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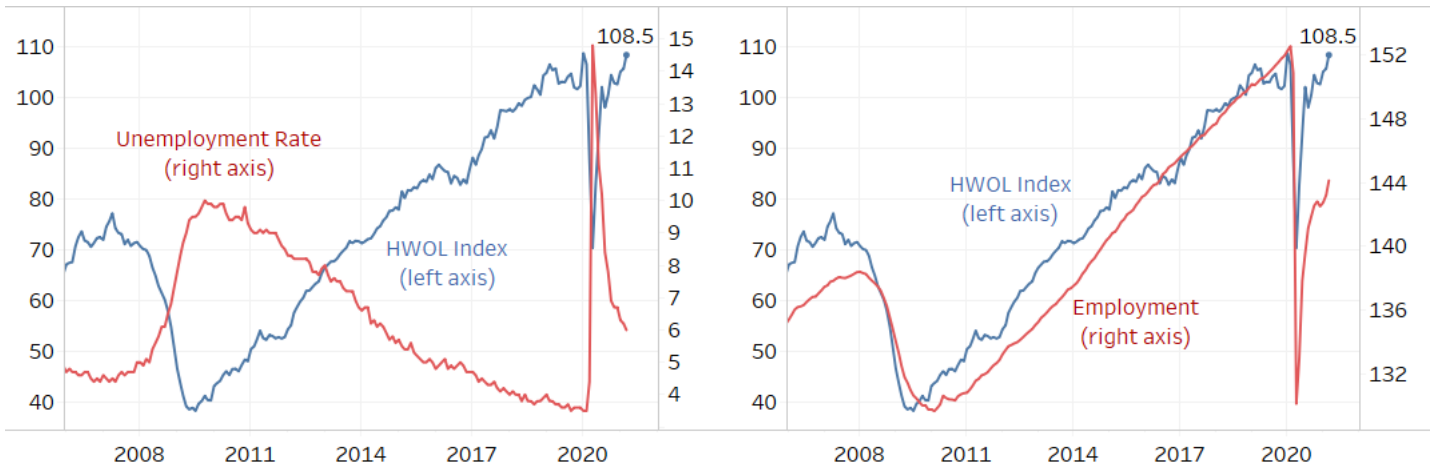
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Online Labor Demand Rose in March

NEW YORK, April 7, 2021...The Conference Board®-Burning Glass® Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) Index rose in March and now stands at 108.5 (July 2018=100), up from 105.7 in February. The Index grew by 0.5 percent between January and February and is up 23.6 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, March 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, March 2021

Area ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)	Area ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)
United States	6,307.0	South Atlantic	1,250.0
New England	292.7	East South Central	319.4
Middle Atlantic	644.8	West South Central	729.8
East North Central	898.2	Mountain	599.1
West North Central	462.5	Pacific	1,093.9

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, March 2021

State	Total Ads ¹ (Thousands)	State	Total Ads ¹ (Thousands)
Alabama	73.9	Montana	19.3
Alaska	17.9	Nebraska	50.9
Arizona	168.2	Nevada	71.6
Arkansas	32.8	New Hampshire	24.9
California	786.5	New Jersey	152.1
Colorado	183.5	New Mexico	34.6
Connecticut	56.7	New York	282.4
Delaware	14.3	North Carolina	218.9
Florida	402.2	North Dakota	13.8
Georgia	199.1	Ohio	243.4
Hawaii	23.2	Oklahoma	71.1
Idaho	41.8	Oregon	91.8
Illinois	211.4	Pennsylvania	210.4
Indiana	123.9	Rhode Island	17.8
Iowa	57.8	South Carolina	70.7
Kansas	63.7	South Dakota	14.9
Kentucky	77.4	Tennessee	133.8
Louisiana	73.3	Texas	552.3
Maine	14.7	Utah	72.0
Maryland	102.4	Vermont	8.3
Massachusetts	169.6	Virginia	184.8
Michigan	184.5	Washington	172.4
Minnesota	145.2	West Virginia	16.0
Mississippi	34.8	Wisconsin	134.2
Missouri	115.5	Wyoming	7.0

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

MSA ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)	MSA ¹	Total Ads ² (Thousands)
Birmingham, AL	21.9	Kansas City, MO	64.3
Phoenix, AZ	122.3	St. Louis, MO	59.0
Tucson, AZ	24.3	Las Vegas, NV	46.0
Los Angeles, CA	247.3	Buffalo, NY	27.7
Riverside, CA	66.3	New York, NY	295.7
Sacramento, CA	48.1	Rochester, NY	21.0
San Diego, CA	81.1	Charlotte, NC	64.5
San Francisco, CA	134.7	Cincinnati, OH	51.8
San Jose, CA	64.2	Cleveland, OH	50.0
Denver, CO	105.7	Columbus, OH	50.5
Hartford, CT	22.4	Oklahoma City, OK	30.2
Washington, DC	146.6	Portland, OR	67.4
Jacksonville, FL	40.7	Philadelphia, PA	112.9
Miami, FL	123.4	Pittsburgh, PA	54.1
Orlando, FL	50.7	Providence, RI	20.1
Tampa, FL	76.5	Memphis, TN	32.2
Atlanta, GA	123.7	Nashville, TN	52.4
Honolulu, HI	16.1	Austin, TX	66.9
Chicago, IL	172.6	Dallas, TX	199.9
Indianapolis, IN	48.9	Houston, TX	97.6
Louisville, KY	35.1	San Antonio, TX	49.0
New Orleans, LA	29.1	Salt Lake City, UT	38.1
Baltimore, MD	59.9	Richmond, VA	34.4
Boston, MA	142.1	Virginia Beach, VA	50.2
Detroit, MI	96.4	Seattle-Tacoma, WA	117.1
Minneapolis, MN	101.7	Milwaukee, WI	47.5

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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>
April 2021	May 12, 2021
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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