

The U.S. Economy Lost 92,000 Jobs In February, 2026

THREE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB CREATION ¹

	December, 2025	50,000
	January, 2026	130,000
¹	February, 2026	-92,000

ONE-MONTH CHANGE IN JOB GROWTH BY INDUSTRY ¹

Industry	People Employed January, 2026	People Employed February, 2026	Gain or Loss
Mining	602,000	600,000	-2,000
Construction	8,320,000	8,309,000	-11,000
Manufacturing	12,585,000	12,573,000	-12,000
Wholesale	6,045,000	6,051,000	6,000
Retail	15,424,200	15,426,500	2,300
Transportation	6,543,000	6,531,700	-11,300
Utilities	604,900	606,200	1,300
Information	2,823,000	2,812,000	-11,000
Finance	9,156,000	9,166,000	10,000
Professional	22,390,000	22,385,000	-5,000
Health, Private Ed	27,756,000	27,722,000	-34,000
Leisure	16,949,000	16,922,000	-27,000
Associations	6,031,000	6,039,000	8,000
Government	23,329,000	23,323,000	-6,000
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FEBRUARY, 2026, HIRES BY BUSINESS SIZE ²

Small Business (1-49 employees)	60,000	95%
Mid-Size Business (50-499 employees)	-7,000	-11%
Large Business (500+ employees)	10,000	16%
Total U.S. (private-sector hires)	63,000	100%

The U.S. Employment Snapshot

162,912,000 People Were Employed In February, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

December, 2025	163,992,000
January, 2026	163,097,000
February, 2026	162,912,000

ONE-YEAR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION ¹

Occupation	People Employed January, 2026	People Employed February, 2026	Gain or Loss
Management	30,672,000	31,263,000	591,000
Professional	40,805,000	40,620,000	-185,000
Services	26,316,000	26,435,000	119,000
Sales	14,138,000	14,263,000	125,000
Office, administrative	16,493,000	16,380,000	-113,000
Farming, fishing, forestry	904,000	864,000	-40,000
Construction, extraction	7,978,000	7,906,000	-72,000
Installation, maintenance	5,000,000	4,941,000	-59,000
Production	8,299,000	7,742,000	-557,000
Transportation	11,937,000	11,737,000	-200,000

PEOPLE WORKING PART TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ¹

December, 2025	5,441,000
January, 2026	4,888,000
February, 2026	4,396,000

ONE YEAR CHANGE IN HOURS AND WAGES ¹

	February, 2025	February, 2026
Average workweek in hours	34.2	34.3
Average manufacturing overtime in hours	2.9	3.0
Average hourly wage	\$35.94	\$37.32
Average weekly earnings	\$1,229.15	\$1,280.08

The U.S. Employment Snapshot

7,571,000 People Were Unemployed In February, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT ¹

December, 2025	7,503,000
January, 2025	7,368,000
February, 2026	7,571,000

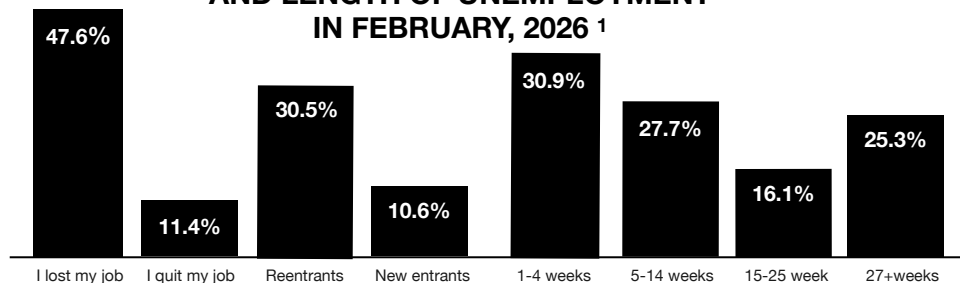
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN FEBRUARY, 2025 ¹

US	Men	Women	Teens	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	High School Diploma	Bachelor's Degree+	Veterans age 18 years and over
4.4	4.0	4.1	14.9	3.7	7.7	4.8	5.2	4.8	3.0	4.1

UNEMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION ¹

	People Unemployed In February, 2026	Unemployment Rate
Management	891,000	2.8
Professional	1,075,000	2.6
Services	1,675,000	6.0
Sales	737,000	4.9
Office, administrative	777,000	4.5
Farming, fishing, forestry	126,000	12.7
Construction, extraction	698,000	8.1
Installation, maintenance, repair	166,000	3.3
Production	315,000	3.9
Transportation, material moving	812,000	6.5

REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND LENGTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY, 2026 ¹

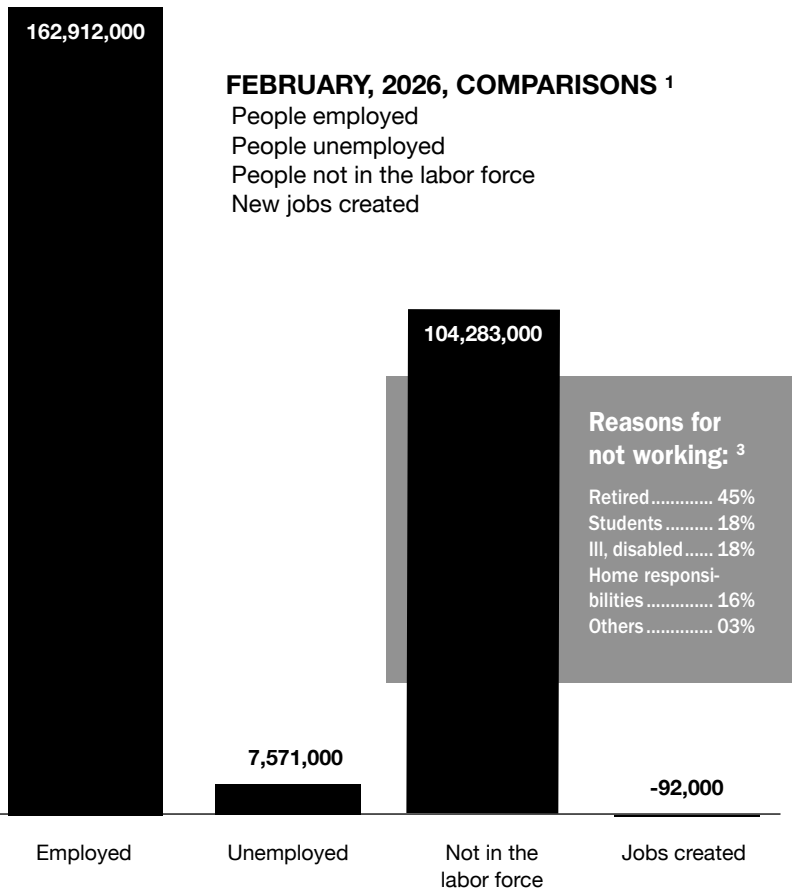


The U.S. Employment Snapshot

104,283,000 People, Age 16 Years And Older, Were Not In The Labor Force In February, 2026

THREE MONTH CHANGE IN THOSE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE ¹

	December, 2025	103,321,000
	January, 2026	104,211,000
A	February, 2026	104,283,000



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