

Kentucky Employment: December 2025
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2024	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,117,499	2,115,767	2,105,427	1,732	0.1%	12,072	0.6%
Employment	2,022,172	2,017,244	1,992,827	4,928	0.2%	29,345	1.5%
Unemployment	95,327	98,523	112,600	-3,196	-3.2%	-17,273	-15.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.7%	5.3%	-0.2%	-	-0.8%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%	-0.1%	-	0.3%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,051,100	2,051,400	2,044,800	-300	0.0%	6,300	0.3%
Private Sector Employment	1,733,900	1,734,100	1,728,300	-200	0.0%	5,600	0.3%
Goods Producing Industries	362,900	364,000	359,500	-1,100	-0.3%	3,400	0.9%
Mining and Logging	7,400	7,500	7,900	-100	-1.3%	-500	-6.3%
Construction	101,000	100,700	94,700	300	0.3%	6,300	6.7%
Manufacturing	254,500	255,800	256,900	-1,300	-0.5%	-2,400	-0.9%
Durable Goods	162,600	163,100	165,400	-500	-0.3%	-2,800	-1.7%
Non-durable Goods	91,900	92,700	91,500	-800	-0.9%	400	0.4%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,371,000	1,370,100	1,368,800	900	0.1%	2,200	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	424,300	425,500	428,900	-1,200	-0.3%	-4,600	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	83,400	83,200	81,700	200	0.2%	1,700	2.1%
Retail Trade	209,400	210,200	211,500	-800	-0.4%	-2,100	-1.0%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	131,500	132,100	135,700	-600	-0.5%	-4,200	-3.1%
Information	20,700	20,800	20,900	-100	-0.5%	-200	-1.0%
Financial Activities	96,500	95,800	94,600	700	0.7%	1,900	2.0%
Finance and Insurance	74,500	74,000	72,600	500	0.7%	1,900	2.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,000	21,800	22,000	200	0.9%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	226,700	224,900	226,200	1,800	0.8%	500	0.2%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	86,000	86,000	88,000	0	0.0%	-2,000	-2.3%
Management of Companies	23,200	22,900	22,800	300	1.3%	400	1.8%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	117,500	116,000	115,400	1,500	1.3%	2,100	1.8%
Educational & Health Services	320,600	320,400	317,600	200	0.1%	3,000	0.9%
Educational Services	29,200	29,400	31,100	-200	-0.7%	-1,900	-6.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	291,400	291,000	286,500	400	0.1%	4,900	1.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	206,300	206,700	206,500	-400	-0.2%	-200	-0.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28,600	29,300	26,900	-700	-2.4%	1,700	6.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	177,700	177,400	179,600	300	0.2%	-1,900	-1.1%
Other Services	75,900	76,000	74,100	-100	-0.1%	1,800	2.4%
Government	317,200	317,300	316,500	-100	0.0%	700	0.2%
Federal	33,800	33,900	36,600	-100	-0.3%	-2,800	-7.7%
State	97,400	97,300	96,900	100	0.1%	500	0.5%
Local	186,000	186,100	183,000	-100	-0.1%	3,000	1.6%

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