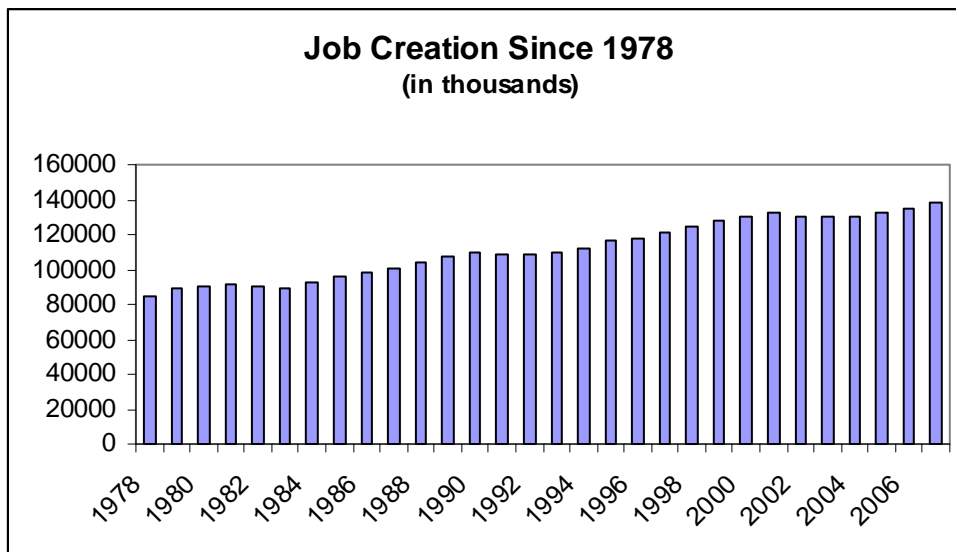
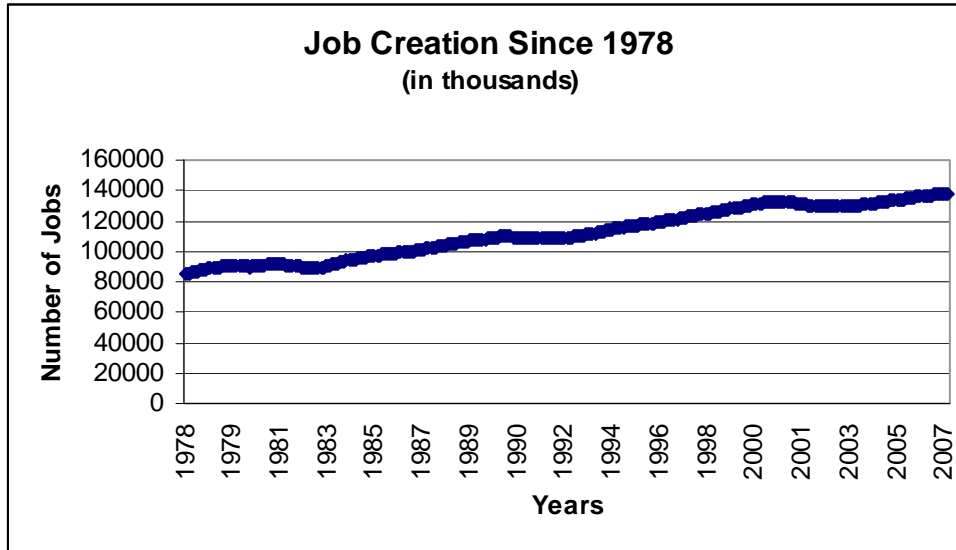


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Seasonally Adjusted

Super Sector: Total nonfarm

Industry: Total nonfarm

NAICS Code: N/A

Data Type: ALL EMPLOYEES, THOUSANDS

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2004	Jan	130412
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2006	Jan	135110
2007	Jul	138122

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