

Uncertainty Isn't Stopping Anyone

More Americans filed to start a business in a single month than employers announced job cuts across the first half of 2026.

New business applications



578,926

July 2026 — one month

Employer job-cut announcements



443,604

Jan-Jun 2026 — six months

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Business Formation Statistics;
employer job-cut announcements, H1 2026.

Note: periods shown differ in length (1 month vs. 6 months).