

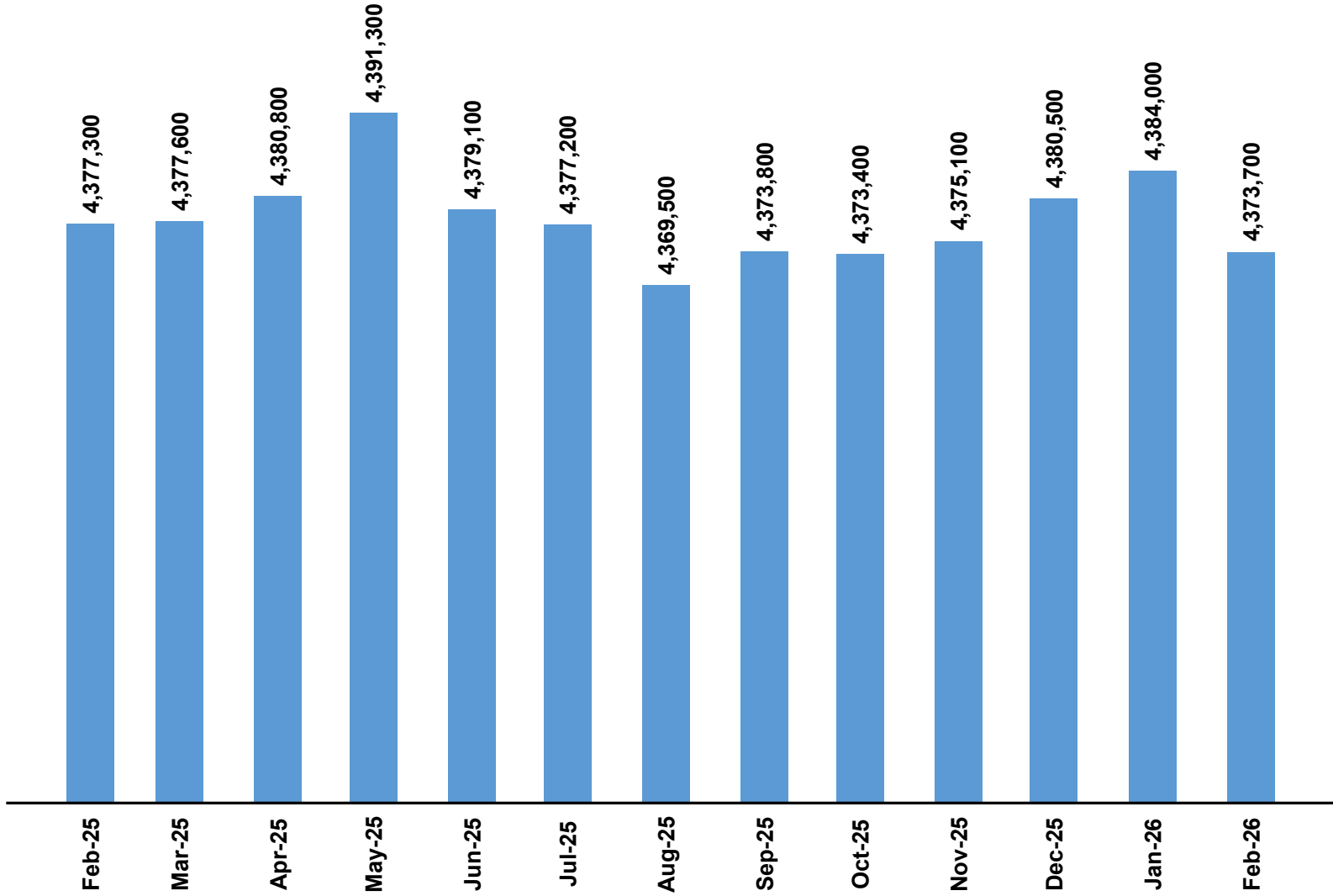
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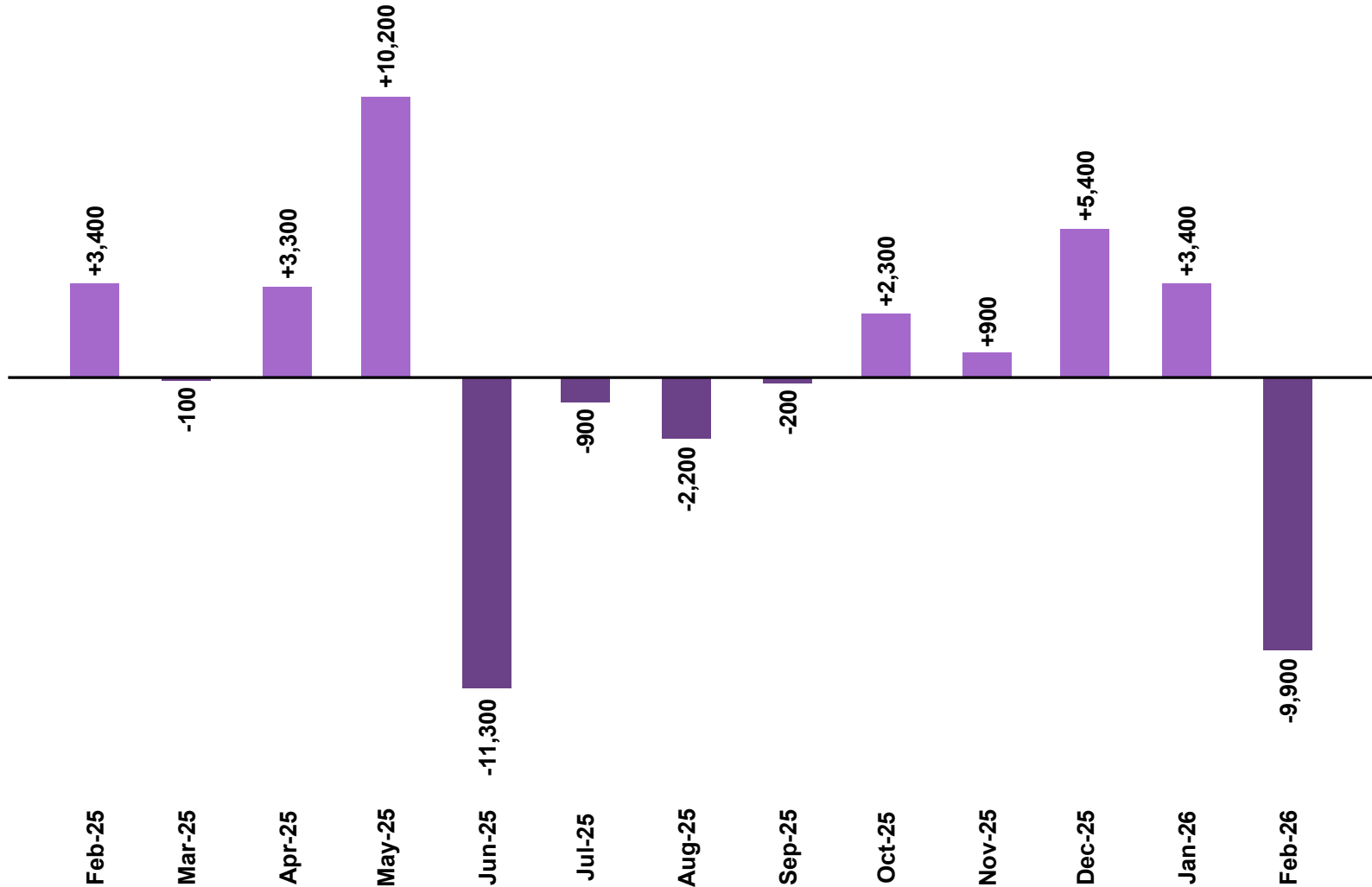


# Monthly Total Nonfarm Employment



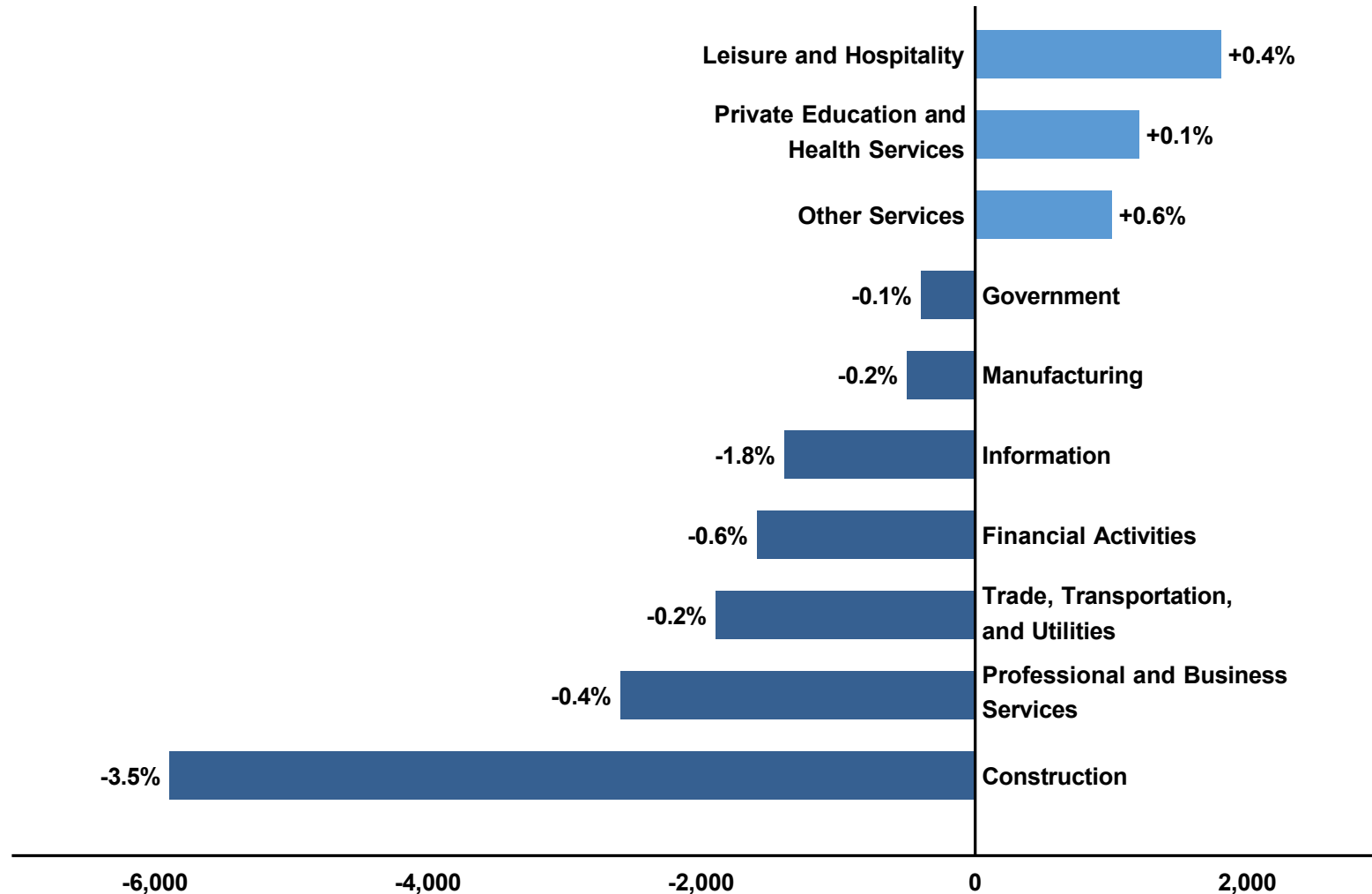
# Monthly Private Sector Employment Change

Average monthly gain of 100 over the past twelve months.



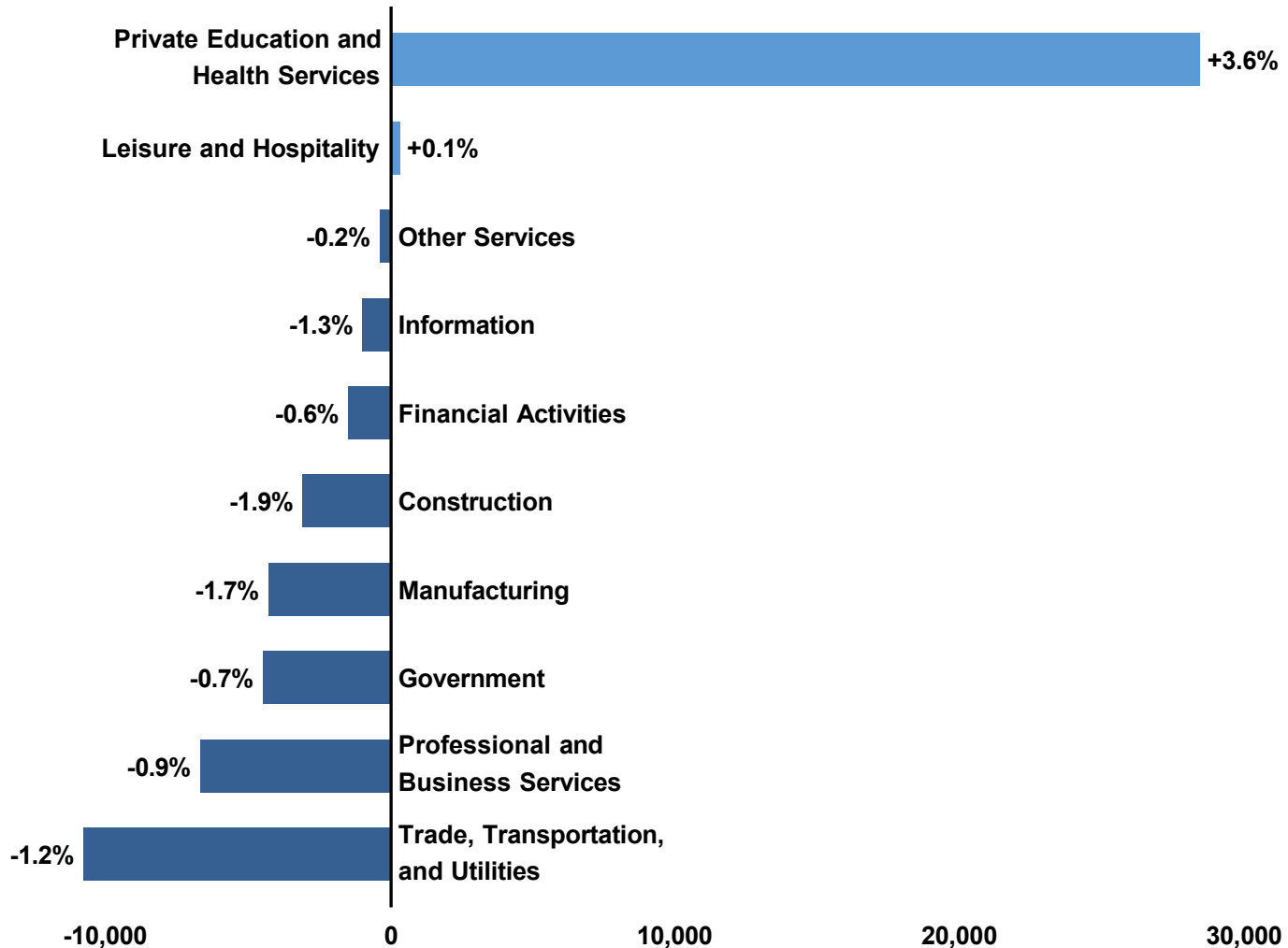
# Month-Over-Month Employment Change: Jan 2026 - Feb 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: -10,300 (-0.2%)



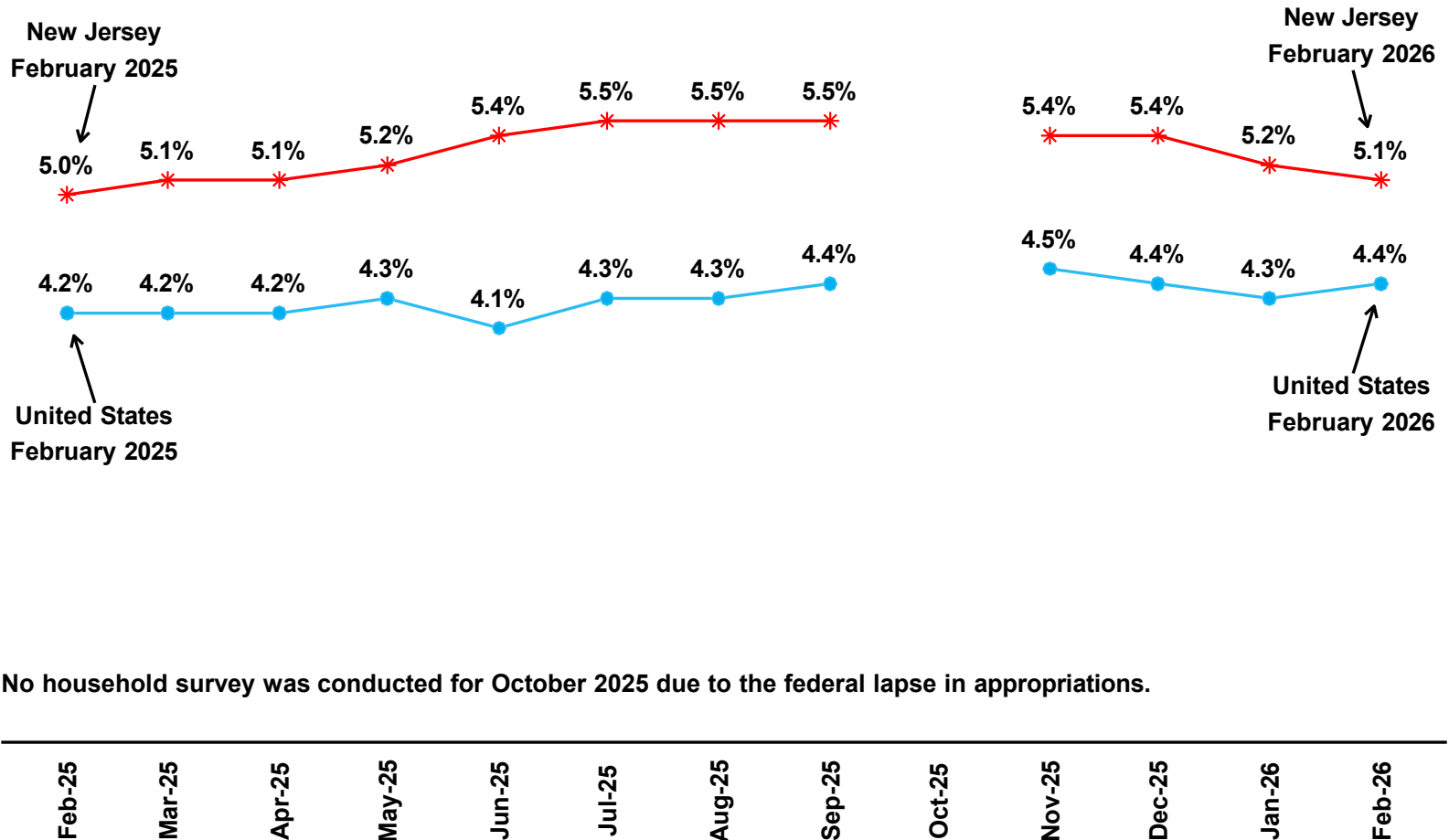
# Year-Over-Year Employment Change: Feb 2025 - Feb 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: -3,600 (-0.1%)



# Unemployment Rates

● United States \* New Jersey

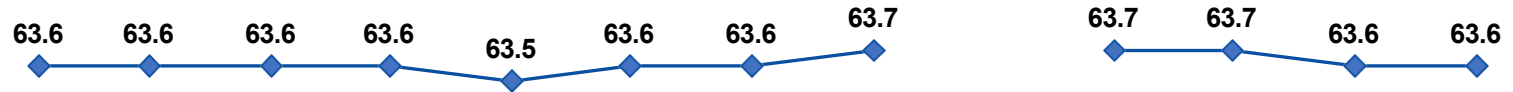


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# New Jersey Labor Force Participation Rate and Employment to Population Ratio

Labor Force Participation Rate (%)



Employment - Population Ratio (%)



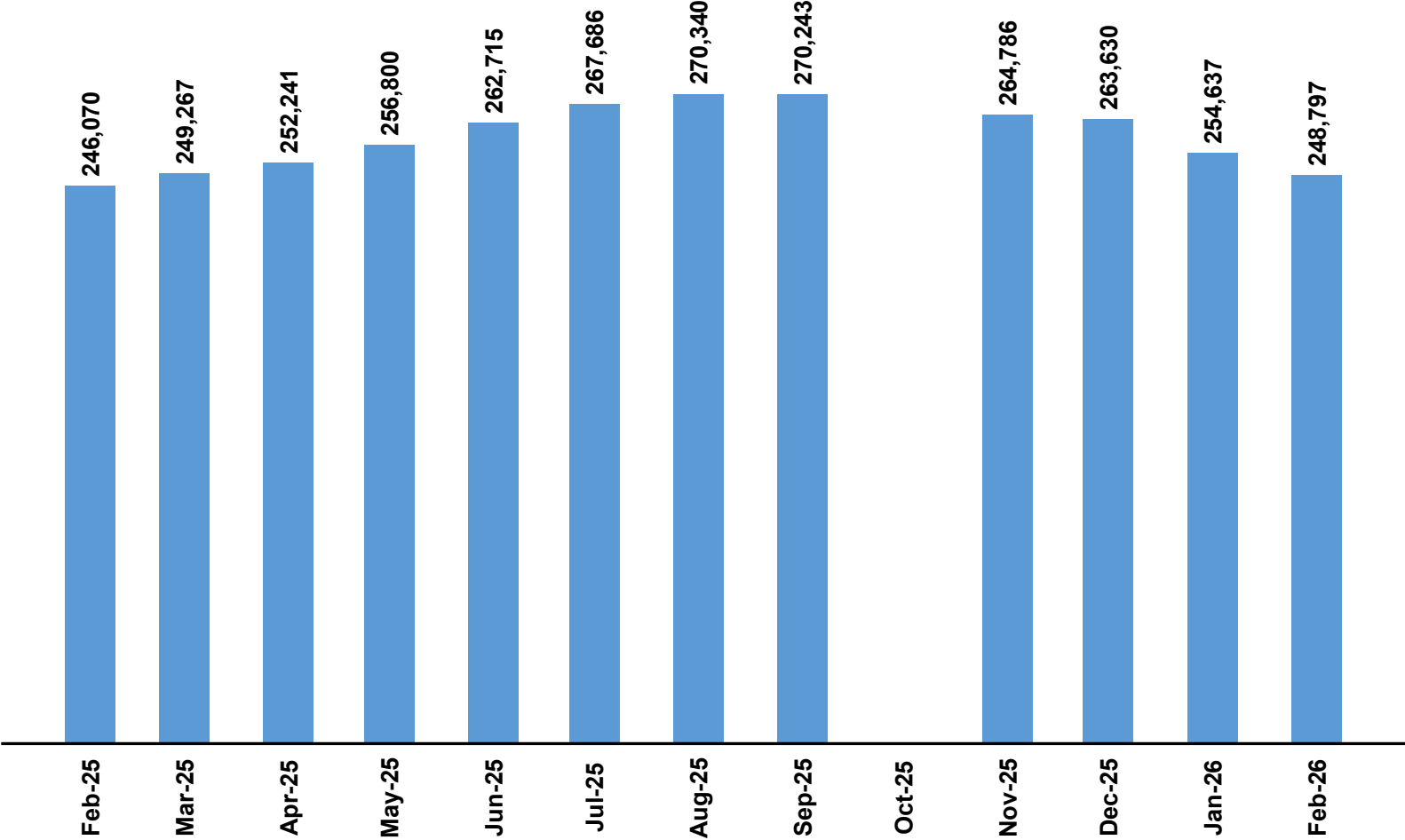
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Feb-25    Mar-25    Apr-25    May-25    Jun-25    Jul-25    Aug-25    Sep-25    Oct-25    Nov-25    Dec-25    Jan-26    Feb-26



# New Jersey Unemployed Residents

Year-Over-Year: +2,727

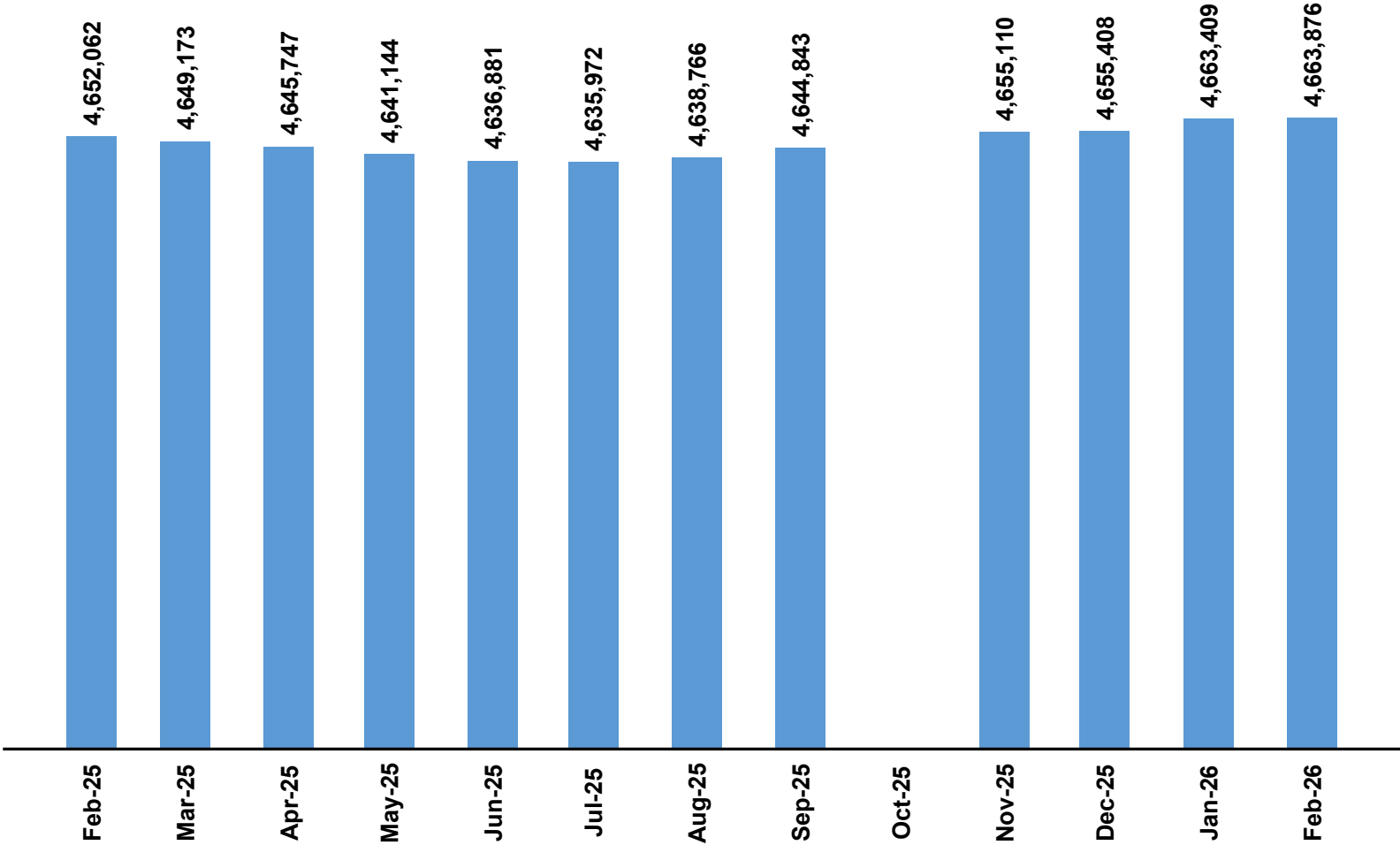


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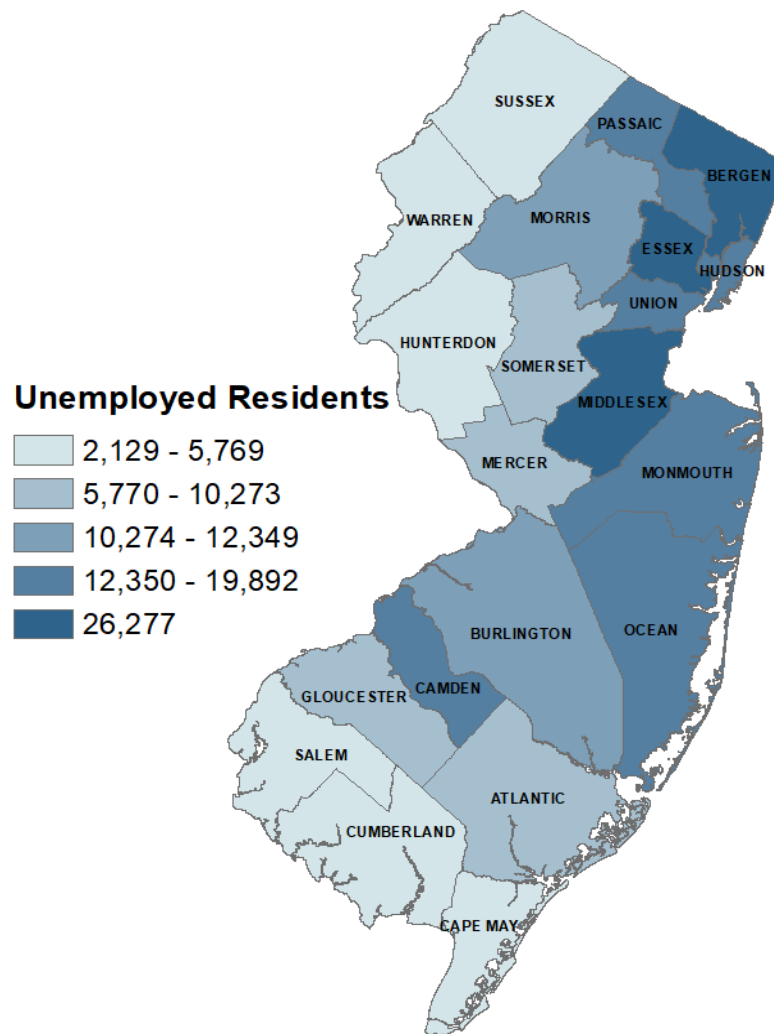
Year-Over-Year: +11,814



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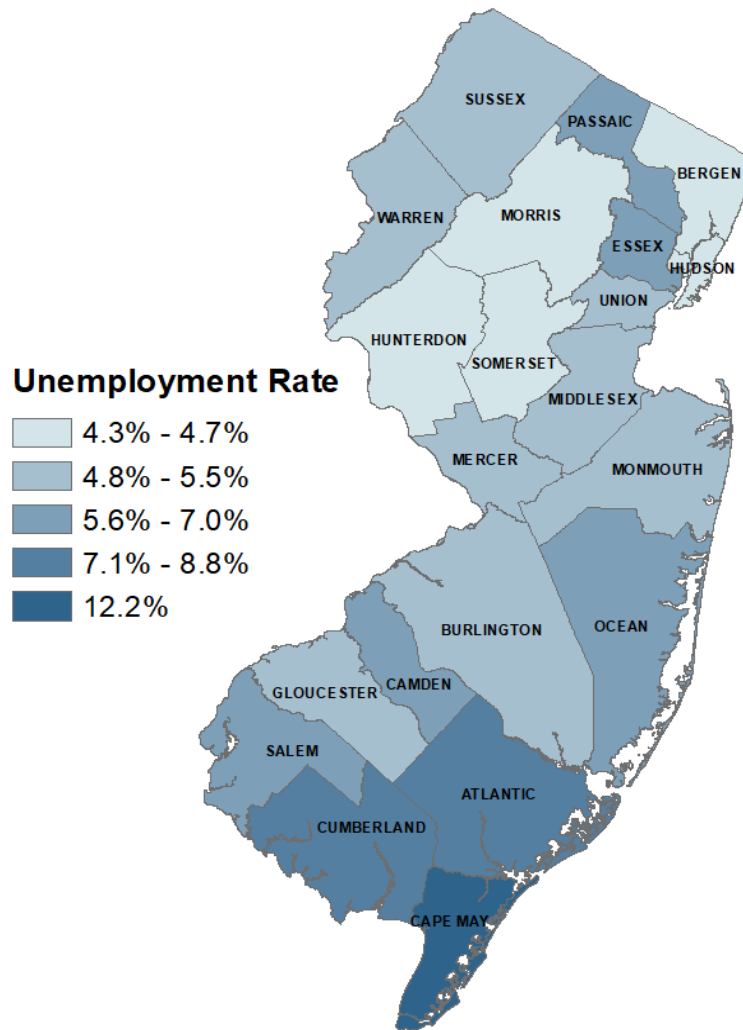


# Unemployed Residents February 2026 (Preliminary, Not Seasonally Adjusted)



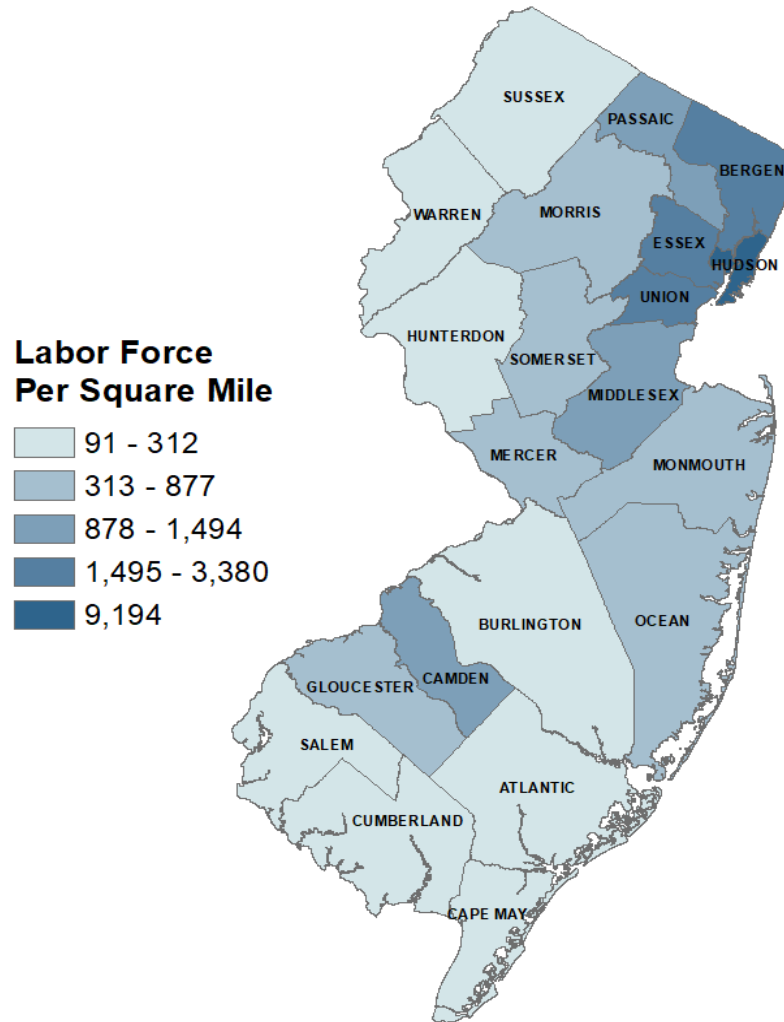
# Unemployment Rate February 2026

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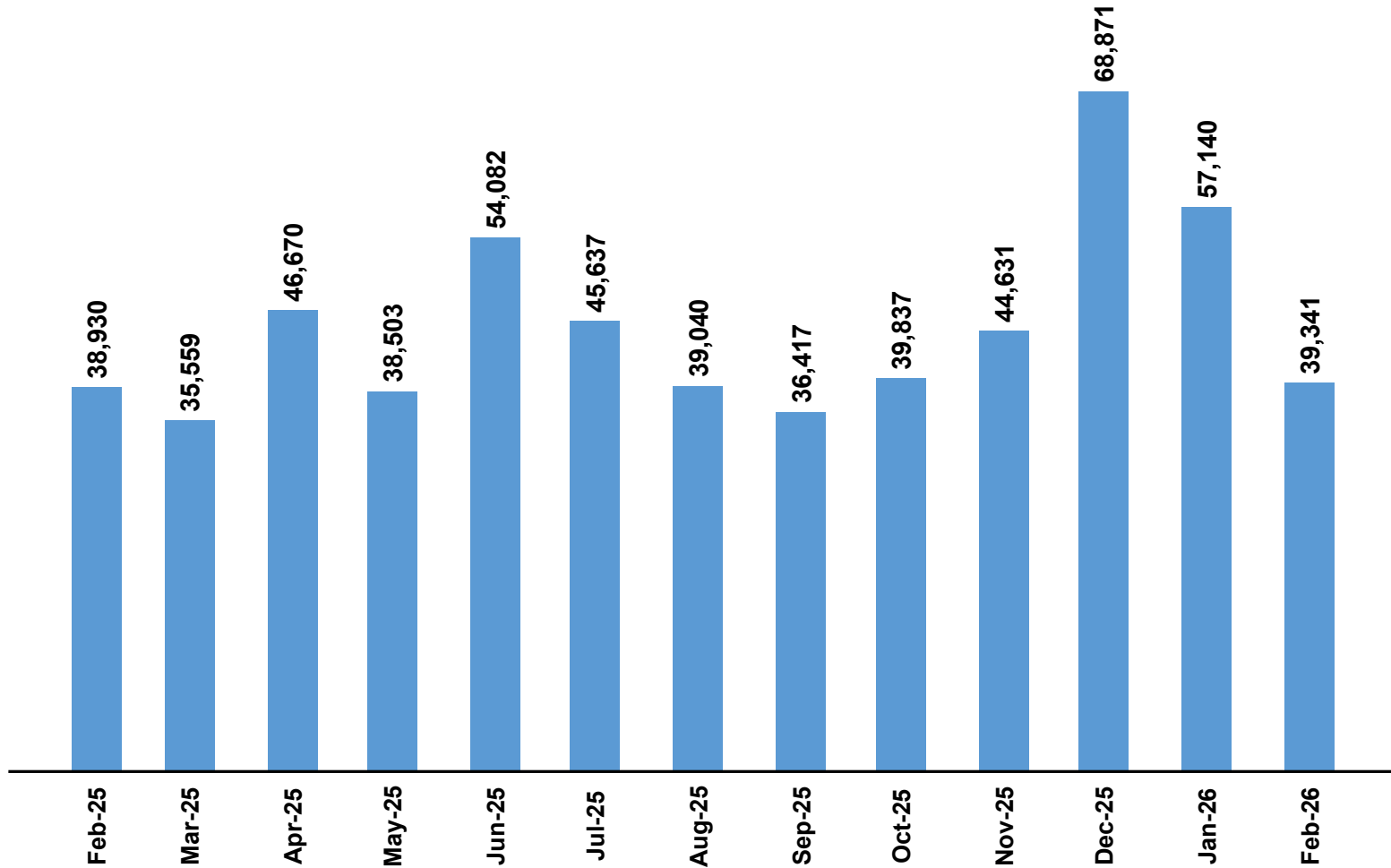
# Labor Force Per Square Mile February 2026

(Preliminary, Not Seasonally Adjusted)



# Monthly Initial Unemployment Claims

Year-Over-Year: +411



# **Real Time Jobs in Demand**

## **Top 10 Occupational Listings**

### **Occupation Demand and Employment**

<b>SOC CODE*</b>	<b>OCCUPATION TITLE</b>	<b># of Job Postings 2026</b>	<b># Employed 2024 (BLS/OES)</b>
29-1141	Registered Nurses.....	4,722	78,340
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers.....	2,299	49,730
15-1252	Software Developers.....	2,284	54,920
41-2031	Retail Salespersons.....	2,006	104,660
31-1120	Home Health and Personal Care Aides.....	1,998	89,210
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers.....	1,385	27,720
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives.....	1,170	62,490
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers.....	1,155	16,490
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing.....	1,154	35,440
11-1021	General and Operations Managers.....	1,100	63,940

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# Real Time Jobs in Demand

## Top 10 Locations

### Cities with the Most Job Postings

City	# of Job Postings 2026
Jersey City.....	3,903
Newark.....	3,408
Bogota.....	3,111
Trenton.....	3,029
Princeton.....	1,705
Morristown.....	1,570
Edison.....	1,399
New Brunswick.....	1,321
Camden.....	1,249
Hoboken.....	1,215



# ***Real Time Jobs in Demand***

## ***Top 10 Industries***

<b>Industry</b>	<b># of Job Postings 2026</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	14,219
Administrative and Support and Waste Management .....	13,816
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services.....	8,962
Retail Trade.....	6,844
Manufacturing.....	5,781
Finance and Insurance.....	4,050
Educational Services.....	3,356
Accommodation and Food Services.....	2,920
Wholesale Trade.....	2,472
Transportation and Warehousing.....	2,441



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