

Rhode Island

Labor Market Conditions

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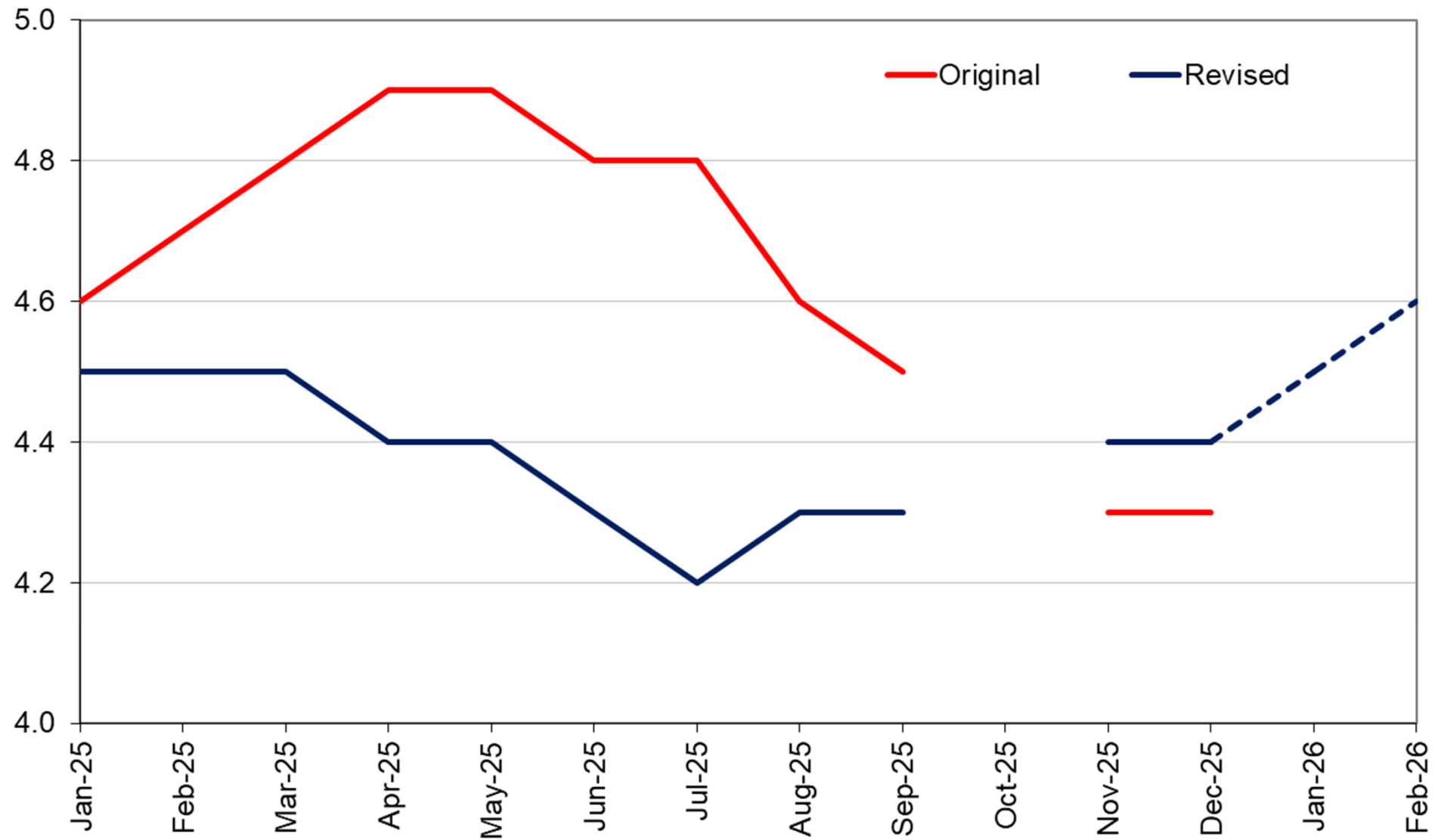
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**Unemployment Rate- Seasonally Adjusted
Original vs. Revised**



Due to the Federal Government shutdown, there were no estimates produced for October 2025.

REVISED Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Statistics (in thousands)

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Labor Force	594.5	594.6	594.7	594.6	594.5	594.4	594.4	594.1	593.6	592.8	-	591.8	591.8
Employment	567.9	567.9	567.9	568.0	568.1	568.4	568.9	568.9	568.3	567.3	-	565.6	565.5
Unemployment	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.4	26.0	25.5	25.2	25.2	25.5	-	26.2	26.3
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	-	4.4	4.4

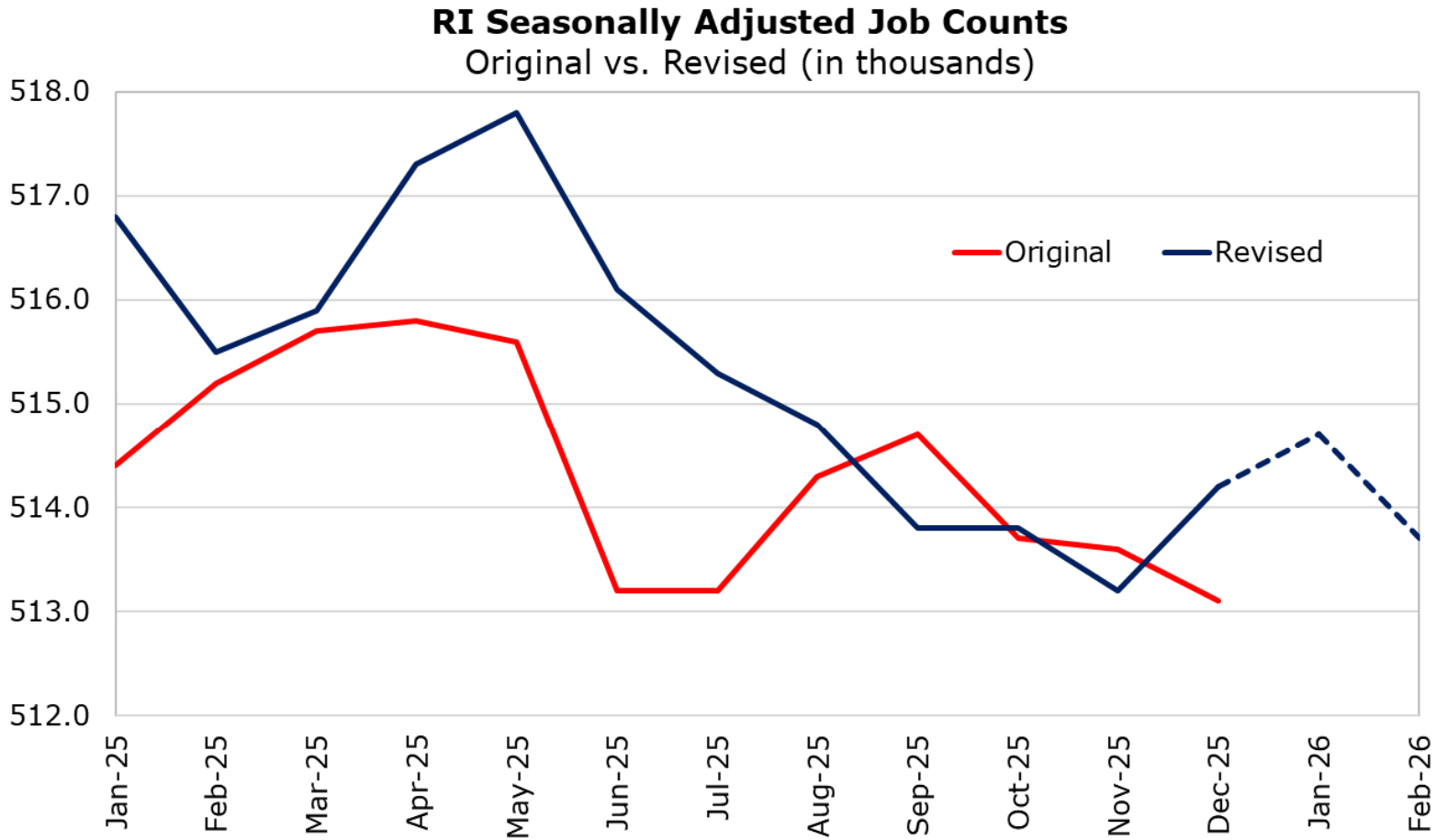
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Statistics (in thousands)

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Labor Force	591.4	591.1	590.6	589.0	588.1	587.6	587.4	587.7	588.8	589.8	-	591.1	590.4
Employment	564.7	564.0	562.6	560.4	559.3	558.8	559.0	559.6	561.7	563.6	-	565.9	564.8
Unemployment	26.8	27.1	28.0	28.5	28.8	28.8	28.4	28.1	27.1	26.3	-	25.2	25.6
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.5	-	4.3	4.3

Change in Labor Force Estimates

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Labor Force	3,100	3,500	4,100	5,600	6,400	6,800	7,000	6,400	4,800	3,000	-	700	1,400
Employment	3,200	3,900	5,300	7,600	8,800	9,600	9,900	9,300	6,600	3,700	-	-300	700
Unemployment	-200	-400	-1,300	-1,900	-2,400	-2,800	-2,900	-2,900	-1,900	-800	-	1,000	700
Unemployment Rate	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-	0.1	0.1

Total Nonfarm Employment in Rhode Island														
Seasonally Adjusted Benchmark Revisions (in thousands)														
	<u>Dec-24</u>	<u>Jan-25</u>	<u>Feb-25</u>	<u>Mar-25</u>	<u>Apr-25</u>	<u>May-25</u>	<u>Jun-25</u>	<u>Jul-25</u>	<u>Aug-25</u>	<u>Sep-25</u>	<u>Oct-25</u>	<u>Nov-25</u>	<u>Dec-25</u>	2025 <u>Ann. Avg.</u>
Benchmark	515.9	516.8	515.5	515.9	517.3	517.8	516.1	515.3	514.8	513.8	513.8	513.2	514.2	515.4
Published	<u>514.5</u>	<u>514.4</u>	<u>515.2</u>	<u>515.7</u>	<u>515.8</u>	<u>515.6</u>	<u>513.2</u>	<u>513.2</u>	<u>514.3</u>	<u>514.7</u>	<u>513.7</u>	<u>513.6</u>	<u>513.1</u>	<u>514.4</u>
Revision	1.4	2.4	0.3	0.2	1.5	2.2	2.9	2.1	0.5	-0.9	0.1	-0.4	1.1	1.0



Benchmark Revisions by Sector

Annual Average Job Revision **+1,000**

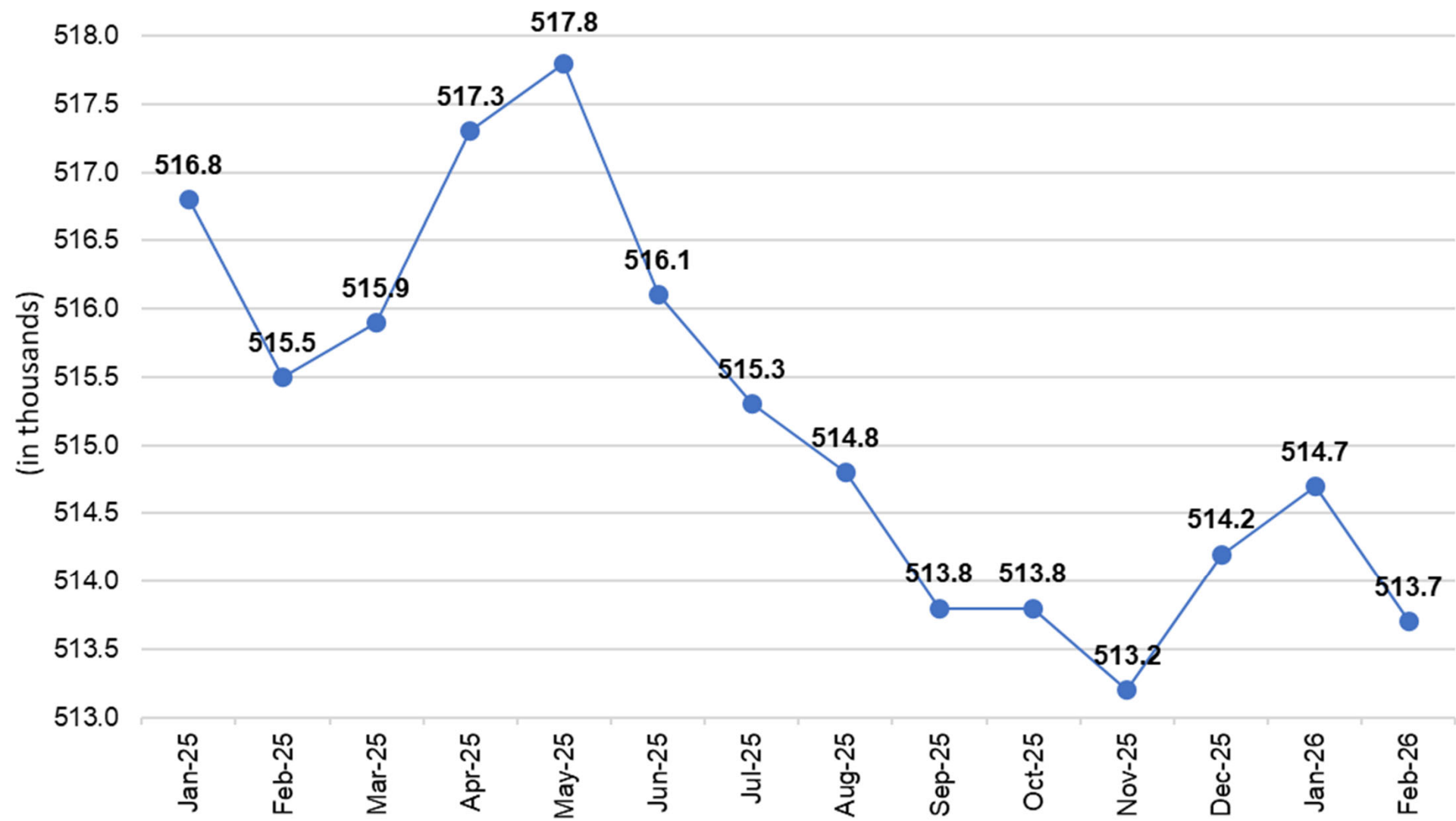
Upward Revisions

Transportation & Warehousing	+3,000
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	+1,000
Health Care & Social Assistance	+900
Educational Services	+400
Accommodation & Food Services	+300
Information	+200
Financial Activities	+200
Mining & Logging	0

Downward Revisions

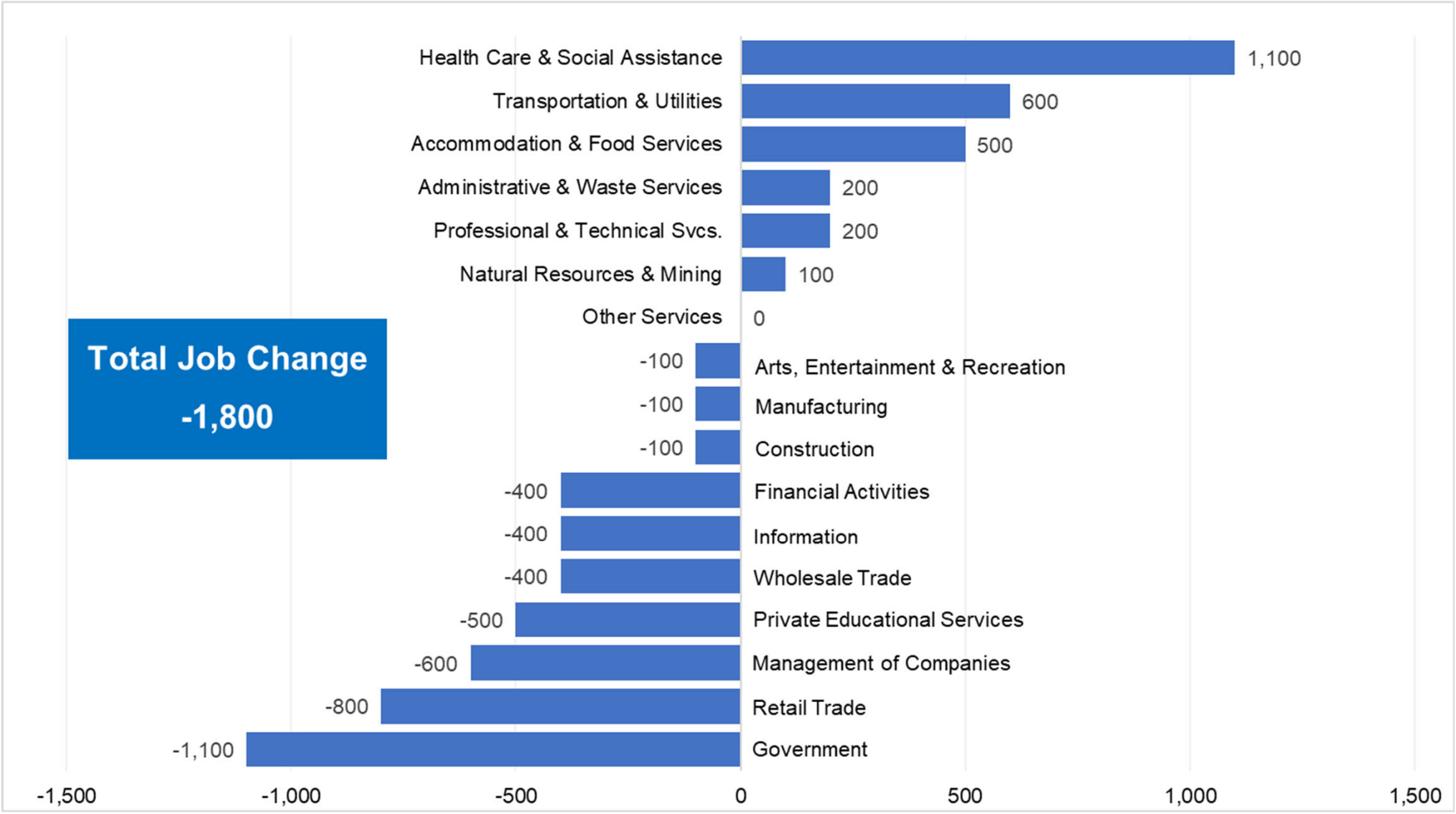
Administrative & Waste Services	-1,500
Manufacturing	-1,100
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	-700
Other Services	-500
Government	-500
Management of Companies & Enterprises	-500
Wholesale Trade	-300
Retail Trade	-100
Construction	-100

Rhode Island-Based Jobs
January 2025 – February 2026



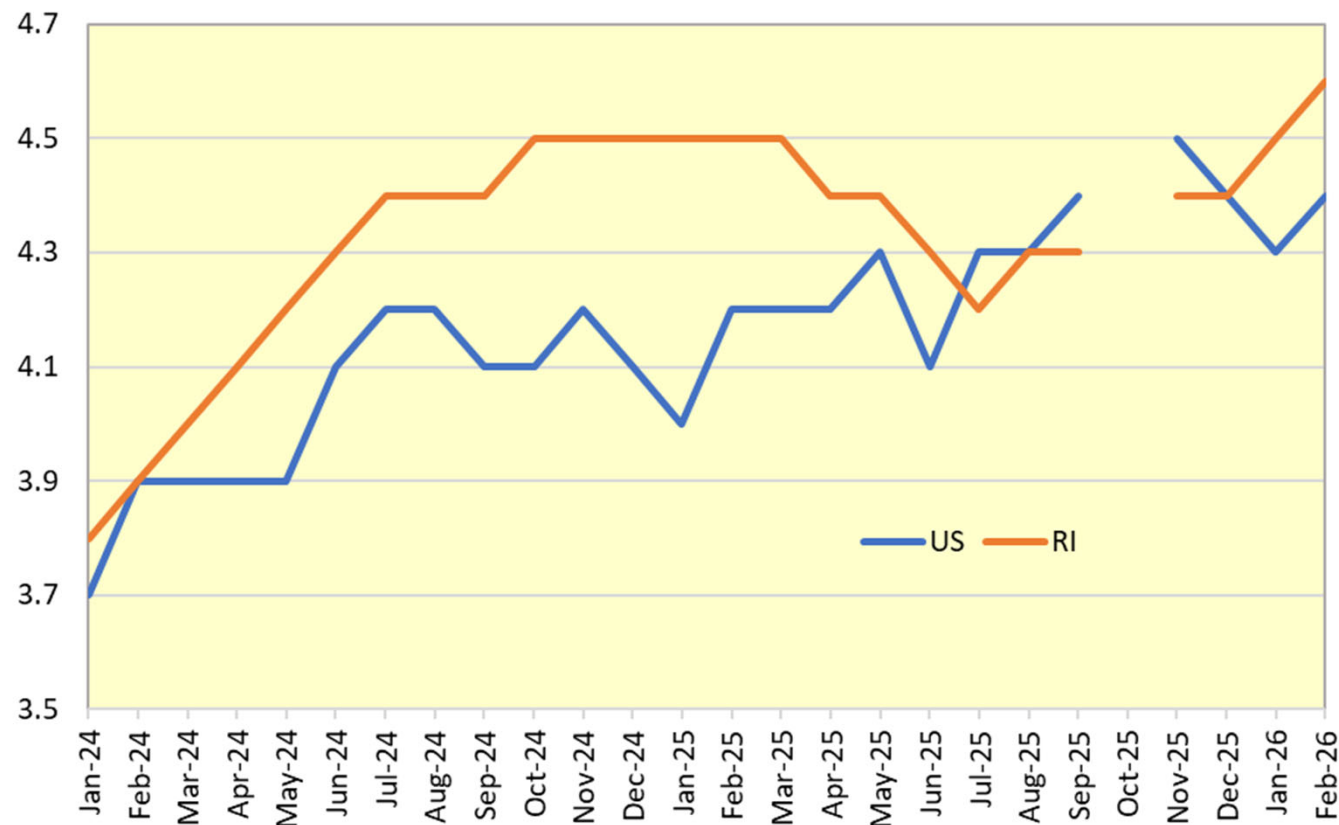
February 2026 is preliminary

Job Change by Industry February 2025 to February 2026



Rhode Island Unemployment

Rhode Island & United States Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates February 2024 – February 2026



Rhode Island February 2026

Labor Force 588,900
OTY change -5,800

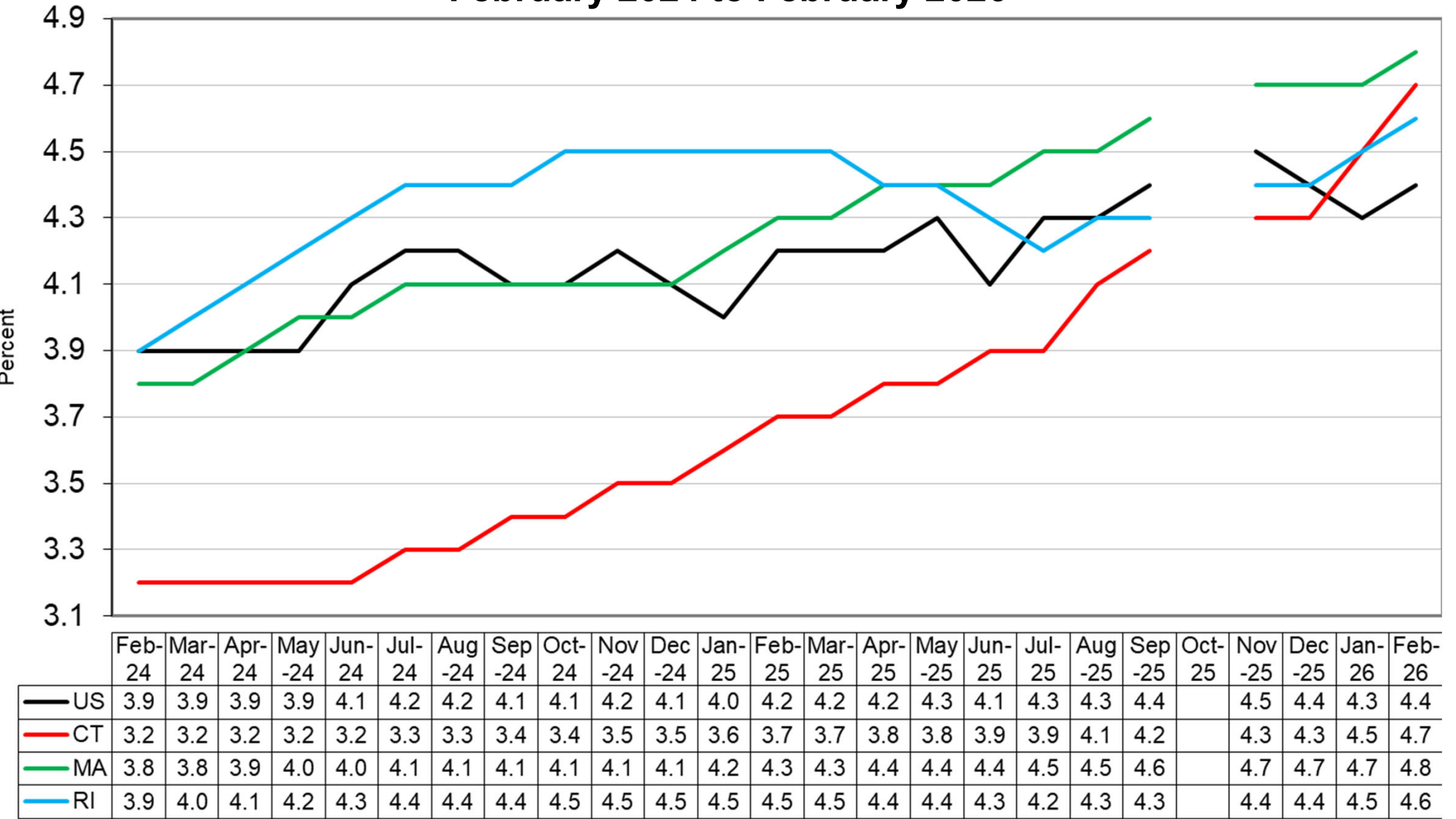
Employed 561,700
OTY change -6,200

Unemployed 27,200
OTY change +500

Un Rate 4.6%
OTY change +0.1

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

February 2024 to February 2026



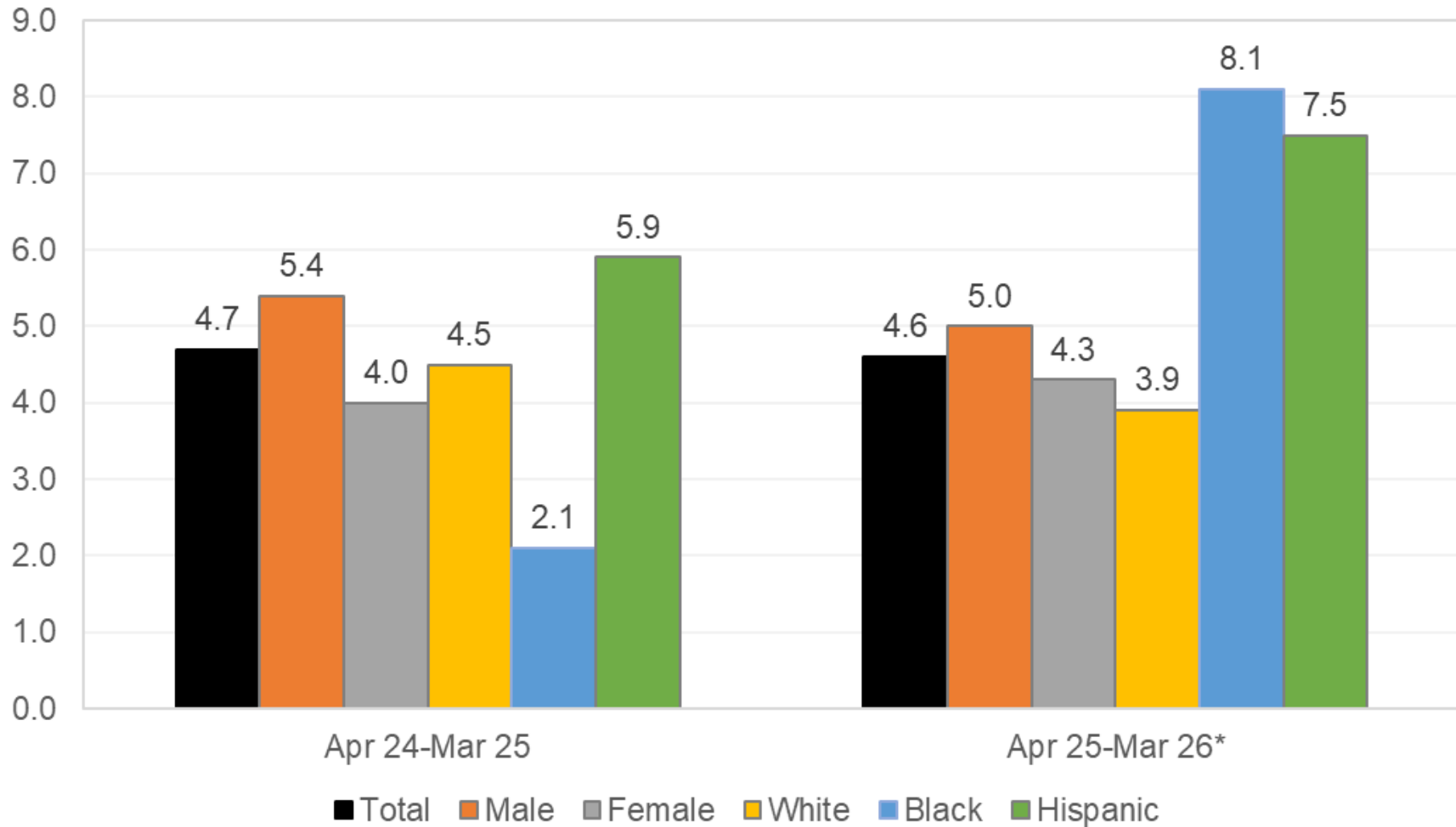
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Labor Force Statistics

	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25	Feb-20	Apr-20	Jan-26	Change From:		
							Feb-25	Feb-20	Apr-20
RI Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	3.6%	17.9%	0.1%	0.1%	1.0%	-13.3%
US Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	3.5%	14.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.9%	-10.4%
Unemployed RI Residents	27,200	26,800	26,700	20,900	97,300	400	500	6,300	-70,100
Employed RI Residents	561,700	564,200	567,900	553,200	447,900	-2,500	-6,200	8,500	113,800
RI Labor Force (emp. + unemp.)	588,900	591,000	594,700	574,100	545,300	-2,100	-5,800	14,800	43,600
RI Labor Force Participation Rate	63.4	63.7	64.3	64.2	60.9	-0.3	-0.9	-0.8	2.5
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.0	62.1	62.5	63.3	60.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.3	1.9
RI-Based Jobs	513,700	514,700	515,500	508,700	399,500	-1,000	-1,800	5,000	114,200

Unemployment Rates by Sex, Race & Ethnicity

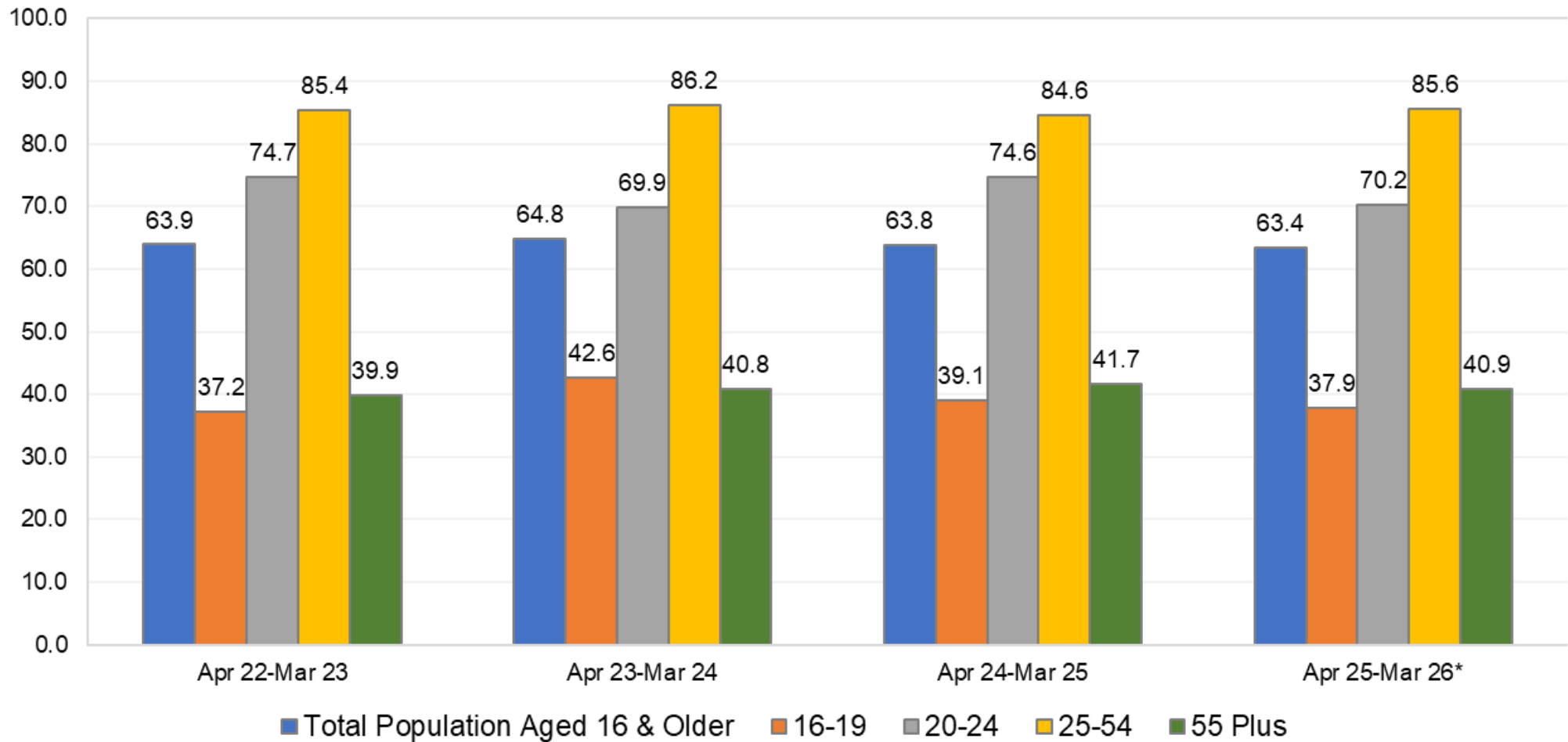
12-month average April-March



Source: Current Population Survey, not seasonally adjusted

*Apr 25-Mar 26 are 11-month averages that exclude October 2025 since data was not collected that month due to Federal Government shutdown.

Labor Force Participation Rates by Age for RI 12-month average April-March

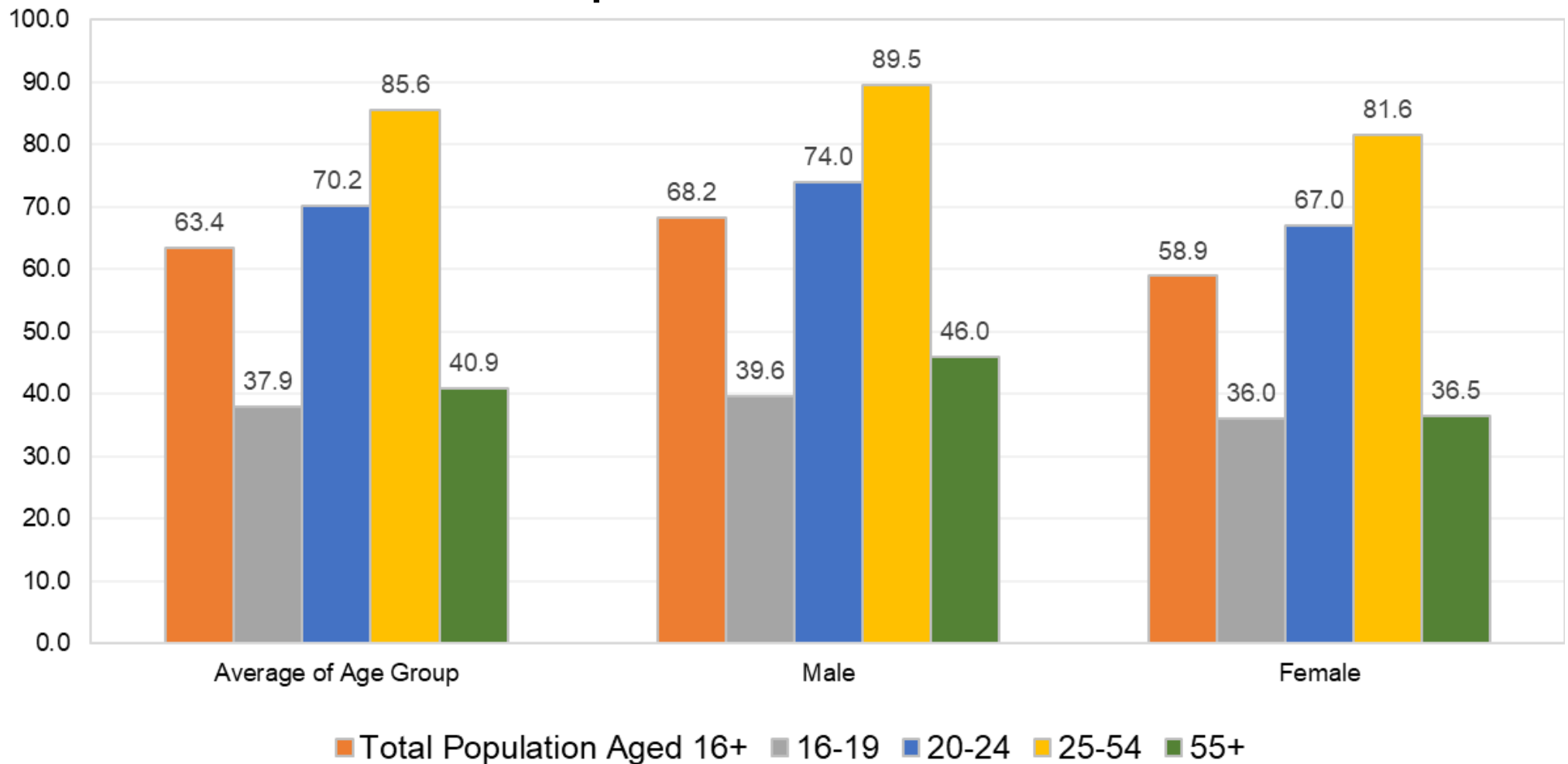


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Labor Force Participation Rates by Sex & Age

11-month average
April 2025 – March 2026*

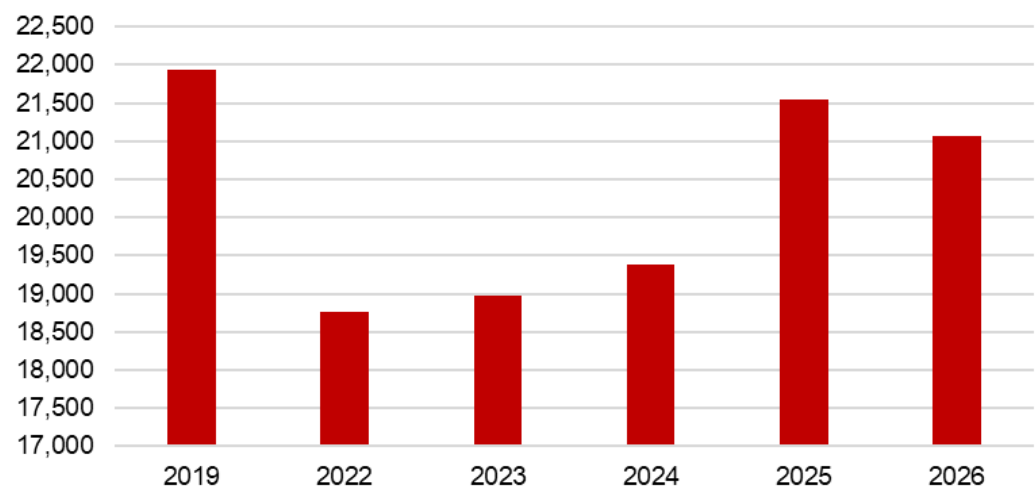


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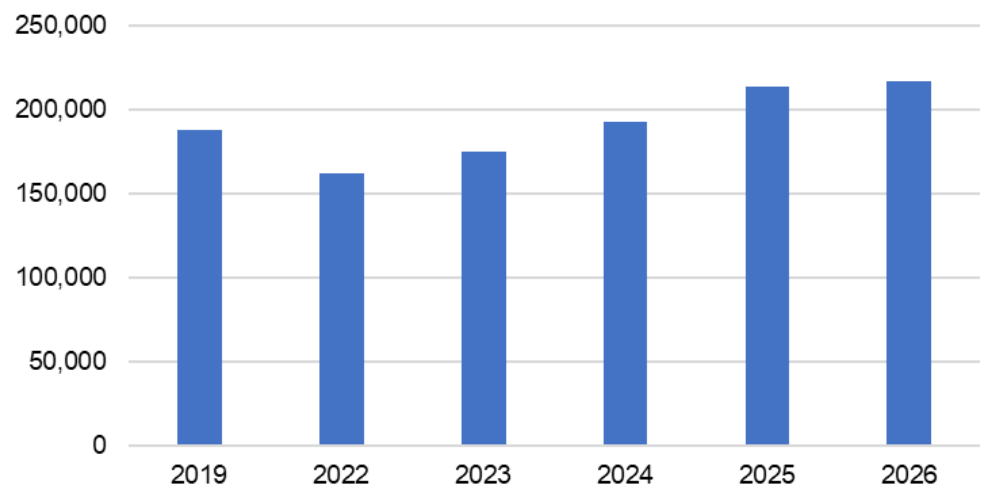
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Rhode Island Unemployment Insurance Claims – First 16 Weeks of 2019-2026

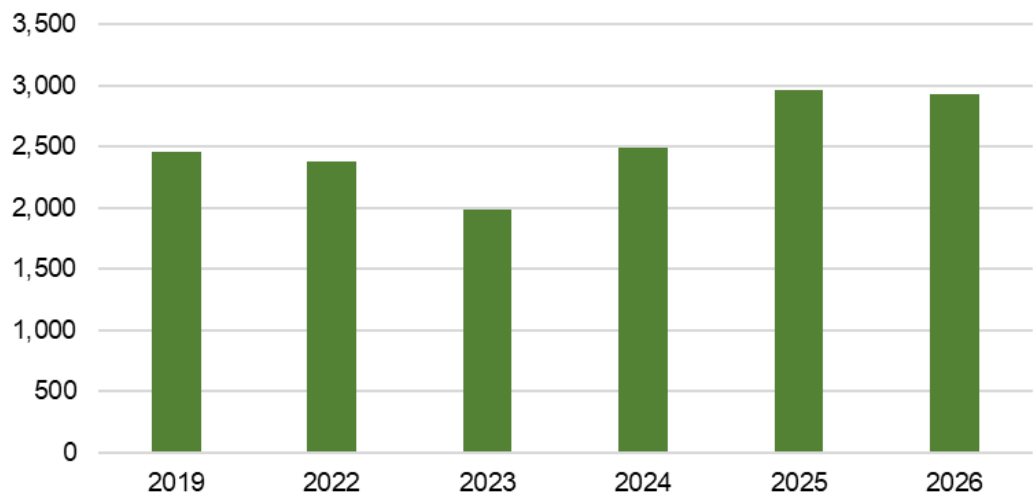
Initial Claims



Continued Weeks Claimed



Finals



Employment and Wages

	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wage
2025	515,200	\$35.5 billion	\$71,132
2024	512,700	\$33.8 billion	\$68,284
2023	505,800	\$32.3 billion	\$66,217
2022	497,700	\$31.0 billion	\$64,502
2021	480,100	\$28.9 billion	\$62,272
2020	462,200	\$26.9 billion	\$60,471
2019	504,600	\$26.7 billion	\$54,926