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Labor Department Cuts 167,000 Jobs From December and January Payrolls

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The Labor Department made significant reductions to the previously reported outside payroll gains in December and January.

The department cut 124,000 payroll gains from the 353,000 jobs initially reported for January. The revised total was just 229,000 .

It also cut 43,000 from total nonfarm payroll employment for December, revising down the total gain to 290,000, from 333,000