Carolina	242.0
Florida	461.9	North Dakota	15.9
Georgia	222.2	Ohio	275.1
Hawaii	25.8	Oklahoma	80.2
Idaho	42.9	Oregon	103.5
Illinois	234.6	Pennsylvania	233.1
Indiana	135.8	Rhode Island	19.7
Iowa	64.5	South Carolina	78.1
Kansas	73.2	South Dakota	16.8
Kentucky	85.9	Tennessee	149.0
Louisiana	84.7	Texas	610.5
Maine	16.0	Utah	80.3
Maryland	109.8	Vermont	9.5
Massachusetts	182.6	Virginia	205.1
Michigan	210.7	Washington	193.6
Minnesota	159.7	West Virginia	17.7
Mississippi	39.5	Wisconsin	151.2
Missouri	130.5	Wyoming	8.0

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Table 3. HWOL Data Series: Total ads by selected MSAs, seasonally adjusted, April 2021

MSA ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)	MSA ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)
Birmingham, AL	24.1	Kansas City, MO	73.2
Phoenix, AZ	137.8	St. Louis, MO	65.9
Tucson, AZ	27.0	Las Vegas, NV	51.7
Los Angeles, CA	276.8	Buffalo, NY	31.6
Riverside, CA	75.6	New York, NY	327.6
Sacramento, CA	54.5	Rochester, NY	23.5
San Diego, CA	90.2	Charlotte, NC	70.1
San Francisco, CA	148.7	Cincinnati, OH	59.4
San Jose, CA	71.1	Cleveland, OH	56.8
Denver, CO	116.4	Columbus, OH	56.3
Hartford, CT	26.2	Oklahoma City, OK	34.0
Washington, DC	157.7	Portland, OR	76.4
Jacksonville, FL	44.9	Philadelphia, PA	123.5
Miami, FL	143.2	Pittsburgh, PA	61.7
Orlando, FL	58.7	Providence, RI	22.3
Tampa, FL	87.0	Memphis, TN	35.9
Atlanta, GA	136.3	Nashville, TN	60.0
Honolulu, HI	17.9	Austin, TX	74.9
Chicago, IL	190.8	Dallas, TX	221.5
Indianapolis, IN	52.9	Houston, TX	105.4
Louisville, KY	39.0	San Antonio, TX	53.2
New Orleans, LA	33.3	Salt Lake City, UT	43.2
Baltimore, MD	64.0	Richmond, VA	40.5
Boston, MA	147.9	Virginia Beach, VA	55.9
Detroit, MI	108.9	Seattle-Tacoma, WA	132.6
Minneapolis, MN	112.9	Milwaukee, WI	53.1

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1. Metropolitan areas are based on 2013 OMB county-based Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) definitions
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PROGRAM NOTES

Prior to 2020, The Conference Board constructed the HWOL Index based solely on online job ads over time. Using a methodology designed to reduce non-economic volatility contributed by online job sources, the HWOL Index served an effective measure of changes in labor demand over time.

Beginning January 2020, the HWOL Index was refined as an estimate of change in job openings (based on BLS JOLTS), using a series of econometric models which incorporate job ads with other macroeconomic indicators such as employment and aggregate hours worked. By adopting a modeled approach which combines other data sources with data on online job ads, the HWOL Index more accurately tracks important movements in the labor market.

The Conference Board®-Burning Glass® Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) Index measures changes over time in advertised online job vacancies, reflecting monthly trends in employment opportunities across the US. The HWOL Data Series aggregates the total number of ads available by month from the HWOL universe of online job ads. Ads in the HWOL universe are collected in real-time from over 50,000 online job domains including traditional job boards, corporate boards, social media sites, and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas.

Like The Conference Board's long-running Help Wanted Advertising Index of print ads (which was published for over 55 years and discontinued in July 2008), **Help Wanted OnLine®** measures help wanted advertising, i.e. labor demand. The HWOL Data Series began in May 2005 and was revised in December 2018. With the December 2018 revision, The Conference Board released the HWOL Index, improving upon the HWOL Data Series' ability to assess local labor market trends by reducing volatility and non-economic noise and improving correlation with local labor market conditions.

In 2019, the **Help Wanted OnLine®** program partnered with Burning Glass Technologies, Inc., the new sole provider of online job ad data for HWOL. With the partnership, the HWOL Data Series has been revised historically to reflect a new universe and methodology of online job advertisements and therefore cannot be used in conjunction with the pre-revised HWOL Data Series. The HWOL Data Series begins in January 2015 and the HWOL Index begins in December 2005. HWOL Index values prior to 2020 are based on job ads collected by CEB, Inc.

Those using this data are urged to review the information on the database and methodology available on The Conference Board website and contact us with questions and comments. Background information and technical notes and discussion of revisions to the series are available at: <http://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm>.

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Help Wanted OnLine® Publication Schedule

<u>Data for the Month</u>	<u>Release Date</u>
May 2021	June 09, 2021
June 2021	July 07, 2021
July 2021	August 11, 2021
August 2021	September 08, 2021
September 2021	October 13, 2021
October 2021	November 10, 2021
November 2021	December 08, 2021

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