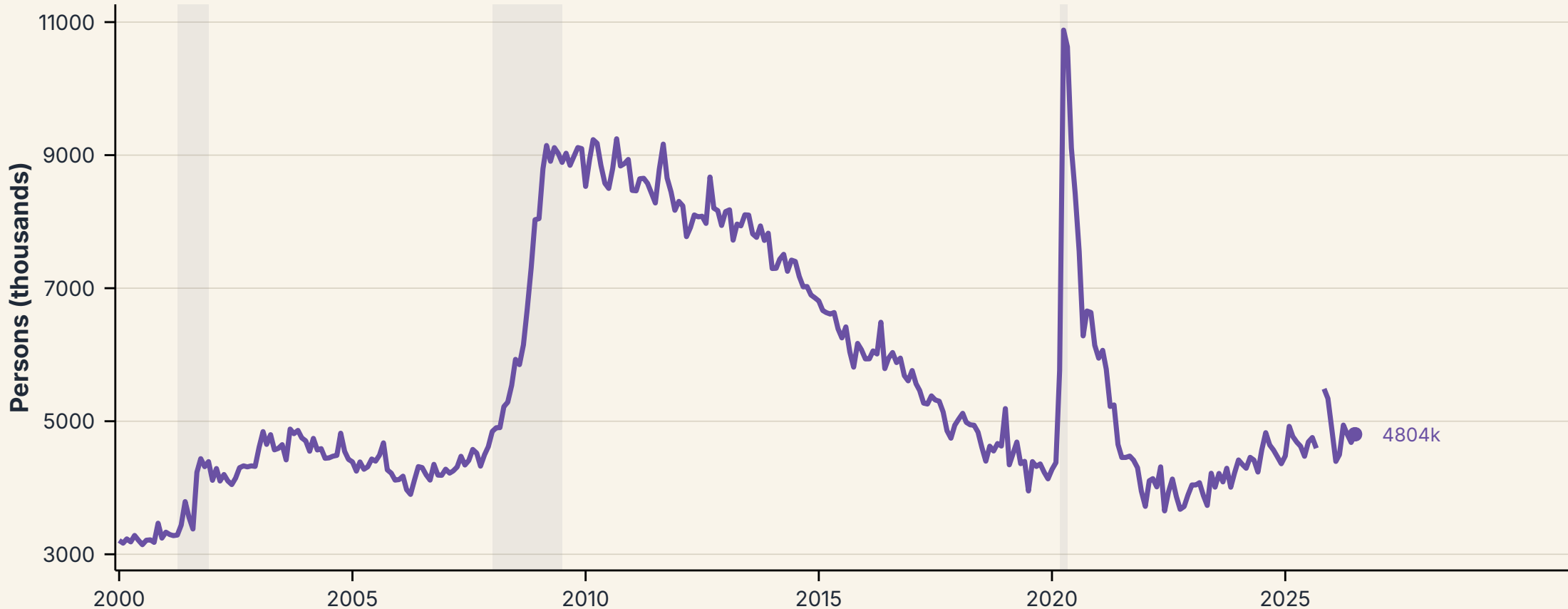


Hidden Slack: Part-Time but Wanting Full-Time

Latest: July 2026



Notes: Employed part-time for economic reasons (slack work or unable to find full-time), seasonally adjusted. Counted as employed in the headline rate, but a direct measure of underemployment. A headcount, not a share of employment - a given level is a smaller share when employment is larger. Shaded bars: NBER recessions. The October 2025 US government shutdown interrupted data collection and publication for that reference month. The line breaks there rather than drawing across it.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics via FRED (LNS12032194). Retrieved 01 Sep 2026.

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