Massachusetts LMI Data Sheet

Labor Market Information (LMI) August 2026

Unemployment Rate
4.3%
OTM -0.1%
OTY -0.2%

Labor Force Participation Rate
65.3%
OTM -0.0%
OTY -1.2%

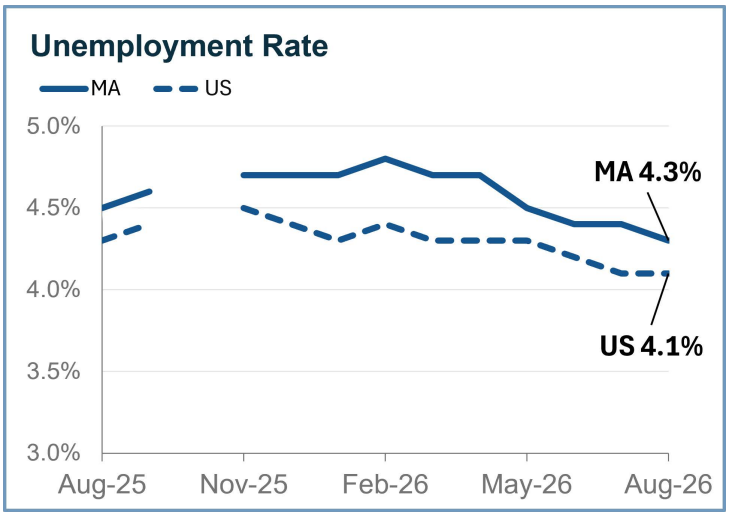
Total Labor Force
3,871,900 OTM +900

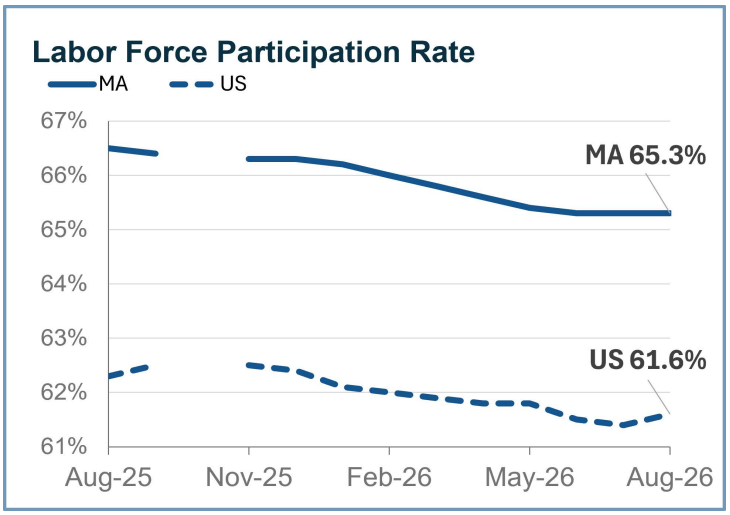
Employed Residents
3.71M OTM +3,100

Unemployed Residents
166K OTM -2,200

Total Payroll Jobs
3,706,000 OTM -7,100
OTY +8,300

Current month figures are preliminary estimates subject to revision. Over-the-month (OTM) and over-the-year (OTY) comparisons reference revised estimates. October 2025 data are unavailable due to the federal government shut down.





Payroll Jobs Overview

Industry	OTM	OTY
Manufacturing	+1,400	+4,100
Information	+800	-2,100
Leisure & Hospitality	+400	-500
Financial Activities	+300	-3,100
Government	+200	+400
Other Services	-300	+300
Private Education & Health Services	-700	+14,400
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	-1,400	-4,400
Construction	-1,400	+2,300
Professional & Business Services	-6,400	-3,200

NOTES: The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is, residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding. For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Detailed labor market information is available at the Massachusetts Department of Economic Research.

Statewide Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment
Statewide Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment
Labor Force and Unemployment Data
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted Employment
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