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According to a report released May 19 by the Departamento Intersindical de Estatística e Estudos Socio-Economicos (DIEESE), the unemployment rate in the Sao Paulo metropolitan region averaged 15.5% for the month of April, compared to 14.6% in March. The April rate represents 1.17 million unemployed people. New hires last month totaled 40,000, and dismissals, 87,000. Most of the dismissals, 51,000, were registered in the retail and wholesale trade sector. Employment in manufacturing was up by 1.3% compared to March, with 23,000 new hires. Most new jobs were self-employed (free lance) and temporary wage workers in the textile sector. Thus far in 1992, industrial sector employees dropped by 80,438, and from May 1991 through April 1992, 106,041. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 05/19/92)

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