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UTAH’S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: February 2026

SALT LAKE CITY (April. 22, 2026) — Utah’s nonfarm payroll employment for February 2026 increased an estimated 0.7% across the past 12 months, with the state’s economy adding a cumulative 11,600 jobs since February 2025. Utah’s current job count stands at 1,765,000.

February’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is estimated at 3.8%, the same as January. Approximately 69,800 Utahns are unemployed. The February national unemployment rate is estimated at 4.4%, 0.1% higher than January 2026.

“Despite the overall pace of hiring remaining slow, the labor market continues to show resilience, with sustained employment in key sectors driving consistent job gains,” said Ben Crabb, chief economist with the Department of Workforce Services. “Meanwhile, limited labor supply growth is helping to maintain an unemployment rate of 3.8%.”

Utah’s February private sector employment recorded a year-over-year expansion of 0.8%, or a 12,400-job increase. Six of the 10 major private-sector industry groups posted net year-over-year job gains. The overall gains are led by professional and business services (8,600 jobs), education and health services (5,100 jobs), and financial activities (2,200 jobs). Trade, transportation and utilities (-2,200 jobs), information (-1,500 jobs), and other services (-800 jobs) experienced year-over-year job losses.

- Additional analysis and tables at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html>
- County unemployment rates for February will post on or shortly after April 27, 2026, at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/season.pdf>
- Statistics generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., modeled from monthly employer (employment) and household (unemployment) surveys.
- Listen to Chief Economist Ben Crabb’s analysis of the February 2026 employment report here: soundcloud.com/utahdws/utah-employment-report-february-2026.

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Labor Market Indicators
February 2026

Utah
Employment Year-Over % Change: 0.7%
Employment # Change: 11,600
Unemployment Rate: 3.8%

United States
Employment Year-Over % Change: 0%
Unemployment Rate: 4.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

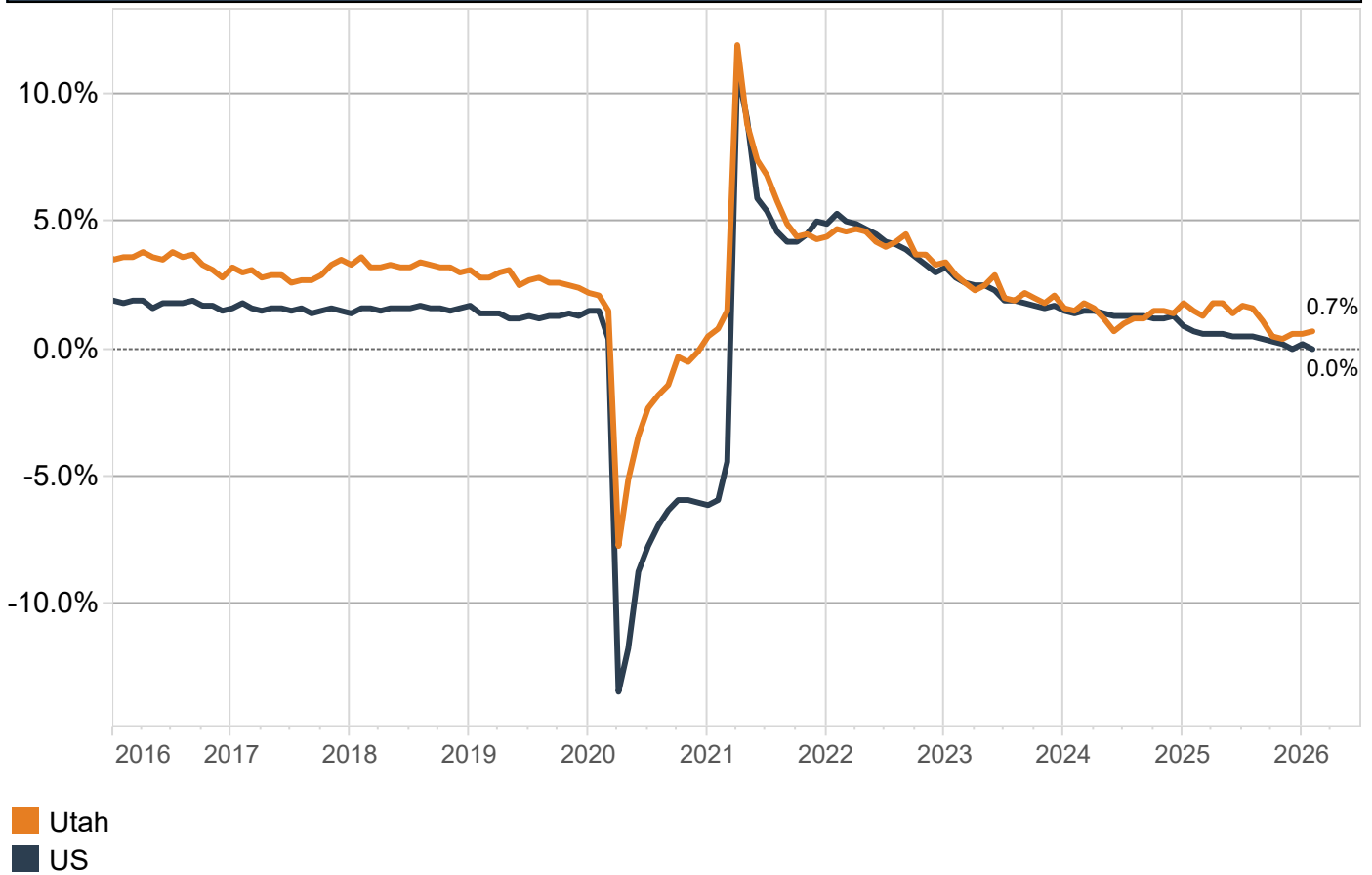
Numbers are in thousands	February (p) 2026	February 2025	Percentage Change	January (r) 2026	January 2025	Percentage Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)	1,841.0	1,837.2	0.2	1,844.1	1,836.0	0.4
Employed	1,771.2	1,775.4	-0.2	1,774.9	1,774.6	0.0
Unemployed	69.8	61.9	12.8	69.2	61.4	12.8
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.4		3.8	3.3	
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)	1,765.0	1,753.4	0.7	1,754.1	1,745.1	0.5
Not seasonally-adjusted						
PRIVATE SECTOR	1,487.3	1,474.9	0.8	1,480.0	1,470.0	0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	303.0	302.2	0.3	301.4	301.9	-0.2
Natural Resources and Mining	10.7	11.2	-4.5	10.7	11.3	-5.3
Construction	138.9	137.7	0.9	137.4	137.5	-0.1
Construction of Buildings	30.8	31.0	-0.6	30.6	31.2	-1.9
Heavy and Civil Engineering	12.6	12.0	5.0	12.5	11.9	5.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	95.5	94.7	0.8	94.3	94.4	-0.1
Manufacturing	153.4	153.3	0.1	153.3	153.1	0.1
Durable Goods	97.2	97.4	-0.2	97.0	97.4	-0.4
Computer and Electronic Products	13.8	13.7	0.7	13.7	13.7	0.0
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	19.4	19.4	0.0	19.3	19.4	-0.5
Non-Durable Goods	56.2	55.9	0.5	56.3	55.7	1.1
SERVICES PROVIDING	1,462.0	1,451.2	0.7	1,452.7	1,443.2	0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	308.4	310.6	-0.7	309.9	312.0	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	61.1	61.0	0.2	60.9	60.9	0.0
Retail Trade	170.5	173.8	-1.9	170.6	175.1	-2.6
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	23.9	24.6	-2.8	23.9	24.6	-2.8
Food and Beverage Stores	27.7	28.0	-1.1	27.7	28.0	-1.1
General Merchandise Stores	35.7	35.9	-0.6	36.0	36.3	-0.8
Transportation and Utilities	76.8	75.8	1.3	78.4	76.0	3.2
Utilities	5.1	4.6	10.9	5.2	4.5	15.6
Transportation & Warehousing	71.7	71.2	0.7	73.2	71.5	2.4
Air Transportation	10.1	9.4	7.4	10.0	9.3	7.5
Truck Transportation	20.6	20.5	0.5	20.8	20.5	1.5
Couriers and Messengers	19.1	19.5	-2.1	20.6	19.9	3.5
Information	40.4	41.9	-3.6	39.6	41.7	-5.0
Motion Picture and Sound Recording	5.9	5.8	1.7	5.6	5.6	0.0
Publishing Industries	19.1	19.5	-2.1	18.7	19.5	-4.1
Telecommunications	4.2	4.6	-8.7	4.1	4.6	-10.9
Internet Service Providers	7.7	8.4	-8.3	7.7	8.4	-8.3
Financial Activities	101.7	99.5	2.2	101.6	99.2	2.4
Finance and Insurance	74.9	73.9	1.4	74.8	73.6	1.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	26.8	25.6	4.7	26.8	25.6	4.7
Professional and Business Services	255.3	246.7	3.5	254.6	245.8	3.6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	137.3	132.3	3.8	137.6	132.0	4.2
Legal Services	11.4	10.9	4.6	11.4	10.8	5.6
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	22.3	20.8	7.2	22.2	20.8	6.7
Computer Systems Design and Related	35.5	34.6	2.6	35.4	34.8	1.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24.2	24.1	0.4	24.3	23.9	1.7
Administrative and Waste Services	93.8	90.3	3.9	92.7	89.9	3.1
Education and Health Services	257.2	252.1	2.0	255.0	249.7	2.1
Educational Services	61.8	59.3	4.2	60.2	57.9	4.0
Health Services and Social Assistance	195.4	192.8	1.3	194.8	191.8	1.6
Ambulatory Health Care Services	86.2	86.2	0.0	86.1	85.4	0.8
Hospitals	44.3	43.1	2.8	44.2	43.1	2.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	33.2	32.4	2.5	33.0	32.2	2.5
Social Assistance	31.7	31.3	1.3	31.5	31.1	1.3
Leisure and Hospitality	175.5	175.3	0.1	172.4	173.3	-0.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	33.0	33.2	-0.6	32.3	32.7	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	142.5	142.1	0.3	140.1	140.6	-0.4
Accommodation	23.6	24.1	-2.1	23.4	23.9	-2.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	118.9	118.0	0.8	116.7	116.7	0.0
Other Services	45.8	46.6	-1.7	45.5	46.4	-1.9
Government	277.7	278.5	-0.3	274.1	275.1	-0.4
Federal Government	36.2	41.3	-12.3	36.0	41.1	-12.4
Federal Defense	16.7	19.1	-12.6	16.7	19.1	-12.6
Other Federal Government	19.5	22.2	-12.2	19.3	22.0	-12.3
State Government	92.3	91.0	1.4	90.6	89.5	1.2
State Education	53.0	53.3	-0.6	51.4	51.8	-0.8
Other State Government	39.3	37.7	4.2	39.2	37.7	4.0
Local Government	149.2	146.2	2.1	147.5	144.5	2.1
Local Education	83.5	82.4	1.3	82.1	80.9	1.5
Other Local Government	65.7	63.8	3.0	65.4	63.6	2.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). April 22, 2026

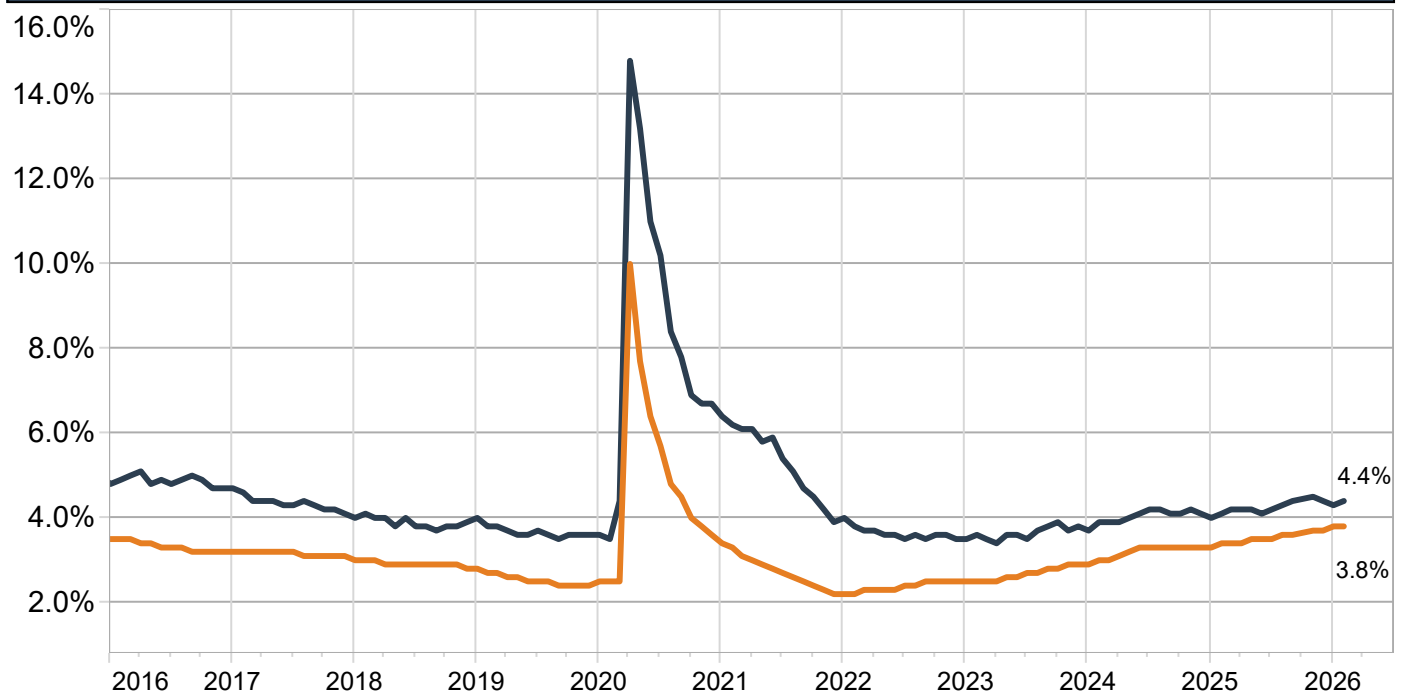
Note: Government owned education, healthcare, etc. are enumerated within Government.

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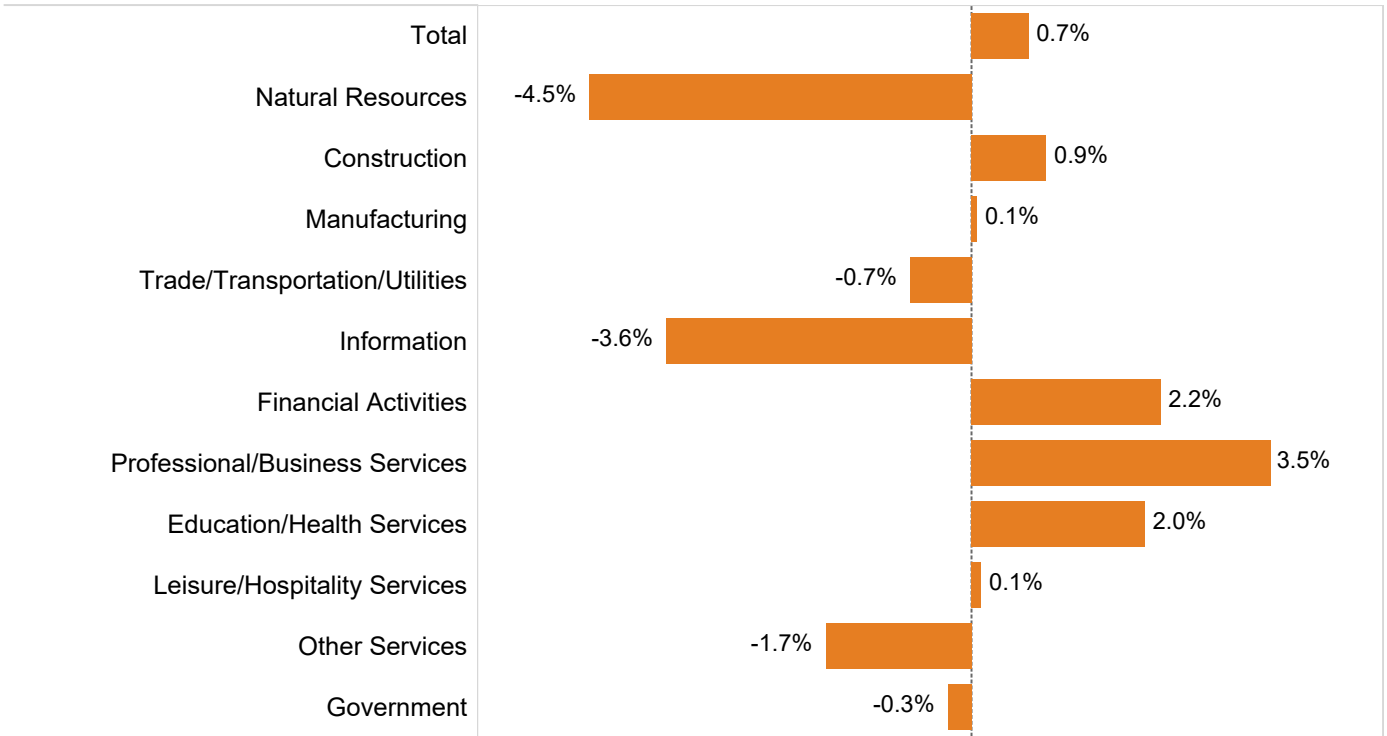
Year-Over Percent Change In Nonfarm Jobs



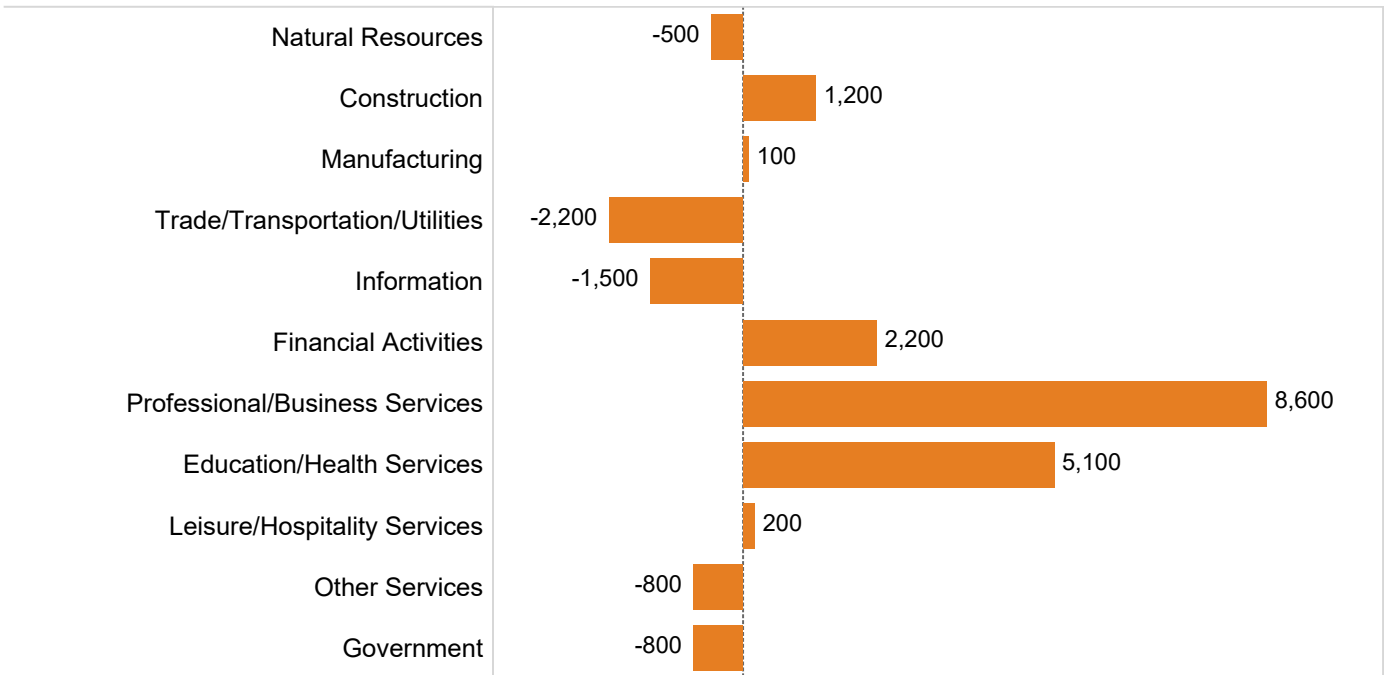
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles February 2025 - 2026 Percent Change



Numeric Change



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	February 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	February 2025 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	January 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	January 2025 <i>Actual</i>
BEAVER	2,929	2,737	7.0	2,899	2,684
BOX ELDER	23,961	23,956	0.0	23,881	23,961
CACHE	68,129	68,149	(0.0)	67,442	67,762
CARBON	8,879	9,092	(2.3)	8,810	9,024
DAGGETT	348	341	2.0	343	332
DAVIS	142,062	142,219	(0.1)	140,962	141,296
DUCHESNE	9,019	9,042	(0.3)	8,959	8,928
EMERY	3,562	3,473	2.6	3,534	3,440
GARFIELD	2,078	2,006	3.6	2,038	1,951
GRAND	5,887	5,995	(1.8)	5,500	5,656
IRON	27,472	26,937	2.0	26,925	26,379
JUAB	4,647	4,410	5.4	4,621	4,374
KANE	3,911	3,879	0.8	3,809	3,730
MILLARD	4,790	4,935	(2.9)	4,781	4,930
MORGAN	3,742	3,466	8.0	3,724	3,457
PIUTE	274	269	1.8	261	250
RICH	815	811	0.5	831	862
SALT LAKE	825,922	809,475	2.0	822,263	807,467
SAN JUAN	4,652	4,623	0.6	4,563	4,514
SANPETE	10,038	9,782	2.6	9,933	9,719
SEVIER	9,752	9,854	(1.0)	9,657	9,780
SUMMIT	35,759	35,697	0.2	35,802	35,695
TOOELE	20,677	19,987	3.5	20,711	20,064
UINTAH	15,610	15,415	1.3	15,511	15,308
UTAH	322,458	312,586	3.2	320,234	311,599
WASATCH	12,737	12,044	5.8	12,665	12,028
WASHINGTON	92,715	89,627	3.4	91,164	88,253
WAYNE	1,153	1,140	1.2	1,151	1,133
WEBER	124,538	124,333	0.2	123,888	123,461

Note: Numbers have been left unrounded for convenience rather than to denote accuracy.

Note: County employment estimates are assessed independently of the statewide estimate.

Note: Employment numbers are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons of employment levels from one month to the next should not be used as job creation/loss estimates between those months. Seasonal factors could be the reason. For example, employment levels in September are usually higher than in August, as school employment resumes.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Research and Analysis, 4/22/2026