

Kentucky Employment: April 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,097,526	2,103,533	2,113,284	-6,007	-0.3%	-15,758	-0.7%
Employment	2,007,943	2,015,512	2,014,089	-7,569	-0.4%	-6,146	-0.3%
Unemployment	89,583	88,021	99,195	1,562	1.8%	-9,612	-9.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.2%	4.7%	0.1%	-	-0.4%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	0.0%	-	0.1%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,035,300	2,033,300	2,039,500	2,000	0.1%	-4,200	-0.2%
Private Sector Employment	1,718,500	1,716,900	1,721,500	1,600	0.1%	-3,000	-0.2%
Goods Producing Industries	349,100	349,600	353,700	-500	-0.1%	-4,600	-1.3%
Mining and Logging	6,800	6,700	7,100	100	1.5%	-300	-4.2%
Construction	94,200	93,700	93,200	500	0.5%	1,000	1.1%
Manufacturing	248,100	249,200	253,400	-1,100	-0.4%	-5,300	-2.1%
Durable Goods	157,600	158,500	162,100	-900	-0.6%	-4,500	-2.8%
Non-durable Goods	90,500	90,700	91,300	-200	-0.2%	-800	-0.9%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,369,400	1,367,300	1,367,800	2,100	0.2%	1,600	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	425,600	424,500	427,900	1,100	0.3%	-2,300	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	81,600	80,200	81,300	1,400	1.7%	300	0.4%
Retail Trade	207,700	209,800	210,500	-2,100	-1.0%	-2,800	-1.3%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	136,300	134,500	136,100	1,800	1.3%	200	0.1%
Information	20,100	19,900	20,700	200	1.0%	-600	-2.9%
Financial Activities	96,000	95,700	95,500	300	0.3%	500	0.5%
Finance and Insurance	72,800	72,600	72,800	200	0.3%	0	0.0%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	23,200	23,100	22,700	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
Professional and Business Services	222,900	224,300	224,400	-1,400	-0.6%	-1,500	-0.7%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	85,600	84,700	88,100	900	1.1%	-2,500	-2.8%
Management of Companies	21,700	21,700	21,900	0	0.0%	-200	-0.9%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	115,600	117,900	114,400	-2,300	-2.0%	1,200	1.0%
Educational & Health Services	322,700	322,100	319,400	600	0.2%	3,300	1.0%
Educational Services	30,600	30,300	29,900	300	1.0%	700	2.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	292,100	291,800	289,500	300	0.1%	2,600	0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	207,300	206,900	206,300	400	0.2%	1,000	0.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,600	27,400	27,500	200	0.7%	100	0.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	179,700	179,500	178,800	200	0.1%	900	0.5%
Other Services	74,800	73,900	73,600	900	1.2%	1,200	1.6%
Government	316,800	316,400	318,000	400	0.1%	-1,200	-0.4%
Federal	32,800	32,800	36,300	0	0.0%	-3,500	-9.6%
State	99,700	99,500	98,300	200	0.2%	1,400	1.4%
Local	184,300	184,100	183,400	200	0.1%	900	0.5%

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