

Labor report recap

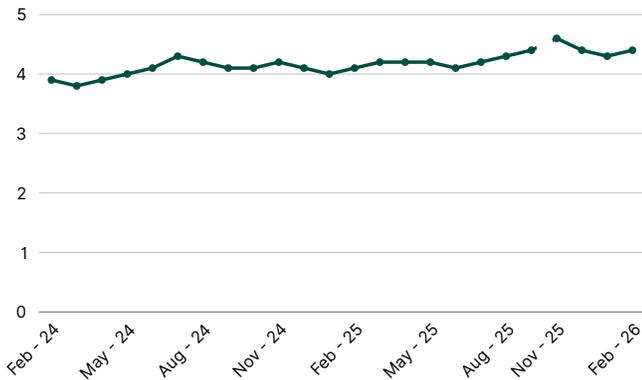
February 2026

Total nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 92,000 in February, and the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.4 percent, the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) reported today. Employment in healthcare decreased, reflecting strike activity. Employment in federal government also continued to trend down.

Unemployment
4.4%

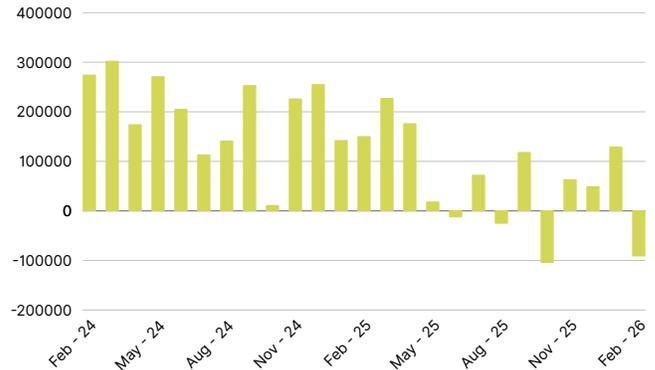
U.S. job growth
-92,000

Unemployment rate trend
February 2024 - February 2026

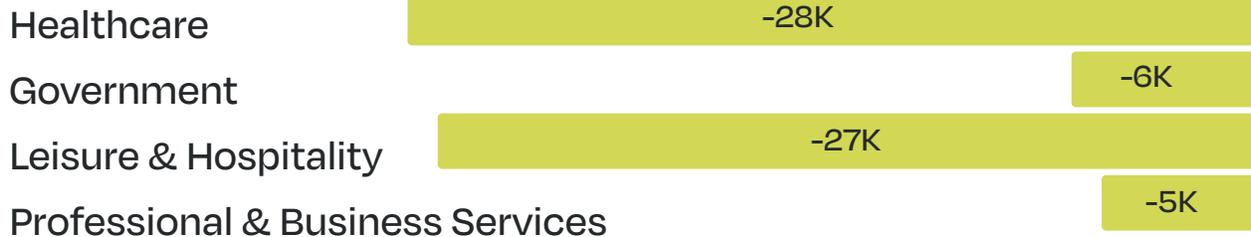


Note: Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.

Payroll change (month-over-month)
February 2024 - February 2026



Employment change by industry



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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