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U. S. Business Headlines for September 2026

- July saw a decline to U.S. payrolls of 23,000 jobs, the first decline since February. Additionally, we saw sizable downward revisions to May and June's figures totaling 103,000. Losses were seen in government (-53,000) and leisure-hospitality (-40,000). Health care and construction posted strong gains (22,600 and 22,000 respectively).

- Hiring surged in August as the US economy added 162,000 jobs and unemployment stayed at 4.1%, new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows.

- Consumer prices rose at a 3.4% annual rate last month, the same pace as July, according to the latest Consumer Price Index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Warren Buffett, who ended his decades-long tenure as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of last year, is giving up the chairman post he has held since 1970.

- Mortgage rates reached a grim milestone this week, topping 7% for the first time since January 2025 and reaching their highest level during either of Donald Trump's presidential terms.