

Kentucky Employment: March 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,103,495	2,108,666	2,112,671	-5,171	-0.2%	-9,176	-0.4%
Employment	2,015,492	2,019,836	2,012,385	-4,344	-0.2%	3,107	0.2%
Unemployment	88,003	88,830	100,286	-827	-0.9%	-12,283	-12.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.7%	0.0%	-	-0.5%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	-0.1%	-	0.1%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,034,100	2,032,100	2,036,100	2,000	0.1%	-2,000	-0.1%
Private Sector Employment	1,717,700	1,716,100	1,718,700	1,600	0.1%	-1,000	-0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	349,800	350,300	353,900	-500	-0.1%	-4,100	-1.2%
Mining and Logging	6,700	6,700	7,200	0	0.0%	-500	-6.9%
Construction	93,600	92,500	92,900	1,100	1.2%	700	0.8%
Manufacturing	249,500	251,100	253,800	-1,600	-0.6%	-4,300	-1.7%
Durable Goods	158,600	160,200	162,600	-1,600	-1.0%	-4,000	-2.5%
Non-durable Goods	90,900	90,900	91,200	0	0.0%	-300	-0.3%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,367,900	1,365,800	1,364,800	2,100	0.2%	3,100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	424,000	422,700	427,200	1,300	0.3%	-3,200	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	80,100	79,800	81,100	300	0.4%	-1,000	-1.2%
Retail Trade	209,600	208,800	210,600	800	0.4%	-1,000	-0.5%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	134,300	134,100	135,500	200	0.1%	-1,200	-0.9%
Information	19,900	19,900	20,600	0	0.0%	-700	-3.4%
Financial Activities	95,500	95,800	95,400	-300	-0.3%	100	0.1%
Finance and Insurance	72,500	72,900	72,700	-400	-0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	23,000	22,900	22,700	100	0.4%	300	1.3%
Professional and Business Services	225,100	224,800	223,900	300	0.1%	1,200	0.5%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	84,800	85,300	88,100	-500	-0.6%	-3,300	-3.7%
Management of Companies	21,700	21,600	22,000	100	0.5%	-300	-1.4%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	118,600	117,900	113,800	700	0.6%	4,800	4.2%
Educational & Health Services	321,500	322,200	318,700	-700	-0.2%	2,800	0.9%
Educational Services	30,200	30,300	30,000	-100	-0.3%	200	0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	291,300	291,900	288,700	-600	-0.2%	2,600	0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	207,600	207,000	205,500	600	0.3%	2,100	1.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,500	27,300	27,700	200	0.7%	-200	-0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	180,100	179,700	177,800	400	0.2%	2,300	1.3%
Other Services	74,300	73,400	73,500	900	1.2%	800	1.1%
Government	316,400	316,000	317,400	400	0.1%	-1,000	-0.3%
Federal	32,800	33,000	36,200	-200	-0.6%	-3,400	-9.4%
State	99,500	99,500	98,300	0	0.0%	1,200	1.2%
Local	184,100	183,500	182,900	600	0.3%	1,200	0.7%

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