Kentucky Employment: September 2025

(Seasonally Adjusted)

| | | | | OVER-the- MONTH Change | OVER-the- MONTH Rate Change | OVER-the- YEAR Change | OVER-the- YEAR Rate Change |
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| | Sep 2025 | Aug 2025 | Sep 2024 | | Change | | Change |
| Civilian Labor Force | 2,114,917 | 2,114,937 | 2,105,787 | -20 | 0.0% | 9,130 | 0.4% |
| Employment | 2,015,323 | 2,014,689 | 1,993,812 | 634 | 0.0% | 21,511 | 1.1% |
| Unemployment | 99,594 | 100,248 | 111,975 | -654 | -0.7% | -12,381 | -11.1% |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7% | 4.7% | 5.3% | 0.0% | - | -0.6% | - |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate | 4.4% | 4.3% | 4.1% | 0.1% | - | 0.3% | - |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 2,061,500 | 2,060,900 | 2,041,700 | 600 | 0.0% | 19,800 | 1.0% |
| Private Sector Employment | 1,742,900 | 1,742,500 | 1,725,900 | 400 | 0.0% | 17,000 | 1.0% |
| Goods Producing Industries | 365,400 | 365,400 | 360,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 5,200 | 1.4% |
| Mining and Logging | 7,500 | 7,500 | 8,100 | 0 | 0.0% | -600 | -7.4% |
| Construction | 101,100 | 101,000 | 94,600 | 100 | 0.1% | 6,500 | 6.9% |
| Manufacturing | 256,800 | 256,900 | 257,500 | -100 | 0.0% | -700 | -0.3% |
| Durable Goods | 164,500 | 164,300 | 166,500 | 200 | 0.1% | -2,000 | -1.2% |
| Non-durable Goods | 92,300 | 92,600 | 91,000 | -300 | -0.3% | 1,300 | 1.4% |
| Private Service Providing Industries | 1,377,500 | 1,377,100 | 1,365,700 | 400 | 0.0% | 11,800 | 0.9% |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 430,900 | 430,000 | 429,800 | 900 | 0.2% | 1,100 | 0.3% |
| Wholesale Trade | 84,200 | 83,600 | 81,300 | 600 | 0.7% | 2,900 | 3.6% |
| Retail Trade | 212,200 | 211,400 | 211,500 | 800 | 0.4% | 700 | 0.3% |
| Transp, Warehousing, & Util. | 134,500 | 135,000 | 137,000 | -500 | -0.4% | -2,500 | -1.8% |
| Information | 20,500 | 20,700 | 20,700 | -200 | -1.0% | -200 | -1.0% |
| Financial Activities | 96,200 | 96,800 | 94,900 | -600 | -0.6% | 1,300 | 1.4% |
| Finance and Insurance | 74,100 | 74,500 | 72,700 | -400 | -0.5% | 1,400 | 1.9% |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing | 22,100 | 22,300 | 22,200 | -200 | -0.9% | -100 | -0.5% |
| Professional and Business Services | 226,400 | 226,300 | 225,300 | 100 | 0.0% | 1,100 | 0.5% |
| Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services | 87,600 | 88,100 | 88,400 | -500 | -0.6% | -800 | -0.9% |
| Management of Companies | 23,200 | 23,100 | 22,700 | 100 | 0.4% | 500 | 2.2% |
| Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt | 115,600 | 115,100 | 114,200 | 500 | 0.4% | 1,400 | 1.2% |
| Educational & Health Services | 319,900 | 319,500 | 315,000 | 400 | 0.1% | 4,900 | 1.6% |
| Educational Services Health Care & Social Assistance | 29,400 | 29,400 | 30,400 | 400 | 0.0% | -1,000 5,000 | -3.3% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 290,500 207,600 | 290,100 208,000 | 284,600 205,600 | 400 -400 | 0.1% -0.2% | 5,900 2,000 | 2.1% 1.0% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 29,700 | 30,000 | 27,100 | -300 | -0.2 % -1.0% | 2,600 | 9.6% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 177,900 | 178,000 | 178,500 | -100 | -0.1% | -600 | -0.3% |
| Other Services | 76,000 | 75,800 | 74,400 | 200 | 0.3% | 1,600 | 2.2% |
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| Government | 318,600 | 318,400 | 315,800 | 200 | 0.1% | 2,800 | 0.9% |
| Federal | 36,100 | 36,100 | 36,900 | 0 | 0.0% | -800 | -2.2% |
| State | 97,200 | 97,200 | 96,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 500 | 0.5% |
| Local | 185,300 | 185,100 | 182,200 | 200 | 0.1% | 3,100 | 1.7% |

Sources: Kentucky Center for Statistics, Kentucky Education & Labor Cabinet. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.