

## Kentucky Employment Situation Summary

### National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

### State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 51,000 jobs have been created in Kentucky.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 8,300 jobs were created in Kentucky.

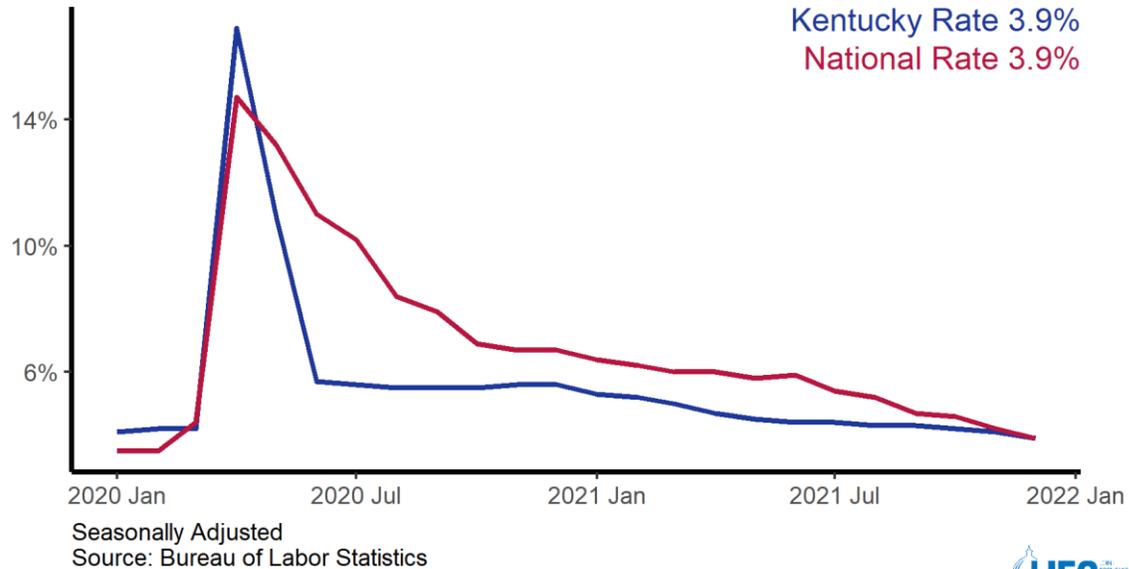
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
<b>Total Nonfarm, Kentucky</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>51,000</b>
Leisure and Hospitality, Kentucky	4,400	72%	11,800
Construction, Kentucky	1,800	142%	5,100
Manufacturing, Kentucky	900	99%	10,400
Professional and Business Services, Kentucky	200	63%	-4,500
Education and Health Services, Kentucky	-200	80%	7,200
Retail Trade, Kentucky	-500	109%	5,200
Government, Kentucky	-500	55%	8,600

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

# Kentucky Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



# Kentucky Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

