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Tweet: 75,000 Kaiser Permanente healthcare workers went on strike Wednesday, the largest healthcare sector strike since 1990. 50,000 Vegas hospitality workers might soon join them on the picket line as labor activity increases nationwide.

Summary: The three-day strike could stall services for nearly 13mm people in at least half a dozen states. The Kaiser strike is the latest in a string of high-profile labor disputes fueled by a tight labor market, high inflation, and record corporate profits that have left workers both resentful and emboldened. The United Auto Workers has steadily expanded a strike against the Detroit automakers that started Sept. 14, demanding raises as high as 40% and the end of job tiers. The Writers Guild of America last week reached a tentative agreement to end a five-month strike over artificial intelligence and streaming pay, while SAG-AFTRA actors remain on the picket line. And in Las Vegas, more than 50,000 hospitality workers could soon walk off the job over staff cuts and increased workloads—complaints that aren't so different from the healthcare workers. Related: [Unions' Inflation Warning?](#) and [The 'Summer of Strikes' Isn't Living Up to the Hype](#) and [Everyone Wants to Work at UPS After Teamsters Deal](#)

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