

Kentucky Employment: February 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,108,665	2,114,539	2,111,807	-5,874	-0.3%	-3,142	-0.1%
Employment	2,019,836	2,024,295	2,010,518	-4,459	-0.2%	9,318	0.5%
Unemployment	88,829	90,244	101,289	-1,415	-1.6%	-12,460	-12.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.3%	4.8%	-0.1%	-	-0.6%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	0.1%	-	0.2%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,032,000	2,033,000	2,034,500	-1,000	0.0%	-2,500	-0.1%
Private Sector Employment	1,716,100	1,717,400	1,717,300	-1,300	-0.1%	-1,200	-0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	350,400	351,600	353,600	-1,200	-0.3%	-3,200	-0.9%
Mining and Logging	6,700	6,700	7,300	0	0.0%	-600	-8.2%
Construction	92,300	92,900	92,800	-600	-0.6%	-500	-0.5%
Manufacturing	251,400	252,000	253,500	-600	-0.2%	-2,100	-0.8%
Durable Goods	160,500	161,400	162,300	-900	-0.6%	-1,800	-1.1%
Non-durable Goods	90,900	90,600	91,200	300	0.3%	-300	-0.3%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,365,700	1,365,800	1,363,700	-100	0.0%	2,000	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	422,500	423,600	426,400	-1,100	-0.3%	-3,900	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	79,700	79,900	81,000	-200	-0.3%	-1,300	-1.6%
Retail Trade	208,700	209,200	210,600	-500	-0.2%	-1,900	-0.9%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	134,100	134,500	134,800	-400	-0.3%	-700	-0.5%
Information	19,900	19,900	20,600	0	0.0%	-700	-3.4%
Financial Activities	95,900	96,200	95,500	-300	-0.3%	400	0.4%
Finance and Insurance	73,000	73,300	72,800	-300	-0.4%	200	0.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,900	22,900	22,700	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
Professional and Business Services	224,700	225,200	223,800	-500	-0.2%	900	0.4%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	85,400	85,900	88,300	-500	-0.6%	-2,900	-3.3%
Management of Companies	21,600	21,500	21,800	100	0.5%	-200	-0.9%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	117,700	117,800	113,700	-100	-0.1%	4,000	3.5%
Educational & Health Services	322,400	321,100	318,300	1,300	0.4%	4,100	1.3%
Educational Services	30,300	30,100	30,000	200	0.7%	300	1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	292,100	291,000	288,300	1,100	0.4%	3,800	1.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	206,900	206,200	205,500	700	0.3%	1,400	0.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,200	27,300	27,200	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	179,700	178,900	178,300	800	0.4%	1,400	0.8%
Other Services	73,400	73,600	73,600	-200	-0.3%	-200	-0.3%
Government	315,900	315,600	317,200	300	0.1%	-1,300	-0.4%
Federal	33,000	32,800	36,400	200	0.6%	-3,400	-9.3%
State	99,500	99,300	97,900	200	0.2%	1,600	1.6%
Local	183,400	183,500	182,900	-100	-0.1%	500	0.3%

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