Dow Jones average climbs after jobs report

NEW YORK (AP) — An encouraging report on the labor market and better sales from Costco and other retail stores helped push the stock market higher.

The government said that 367,000 Americans sought unemployment benefits for the first time last week. That's an increase from the previous week but fewer than forecasted.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 80.75 points to close at 13,575.36. Aluminum giant Alcoa led the 30 stocks in the Dow with a 3.3 percent surge, rising 29 cents to $9.07.