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Holiday job postings in U.S. slump

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NEW YORK – Retail-related job postings, including hospitality, retail shops and food services, dropped 16% in October compared to last year, according to the Indeed Hiring Lab, a concerning sign for the spending outlook for the important holiday shopping season.

The retail hiring slump falls below pre-pandemic levels for seasonal hir-

ing, providing a glimpse into U.S. retailers' demand expectations for the holiday season.

Notably, publicly traded retailers are making fewer announcements of their holiday hiring plans than in the past.

The nation's largest retailer, Walmart, and rival Target have not announced seasonal hiring plans for 2025, although they made statements in previous years. Burlington Stores, which planned to hire more than 24,000 workers last holiday season, de-

clined to comment on this year's hiring goals.

Retailers may restrain hiring due to added burdens of tariffs, sagging consumer sentiment and the record-setting U.S. government shutdown, said Indeed Hiring Lab senior economist Daniel Culbertson. Consumer sentiment hit a three-and-a-half-year low in early November, according to the University of Michigan's November survey.

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Food banks will feel fallout for months



When the USDA announced in late October that there would be no SNAP benefits in November, it was the first time federal food aid had not arrived in the program's more than 60-year history. GARY C. KLEIN/SHEBOYGAN PRESS

Many Americans used up reserves during closure

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The Missoula Food Bank & Community Center in Montana doubled its food order for the first two weeks of November to help handle a flood of requests and will spend "far and above" more

than what its has budgeted this month, said Executive Director Amy Allison.

A half-dozen other food banks across the country have similar stories: They've carved massive holes in their budgets over the past six weeks as they've tried to keep up with demand sparked by the federal government

shutdown. It hit at the same time layoffs and rising prices had already boosted the number of people seeking help.

And now they're facing the rest of the year having already pleaded with every donor on their list to give as much as possible.

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Structural issues close Minerva community center

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MINERVA – The village's Community Center is closed until further notice over safety concerns, officials said.

A Nov. 12 news release was posted on the village's website and Facebook page.

Greg Mytinger, the village administrator, said Nov. 13 that the 100-year-old former factory turned community center had fallen on hard times structurally. It was mainly a rental facility for events, including fundraisers and benefit dinners.

The decision to close the center at 123 Brock Ave., effective immediately, followed a recommendation from the

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