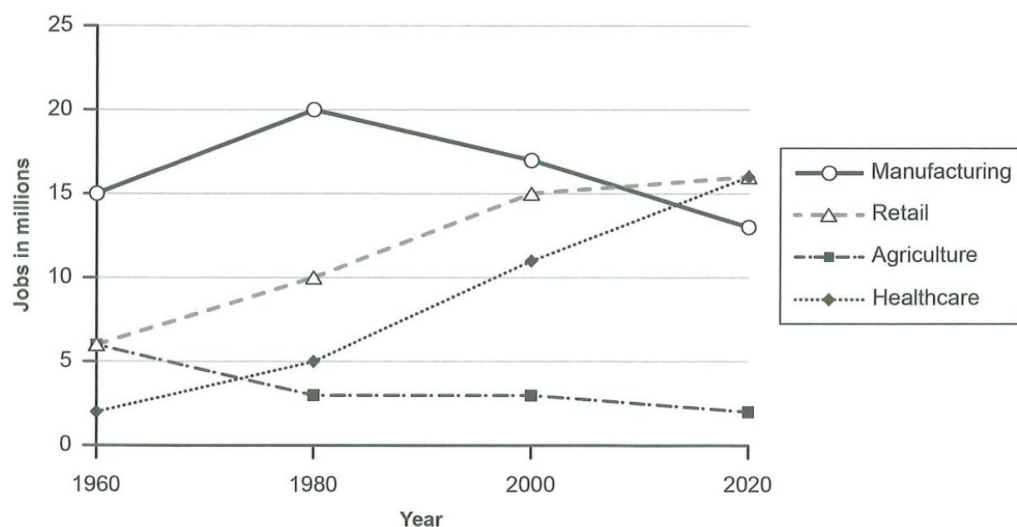


The graph below gives information about the number of jobs in four sectors of the economy in the US between 1960 and 2020.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Number of jobs in four sectors of the economy in the US, 1960-2020



The line graph illustrates the number of jobs in four sectors of the economy in the US from 1960 to 2020.

Overall, although the figure for manufacturing was the highest initially, it was overtaken by retail and healthcare. The former decreased slightly along with agriculture, while the latter two sectors rose significantly. The figures for retail and agriculture were equal at first, with the former growing dramatically while the latter decreased slightly.

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Regarding manufacturing, the figure stood at 15 million (15m) ~~initially~~ in 1960, increasing until 1980, when ~~the figure it hit~~ it hit peaked at 20m. It then decreased steadily during the rest of the period, reaching 13m in 2020.

~~Starting at 6m, the figure for retail increased significantly until 2000, when it hit 15m, rising slightly until 2020, when it reached 16m. The figures for retail and agriculture were equal at 6m initially, with the former growing dramatically, overtaking manufacturing in 2005 and reaching 16m in 2020. The latter dropped to 3m in 1980, remained stable for 20 years, and fell again by 1m in 2020.~~

The figure for ~~agriculture was also 6m initially, while~~ healthcare stood at 2m in 1960. ~~The former decreased dramatically to 3m by 1980 and then remained stable until 2000, whereas the latter and~~ increased steadily as it overtook manufacturing in 2012 until 2020, when it ~~and~~ reached the same level as retail (16m) in 2020. ~~Agriculture then declined slightly to 2m in 2020.~~