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Delayed September jobs report released

119,000 jobs added, unemployment up 0.1%

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After a more than monthlong delay due to the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Nov. 20 released its

September jobs report. The report found U.S. employers added 119,000 jobs in September, surpassing expectations. The unemploy-

ment rate rose slightly from 4.3% to 4.4%. At the same time, job gains for July and August were revised down by 33,000, portraying an even weaker labor market than believed in late sum-

Health care, a steady job engine in recent years, added 43,000 jobs in September. Food services and drinking places added 37,000, and the social assistance sector added 14,000.

Transportation and warehousing lost 25,000 jobs, and federal government employment continued to decline in September, shedding another 3,000 after months of mass layoffs.

There was little change to employment numbers in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, information, financial activities, professional and business services, other services and mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction.

The report, originally due out Oct. 3, reflects what was happening before the shutdown began. The labor market may have changed since the data was

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"As data flow resumes, our understanding of the economy may need to adjust to reality, and so will financial markets."

Mark Hamrick Bankrate senior economic analyst



Jeffrey Epstein accusers Lisa Phillips, Jess Michaels and Annie Farmer react as Sky Roberts, brother of victim Virginia Giuffre, speaks during a news conference on the Epstein Files Transparency Act on Nov. 18 in Washington, DC. ANNABELLE GORDON/REUTERS

Timing uncertain for release of Epstein files

Law gives DOJ 30 days; some info can be withheld

James Powel and Michael Loria

President Donald Trump announced that he signed a bill on Nov. 19 that compels the Justice Department to release all files linked to the disgraced financier and indicted sex

trafficker Jeffrey Epstein. Trump made the announcement, claiming that the growing demand for transparency on Epstein's relationships with the rich and powerful, including the president himself, was the "latest Hoax" created by Democrats. He pointed to high-profile Democrats connected to Epstein, including former President Bill Clinton and former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers.

A pair of lawmakers, Reps. Ro Khanna, D-California, and Thomas Massie, R-Kentucky, championed the legislation as Trump's initial opposition to the bill drew backlash from members of his own party, most notably Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia.

By a vote of 427-1, the House passed the Epstein Files Transparency Act. The Senate followed suit when Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, introduced a motion for unanimous consent.



Days before President Donald Trump called on House Republicans to vote to release the Jeffrey Epstein files, he ordered the Justice Department to launch an investigation into Democrats linked to Epstein. ROBERTO SCHMIDT/GETTY

It is uncertain when exactly the Justice Department will release materials.

The department has 30 days to publicize "all unclassified

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Moon **Dancer** winery must close

Business loses final court appeal

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Moon Dancer Winery will close for good after the state Supreme Court denied its last appeal of a long-running lawsuit filed by neighbors, the winery announced.

"For years, we have been fighting for the right to be heard, and most importantly for the right to do the one thing that we have loved most in this world - make great wines, ciders and craft beverages for our loyal customers," Jim Miller, owner of Moon Dancer Winery, was quoted as saying in a news release. "Today, I'm sad to say that we lost our fight and must close our beloved winery."

The high court ruling ends a lengthy legal dispute with a neighbor of the winery in Lower Windsor Township that centered on Miller's use of the agriculturally zoned property as a vineyard and winery. The winery had been closed and reopened several times as the lawsuit wound its way through the courts.

Miller had argued that he was never had "the opportunity to defend himself against the underlying arguments of the case," according to the news release.

"While we are saddened by the state Supreme Court's decision, we remain forever grateful for the thousands of friends and loyal customers who have continued to stand by us in this fight, and the countless wonderful memories we have made over these last 22 years," Miller was quoted as saying. "Their continued support has meant everything to us. Thank you to each and every one of you."

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