



Economy at a Glance

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Data Series	Back Data	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force ⁽¹⁾		⁽²⁾ 167.9	⁽²⁾ 166.9	165.9	166.2	166.5	^(P) 165.3
Employment ⁽¹⁾		⁽²⁾ 161.5	⁽²⁾ 161.4	159.4	160.1	160.9	^(P) 159.7
Unemployment ⁽¹⁾		⁽²⁾ 6.4	⁽²⁾ 5.5	6.5	6.1	5.7	^(P) 5.5
Unemployment Rate ⁽³⁾		⁽²⁾ 3.8	⁽²⁾ 3.3	3.9	3.7	3.4	^(P) 3.3
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							
Total Nonfarm ⁽⁴⁾		156.7	156.5	154.3	154.3	154.7	^(P) 155.9
12-month % change		-0.6	-0.5	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	^(P) -0.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction ⁽⁴⁾		5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	^(P) 5.9
12-month % change		1.7	1.7	3.6	1.8	0.0	^(P) 1.7
Manufacturing ⁽⁴⁾		38.2	38.1	38.0	37.9	38.2	^(P) 38.3
12-month % change		-2.1	-2.6	-2.3	-3.6	-2.6	^(P) -1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities ⁽⁴⁾		31.1	31.3	30.4	30.1	30.2	^(P) 30.4
12-month % change		-1.3	-0.9	-2.9	-3.2	-2.6	^(P) -1.6
Information ⁽⁴⁾		1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	^(P) 1.4
12-month % change		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.1	^(P) 0.0
Financial Activities ⁽⁴⁾		3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	^(P) 3.2
12-month % change		0.0	0.0	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	^(P) 0.0
Professional and Business Services ⁽⁴⁾		13.1	13.0	12.6	12.6	12.5	^(P) 12.7
12-month % change		-1.5	-2.3	-3.8	-4.5	-6.0	^(P) -5.9
Education and Health Services ⁽⁴⁾		19.7	19.7	19.7	19.8	19.8	^(P) 19.9
12-month % change		3.1	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	^(P) 3.1
Leisure and Hospitality ⁽⁴⁾		15.1	15.2	14.8	14.8	15.0	^(P) 15.3
12-month % change		-0.7	0.0	1.4	-0.7	0.0	^(P) -0.6
Other Services ⁽⁴⁾		5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	^(P) 5.2
12-month % change		0.0	0.0	-1.9	0.0	0.0	^(P) 0.0
Government ⁽⁴⁾		23.8	23.5	23.4	23.6	23.6	^(P) 23.6
12-month % change		-0.4	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.9	^(P) 0.4

Footnotes
⁽¹⁾ Number of persons, in thousands, not seasonally adjusted.
⁽²⁾ Data were subject to revision on May 19, 2026.
⁽³⁾ In percent, not seasonally adjusted.
⁽⁴⁾ Number of jobs, in thousands, not seasonally adjusted. See [About the data](#).
^(P) Preliminary

Data extracted on: June 16, 2026

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: More data series, including additional geographic areas, are available through the "[Databases & Tables](#)" tab at the top of this page.

Geographically based survey data available from BLS:

Employment & Unemployment

- [Employment, Hours, and Earnings from the CES survey \(State and Area\)](#)
- [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#)
- [Create Customized Maps -- Unemployment Rates](#)
- [Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#)
- [Occupational Employment Statistics](#)
- [Geographic Profile](#)

Prices & Living Conditions

- [Consumer Price Index](#)
- [Consumer Expenditure Survey](#)

Compensation & Working Conditions

- [National Compensation Survey](#)
- [Employment Cost Index](#)
- [Injuries, Illnesses, and Fatalities](#)

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