

## Kentucky Employment: 2025

	2025*	2024	2015	From 2024 to 2025*		From 2015 to 2025*	
				Change	Rate	Change	Rate
Civilian Labor Force	2,115,589	2,095,496	1,981,664				
Employment	2,018,309	1,994,539	1,877,601				
Unemployment	97,280	100,957	104,063				
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.8%	5.3%				
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.0%	5.3%				
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,033,100</b>	<b>2,036,500</b>	<b>1,885,700</b>	<b>-3,400</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>147,400</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>Private Sector Employment</b>	<b>1,716,200</b>	<b>1,721,900</b>	<b>1,567,300</b>	<b>-5,700</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>148,900</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>352,100</b>	<b>359,200</b>	<b>331,100</b>	<b>-7,100</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Mining and Logging	7,100	7,900	14,000	-800	-10.1%	-6,900	-49.3%
Construction	92,500	93,600	75,800	-1,100	-1.2%	16,700	22.0%
Manufacturing	252,500	257,700	241,400	-5,200	-2.0%	11,100	4.6%
Durable Goods	161,900	166,600	155,100	-4,700	-2.8%	6,800	4.4%
Non-durable Goods	90,600	91,100	86,300	-500	-0.5%	4,300	5.0%
<b>Private Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>1,364,200</b>	<b>1,362,600</b>	<b>1,236,200</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	425,100	426,900	385,900	-1,800	-0.4%	39,200	10.2%
Wholesale Trade	81,000	80,700	72,800	300	0.4%	8,200	11.3%
Retail Trade	209,600	209,900	209,900	-300	-0.1%	-300	-0.1%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	134,600	136,300	103,200	-1,700	-1.2%	31,400	30.4%
Information	20,400	20,900	22,700	-500	-2.4%	-2,300	-10.1%
Financial Activities	95,600	95,500	92,200	100	0.1%	3,400	3.7%
Finance and Insurance	72,800	73,200	73,600	-400	-0.5%	-800	-1.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,800	22,300	18,600	500	2.2%	4,200	22.6%
Professional and Business Services	224,500	225,100	219,600	-600	-0.3%	4,900	2.2%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	87,700	87,800	74,500	-100	-0.1%	13,200	17.7%
Management of Companies	21,900	22,400	20,400	-500	-2.2%	1,500	7.4%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	114,900	114,900	124,600	0	0.0%	-9,700	-7.8%
Educational & Health Services	319,100	314,100	263,900	5,000	1.6%	55,200	20.9%
Educational Services	29,900	30,200	29,800	-300	-1.0%	100	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	289,200	283,900	234,100	5,300	1.9%	55,100	23.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	206,100	206,400	187,900	-300	-0.1%	18,200	9.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,300	27,200	21,000	100	0.4%	6,300	30.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	178,800	179,200	166,900	-400	-0.2%	11,900	7.1%
Other Services	73,500	73,700	64,000	-200	-0.3%	9,500	14.8%
<b>Government</b>	<b>316,900</b>	<b>314,600</b>	<b>318,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
Federal	35,200	36,500	36,600	-1,300	-3.6%	-1,400	-3.8%
State	98,700	96,600	99,400	2,100	2.2%	-700	-0.7%
Local	183,000	181,500	182,300	1,500	0.8%	700	0.4%

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

\*Note: Due to the lapse in federal appropriations, October 2025 data collection did not occur for the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides the primary inputs to LAUS estimation. Concurrent with this news release, statewide averages for 2025 based on the 11 months for which CPS data collection occurred were published in the BLS time-series database. These 11-month averages are not strictly comparable to annual averages for prior years.