

Kentucky Employment: September 2026
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2025	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-MONTH Rate Change	OVER-the-YEAR Change	OVER-the-YEAR Rate Change
Civilian Labor Force	2,116,455	2,109,507	2,118,090	6,948	0.3%	-1,635	-0.1%
Employment	2,016,954	2,010,233	2,023,418	6,721	0.3%	-6,464	-0.3%
Unemployment	99,501	99,274	94,672	227	0.2%	4,829	5.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%	0.0%	-	0.2%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%	0.1%	-	-0.2%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,031,700	2,032,500	2,032,100	-800	0.0%	-400	0.0%
Private Sector Employment	1,716,600	1,717,400	1,714,400	-800	0.0%	2,200	0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	349,100	349,700	351,100	-600	-0.2%	-2,000	-0.6%
Mining and Logging	7,100	6,900	7,000	200	2.9%	100	1.4%
Construction	92,800	93,300	92,800	-500	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	249,200	249,500	251,300	-300	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.8%
Durable Goods	158,000	158,600	161,500	-600	-0.4%	-3,500	-2.2%
Non-durable Goods	91,200	90,900	89,800	300	0.3%	1,400	1.6%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,367,500	1,367,700	1,363,300	-200	0.0%	4,200	0.3%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	423,500	424,000	424,900	-500	-0.1%	-1,400	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	78,400	78,400	80,900	0	0.0%	-2,500	-3.1%
Retail Trade	211,600	211,100	210,300	500	0.2%	1,300	0.6%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	133,500	134,500	133,700	-1,000	-0.7%	-200	-0.1%
Information	19,800	20,000	20,000	-200	-1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Financial Activities	95,100	95,300	95,600	-200	-0.2%	-500	-0.5%
Finance and Insurance	72,300	72,400	72,800	-100	-0.1%	-500	-0.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,800	22,900	22,800	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	221,700	222,600	225,000	-900	-0.4%	-3,300	-1.5%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	85,000	85,400	87,700	-400	-0.5%	-2,700	-3.1%
Management of Companies	21,500	21,700	21,800	-200	-0.9%	-300	-1.4%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	115,200	115,500	115,500	-300	-0.3%	-300	-0.3%
Educational & Health Services	322,400	323,000	318,300	-600	-0.2%	4,100	1.3%
Educational Services	28,500	29,400	29,600	-900	-3.1%	-1,100	-3.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	293,900	293,600	288,700	300	0.1%	5,200	1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	210,700	208,700	206,200	2,000	1.0%	4,500	2.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28,100	27,600	27,500	500	1.8%	600	2.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	182,600	181,100	178,700	1,500	0.8%	3,900	2.2%
Other Services	74,300	74,100	73,300	200	0.3%	1,000	1.4%
Government	315,100	315,100	317,700	0	0.0%	-2,600	-0.8%
Federal	33,000	32,800	35,500	200	0.6%	-2,500	-7.0%
State	99,800	99,700	98,900	100	0.1%	900	0.9%
Local	182,300	182,600	183,300	-300	-0.2%	-1,000	-0.5%

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