

NFIB JOBS REPORT

July job openings hit lowest levels since 2020

More small businesses cite labor quality as a top problem

NFIB's July jobs report found that 33% (seasonally adjusted) of small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in July, down three points from June and the lowest level since December 2020, though still well above the monthly historical average of 25%. In fact, 21% of small business owners cited labor quality as their single most important problem in July, up five points from June and the largest monthly increase since August 2022.

"The challenge of finding qualified workers is easing overall but still remained significant for many small business owners in July," said Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "The easing labor market pressures are also reflected in fewer firms raising compensation."

NFIB State Director Tom Underwood said the national report reflects what's happening in Kentucky.

"Our small business members are living these statistics every day," he said. "We're seeing some progress, but small businesses are still struggling to find the right workers."

Overall, 57% of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire in July, down one point from June. 48% (84% of those hiring or trying to hire) of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill, down two points. 29% of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 19% reported none.

29% have openings for skilled workers (down one point), and 12% have openings for unskilled labor (down one point).

Job openings were the highest in the construction, wholesale, and transportation industries, and the lowest in the finance and agriculture industries.

A seasonally adjusted net 14% of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up one point from June. This remains above the historical average of net 11%.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 27% of small business owners reported raising compensation in July, down six points from June. A net 17% (seasonally adjusted) plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down two points from June. Labor costs reported as the single most important problem for business owners decreased one point from June to 9%.

Five to be inducted into Grayson County High School Football Wall of Fame

BY GRAYSON COUNTY NEWS

Five individuals were set to be inducted into the Grayson County High School Football Wall of Fame Friday.

They are Bradley Harrison, Jake Clemons, Aaron Deviney, Brian Beeler and Dustin Thomas.

The latest group of inductees for the Grayson County High School Football Wall of Fame have ties to the first half of former head coach Ed Smart's stint as the Cougars' head coach.

Every player inducted into the Grayson County High

School Football Wall of Fame has their name placed on a board in the GCHS Football Lockerroom.

The current Cougars are preparing to compete in the 2025 high school football season. Grayson County's 2025 schedule is comprised of games versus Edmonson County, Anderson County, McLean County, Butler County, Greenwood, Barren County, Ohio County, Warren Central, Bowling

Green and Hart County.

The induction ceremony for the Grayson County High School Football Wall of Fame was set to take place prior to the Cougars' upcoming scrimmage at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8.



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ESTATE OF: Harold L. Metcalf, 1780 Iberia Road, Clarkson, KY 42726; FIDUCIARY: Marsha L. Metcalf, 1780 Iberia Road, Clarkson, KY 42726; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754



I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Courts, hereby give notice that the Settlements listed below have been filed in my office and any exceptions thereto must be filed before the hearing on 09-10-25 at 11:00 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE
PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayson County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on August 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the Grayson County Government Annex for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 6.60 and produced revenues in the amount of \$1,035,761. This year's compensating rate is 6.40 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$1,064,676. The Grayson County Fiscal Court proposes to keep the same tax rate of 6.60 which will produce a total of \$1,097,947 in revenues. Revenue expected from New Property is \$24,896; revenue expected from Personal Property is \$172,765; revenue expected from Motor Vehicle is \$190,340; and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$28,535.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for expenses related to general government, protection, general health and sanitation, debt service, and administration. The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Grayson County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

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