

Kentucky Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 5,583,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 620,000 created each month.
- In the month of October, the latest for which national data are available, 531,000 jobs were created and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.6%, reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.3%). The unemployment rates among adult women (4.4%), white workers (4.0%), Asian workers (4.2%), Hispanic workers (5.9%) and Black workers (7.9%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 32,700 jobs have been created in Kentucky.
- In the month of October, the latest for which state-level data are available, 3,100 jobs were created in Kentucky.

Sector	Change in Total Jobs in October	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Kentucky	3,100	76%	32,700
Education and Health Services, Kentucky	1,700	77%	6,300
Manufacturing, Kentucky	1,200	102%	11,400
Retail Trade, Kentucky	1,200	108%	5,000
Government, Kentucky	500	51%	7,600
Construction, Kentucky	-300	103%	2,300
Professional and Business Services, Kentucky	-700	58%	-6,000
Leisure and Hospitality, Kentucky	-1,500	62%	2,500

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

