

Kentucky Employment: August 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,109,516	2,103,891	2,116,407	5,625	0.3%	-6,891	-0.3%
Employment	2,010,261	2,004,256	2,020,326	6,005	0.3%	-10,065	-0.5%
Unemployment	99,255	99,635	96,081	-380	-0.4%	3,174	3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%	0.0%	-	0.2%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	0.0%	-	-0.2%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,034,200	2,034,000	2,036,000	200	0.0%	-1,800	-0.1%
Private Sector Employment	1,718,800	1,718,700	1,718,400	100	0.0%	400	0.0%
Goods Producing Industries	350,500	348,800	351,100	1,700	0.5%	-600	-0.2%
Mining and Logging	6,900	7,000	6,900	-100	-1.4%	0	0.0%
Construction	93,800	92,700	92,400	1,100	1.2%	1,400	1.5%
Manufacturing	249,800	249,100	251,800	700	0.3%	-2,000	-0.8%
Durable Goods	158,800	158,200	161,700	600	0.4%	-2,900	-1.8%
Non-durable Goods	91,000	90,900	90,100	100	0.1%	900	1.0%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,368,300	1,369,900	1,367,300	-1,600	-0.1%	1,000	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	424,400	425,300	425,600	-900	-0.2%	-1,200	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	78,400	79,000	81,100	-600	-0.8%	-2,700	-3.3%
Retail Trade	211,100	209,600	210,300	1,500	0.7%	800	0.4%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	134,900	136,700	134,200	-1,800	-1.3%	700	0.5%
Information	20,100	20,000	20,200	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Financial Activities	95,400	95,200	95,600	200	0.2%	-200	-0.2%
Finance and Insurance	72,500	72,300	72,800	200	0.3%	-300	-0.4%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,900	22,900	22,800	0	0.0%	100	0.4%
Professional and Business Services	222,500	223,000	225,900	-500	-0.2%	-3,400	-1.5%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	85,400	85,200	88,200	200	0.2%	-2,800	-3.2%
Management of Companies	21,700	21,700	21,900	0	0.0%	-200	-0.9%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	115,400	116,100	115,800	-700	-0.6%	-400	-0.3%
Educational & Health Services	324,000	323,200	320,000	800	0.2%	4,000	1.3%
Educational Services	30,100	29,700	29,700	400	1.3%	400	1.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	293,900	293,500	290,300	400	0.1%	3,600	1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	208,500	209,400	206,700	-900	-0.4%	1,800	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27,800	27,100	27,400	700	2.6%	400	1.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	180,700	182,300	179,300	-1,600	-0.9%	1,400	0.8%
Other Services	73,400	73,800	73,300	-400	-0.5%	100	0.1%
Government	315,400	315,300	317,600	100	0.0%	-2,200	-0.7%
Federal	32,800	32,800	35,400	0	0.0%	-2,600	-7.3%
State	99,700	99,600	98,900	100	0.1%	800	0.8%
Local	182,900	182,900	183,300	0	0.0%	-400	-0.2%

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