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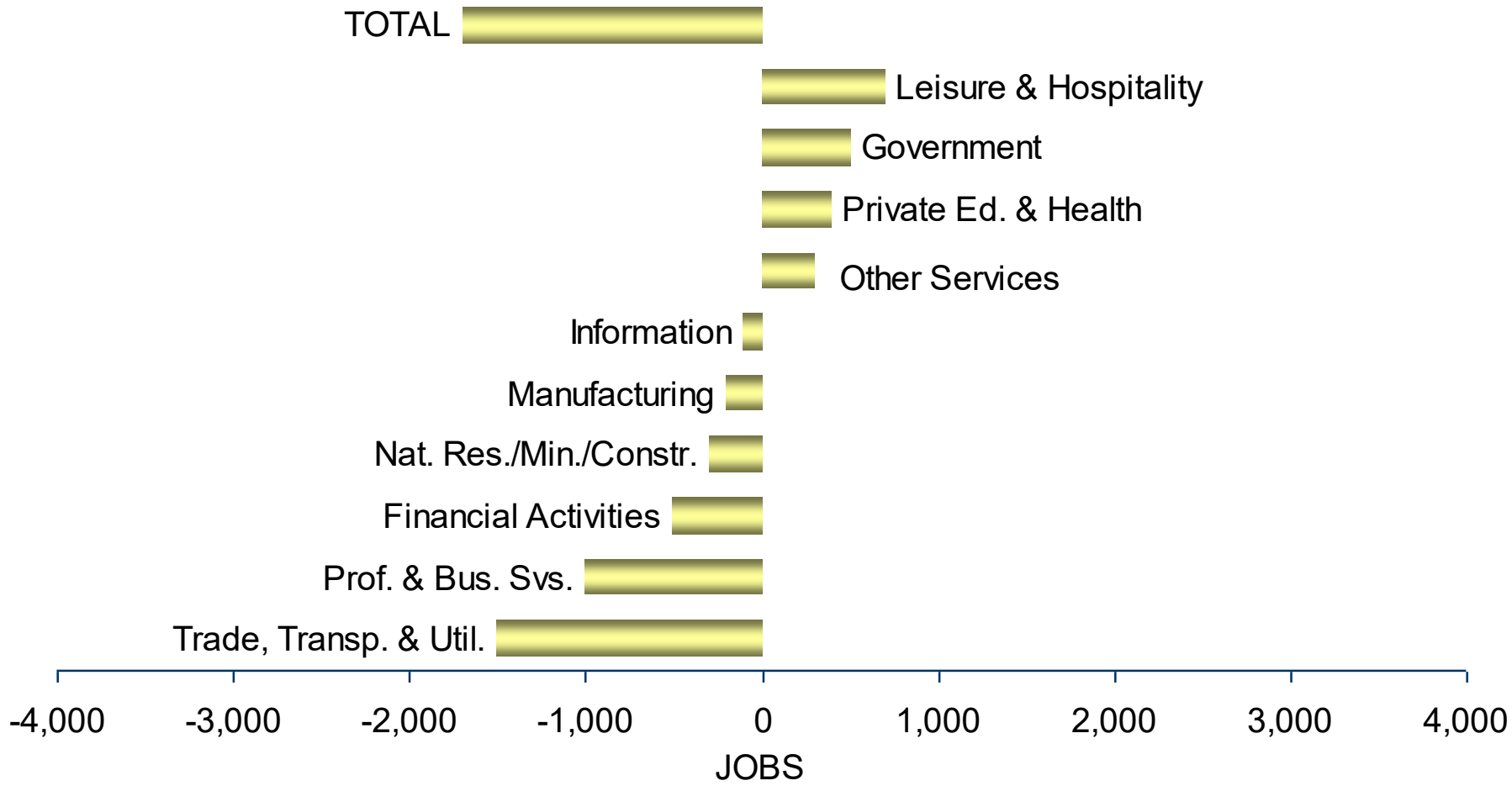
CENTRAL NEW YORK JOB TRENDS

AUGUST 25, 2026

Jobs Gained or Lost, July 2026 vs. July 2025



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Source: CES

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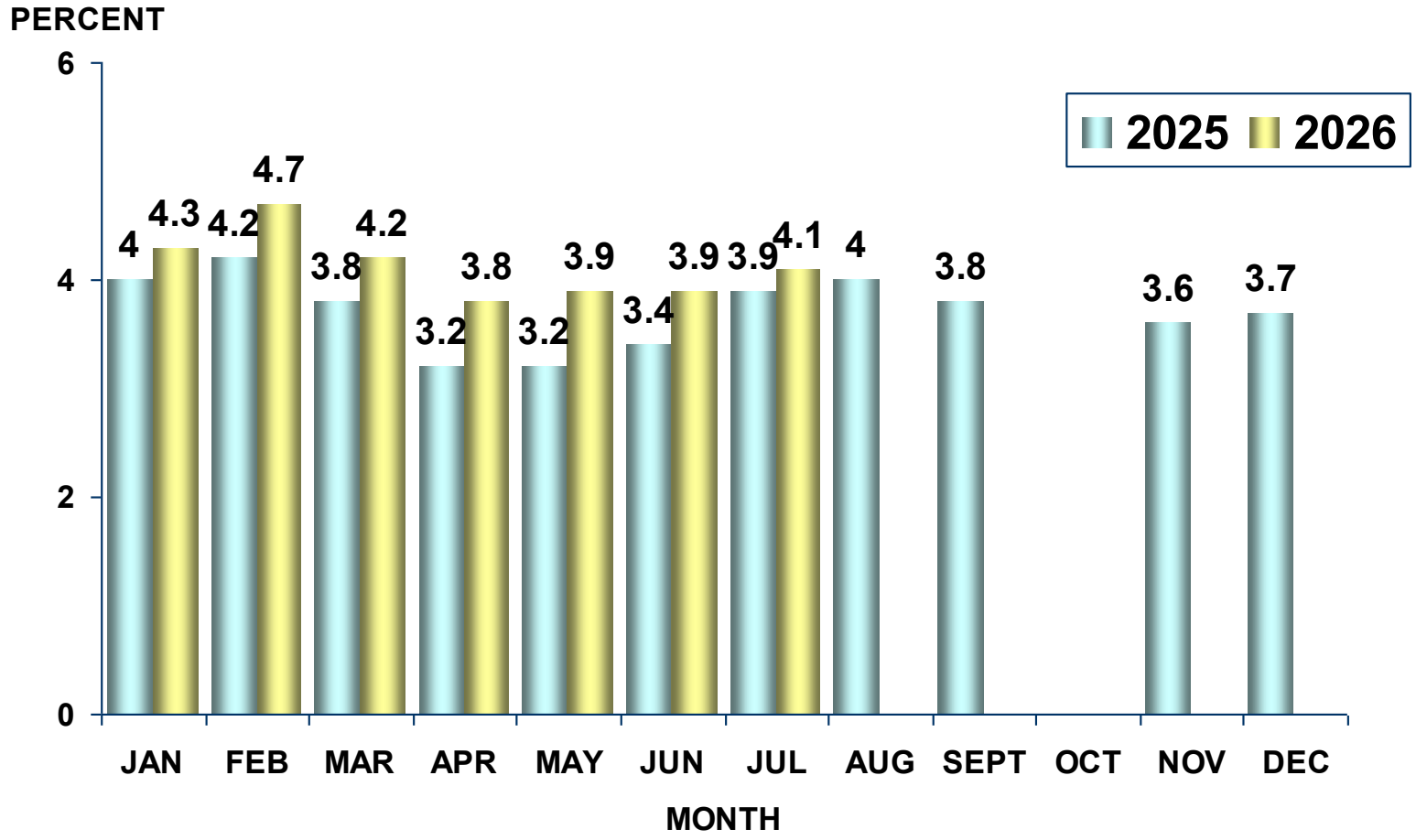
Unemployment Rates, 2025** – 2026



**Data for October 2025 is not available due to the federal government shutdown.

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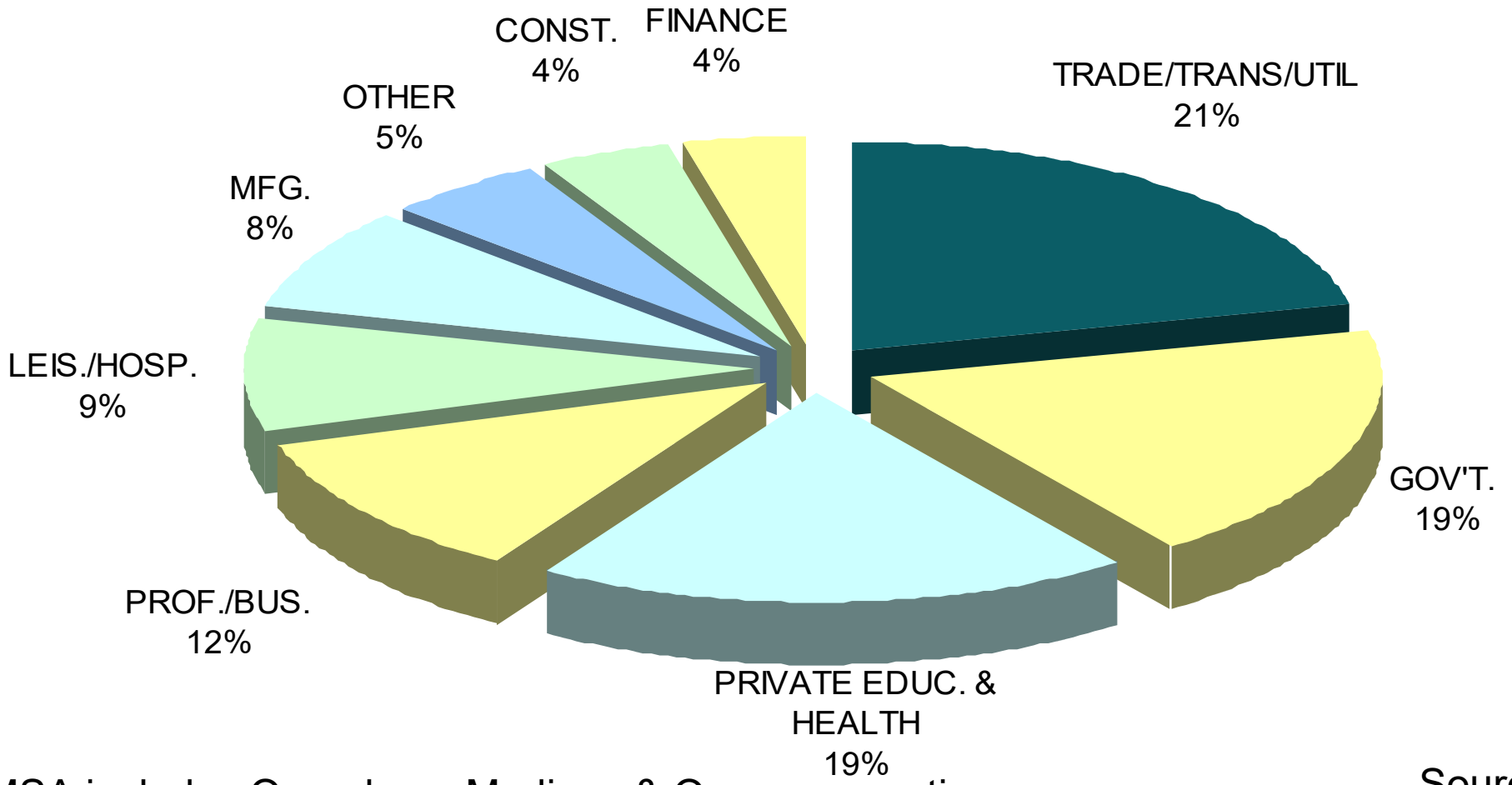
Employment by Industry

4th Quarter 2025



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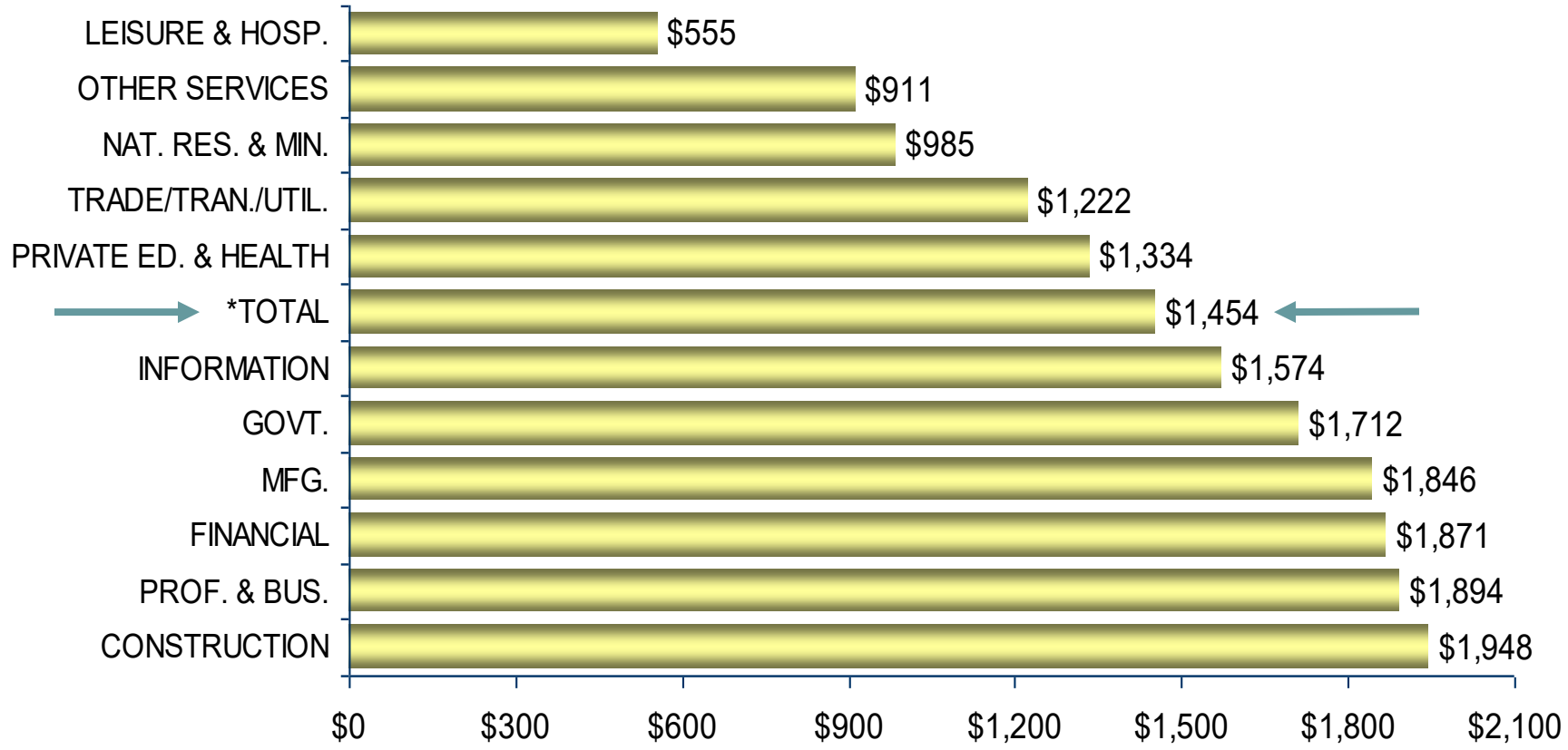
Average Weekly Wage by Industry, 4th Quarter 2025



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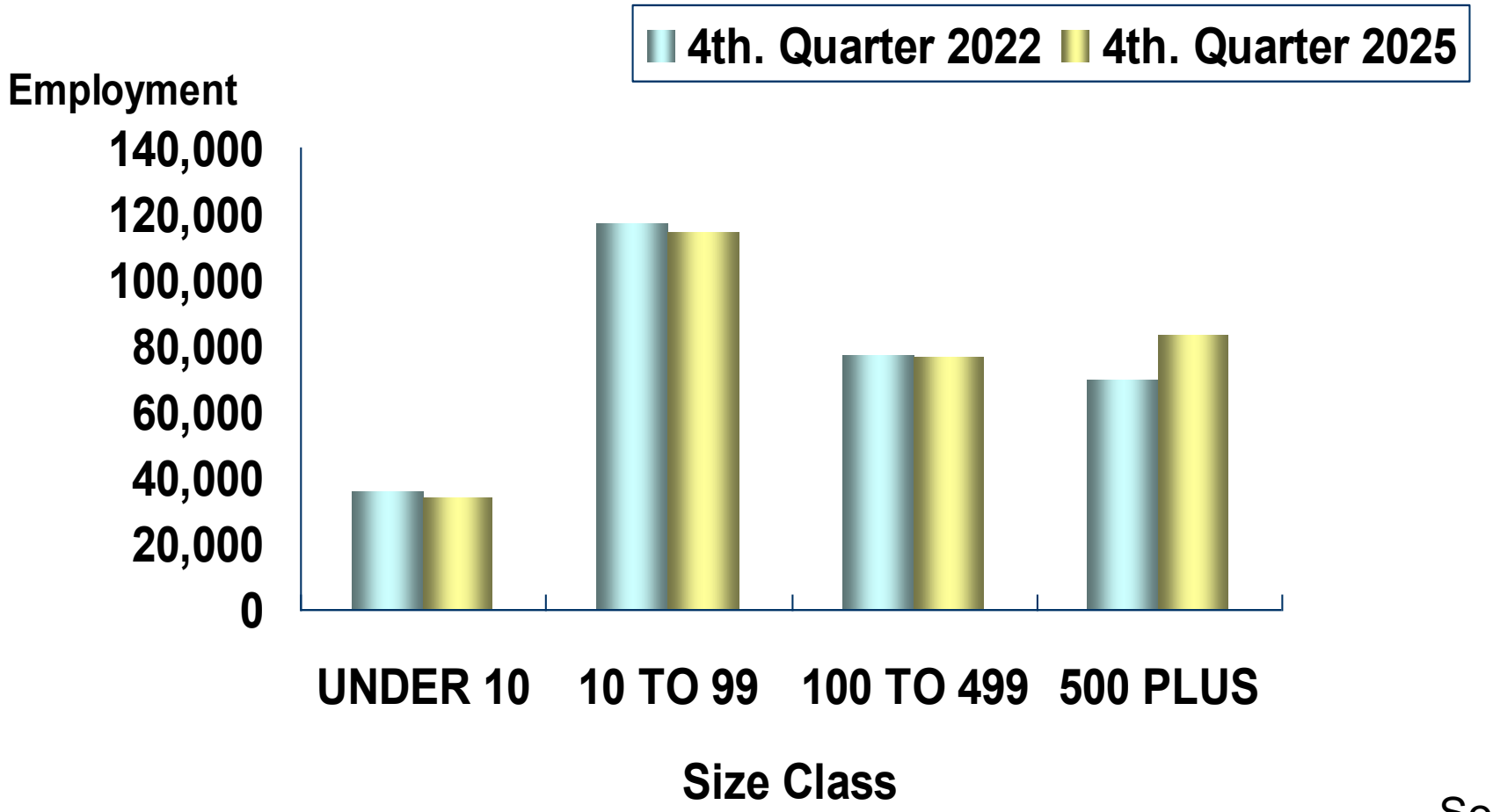
Employment by Size Class, 4th Quarter 2022 vs. 4th Quarter 2025



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Median Size of Establishments, 4th Quarter 2025

AREA	MEDIAN SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENTS
Cayuga County	5
Cortland County	6
Madison County	4
Onondaga County	5
Oswego County	4
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Source: QCEW

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Top 12 Growing Industries, 4th Quarter 2025 vs. 4th Quarter 2024

INDUSTRY	JOBS ADDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY
Social Assistance	2,785	$34,083
Warehousing & Storage	1,250	$53,653
Educational Services	854	$81,312
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg.	716	$118,929
Specialty Trade Contractors	542	$86,015
Executive, Legislative & General Gov't.	502	$64,732
Administrative & Support Services	436	$72,150
Utilities	235	$157,612
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	177	$71,709
Hospitals	174	$94,517
Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation	107	$51,416
Membership Associations & Organizations	104	$42,077

(industries include public & private sector)

Source: QCEW, by 3-digit NAICS Codes *The Syracuse MSA includes Onondaga, Madison & Oswego counties.

Population Trends

AREA	April 1, 2020 Population Census	2010 - 2020 Census Change	% CHANGE
Cayuga County	76,248	-3,778	-4.7%
Cortland County	46,809	-2,527	-5.1%
Madison County	68,016	-5,426	-7.4%
Onondaga County	476,516	9,490	2.0%
Oswego County	117,525	-4,584	-3.7%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

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Many Companies & Industries Are Growing in Central NY!

- **AMERICAN STEEL AND ALUMINUM** (produces steel products used in industries like data centers)
- **ANHEUSER-BUSCH** (brewery)
- **BANKERS HEALTHCARE GROUP** (financing for healthcare professionals)
- **BLUE WHITE ROBOTICS** (software developer for drone applications)
- **BYRNE DAIRY** (producer & distributor of dairy products)
- **CSX CORP./DEWITT RAIL YARD** (inland port project/intermodal cargo)
- **DIELECTRIC LABS** (capacitor & film mfg.)
- **DUTCHLAND PLASTICS** (plastics rotomolded product maker)
- **EMPIRE POLYMER SOLUTIONS LLC** (plastics recycling plant)
- **FELDMEIER EQUIPMENT** (maker of stainless-steel sanitary tanks)
- **FLEX-HOSE CO.** (maker of pump connectors, hoses, expansion loops/joints)
- **G&C FOOD DISTRIBUTORS AND BROKERS INC.** (frozen food distributor)
- **HIDDEN LEVEL INC.** (develops and produces sensors for detecting drones)
- **HII** (all-domain defense and technologies)
- **HP HOOD** (milk processing)
- **INTERSTATE 81 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
- **JMA WIRELESS** (maker of wireless communications equipment)
- **KNOWLES PRECISION DEVICES** (specialty components, capacitors & microwave products mfg.)
- **LOCKHEED MARTIN** (design and build radar/sonar/sensors)
- **MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC.** (computer memory chip mfg.)

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- **NORTHEASTERN ELECTRONICS CO.** (power cables, wiring harnesses mfg.)
- **ONSEMI** (semiconductor components mfg.)
- **PPC BROADBAND** (makes components for broadband connections)
- **PROTERRA LED** (produces energy efficient high-output lighting)
- **RAPID RESPONSE MONITORING** (home security & medical monitoring)
- **SAAB, INC.** (radar and sonar defense contractor)
- **SHOREGROUP** (systems network management)
- **SPECIALIZED PACKAGING GROUP** (paper printing plant)
- **SRC INC.** (defense-related engineering, design & mfg.)
- **STERI-PHARMA LLC** (antibiotic maker)
- **TERRADIOL NEW YORK** (medical marijuana grower)
- **TESSY PLASTICS** (plastic molding products mfg.)
- **TRACEY ROAD EQUIPMENT INC.** (heavy-duty truck & construction equipment dealer)
- **TTM TECHNOLOGIES** (printed circuit board producer & radar components maker)
- **ULTRA DAIRY LLC** (dairy products mfg.)
- **UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**
- **VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS** (voice, Internet, video services)
- **WELLNOW URGENT CARE** (health services)
- **WONIK MATERIALS** (makes highly purified specialty gases used in the production of semiconductor chips)

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