

Kentucky Employment: January 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Jan 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,114,515	2,119,991	2,110,828	-5,476	-0.3%	3,687	0.2%
Employment	2,024,289	2,027,408	2,008,856	-3,119	-0.2%	15,433	0.8%
Unemployment	90,226	92,583	101,972	-2,357	-2.5%	-11,746	-11.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.8%	-0.1%	-	-0.5%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.0%	-0.1%	-	0.3%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,034,900	2,029,300	2,027,500	5,600	0.3%	7,400	0.4%
Private Sector Employment	1,718,600	1,713,400	1,711,800	5,200	0.3%	6,800	0.4%
Goods Producing Industries	351,500	350,700	350,400	800	0.2%	1,100	0.3%
Mining and Logging	6,700	6,900	7,200	-200	-2.9%	-500	-6.9%
Construction	92,600	92,900	89,600	-300	-0.3%	3,000	3.3%
Manufacturing	252,200	250,900	253,600	1,300	0.5%	-1,400	-0.6%
Durable Goods	161,600	160,300	162,600	1,300	0.8%	-1,000	-0.6%
Non-durable Goods	90,600	90,600	91,000	0	0.0%	-400	-0.4%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,367,100	1,362,700	1,361,400	4,400	0.3%	5,700	0.4%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	423,800	421,800	426,500	2,000	0.5%	-2,700	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	80,000	80,400	80,900	-400	-0.5%	-900	-1.1%
Retail Trade	209,300	207,800	210,300	1,500	0.7%	-1,000	-0.5%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	134,500	133,600	135,300	900	0.7%	-800	-0.6%
Information	19,900	20,000	20,600	-100	-0.5%	-700	-3.4%
Financial Activities	96,300	95,700	95,300	600	0.6%	1,000	1.0%
Finance and Insurance	73,300	72,800	72,800	500	0.7%	500	0.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	23,000	22,900	22,500	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
Professional and Business Services	225,600	224,500	222,900	1,100	0.5%	2,700	1.2%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	86,200	86,200	88,300	0	0.0%	-2,100	-2.4%
Management of Companies	21,500	21,700	21,900	-200	-0.9%	-400	-1.8%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	117,900	116,600	112,700	1,300	1.1%	5,200	4.6%
Educational & Health Services	321,400	319,700	318,000	1,700	0.5%	3,400	1.1%
Educational Services	29,700	30,000	30,000	-300	-1.0%	-300	-1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	291,700	289,700	288,000	2,000	0.7%	3,700	1.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	206,400	207,400	204,600	-1,000	-0.5%	1,800	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,300	27,400	27,400	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	179,100	180,000	177,200	-900	-0.5%	1,900	1.1%
Other Services	73,700	73,600	73,500	100	0.1%	200	0.3%
Government	316,300	315,900	315,700	400	0.1%	600	0.2%
Federal	32,900	33,000	36,500	-100	-0.3%	-3,600	-9.9%
State	99,300	99,300	97,600	0	0.0%	1,700	1.7%
Local	184,100	183,600	181,600	500	0.3%	2,500	1.4%

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