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June 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to June 2011 estimates, Kansas lost 4,000 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 0.3 percent decrease. Private sector jobs increased by 5,600 over the month.
- Over the year, Kansas has lost 5,700 nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent decrease. Private sector jobs were unchanged over the year.
- The June 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.7 percent, up from 6.3 percent in May 2011 and down from 6.9 percent in June 2010.
- The June 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6 percent, unchanged from May 2011 and down from 7.0 percent in June 2010.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Leisure and hospitality gained 2,500 jobs, a 2.2 percent increase. Job gains were spread throughout the industry.
 - Construction gained 1,000 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase. These gains were greatest in specialty trade contractors.
 - Manufacturing gained 1,000 jobs, a 0.6 percent increase. The gains were greatest in durable goods manufacturing.
- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Government lost 9,600 jobs, a 3.6 percent decline. Most of these losses were in state government, including seasonal employment losses at universities and colleges.
 - Information lost 400 jobs, a 1.4 percent decrease. These losses were primarily in telecommunications.
 - Other services lost 400 jobs, a 0.8 percent decrease.
- Five of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were primarily in the following areas:
 - Education and health services gained 4,700 jobs, a 2.6 percent increase. Most of these gains were in health care and social assistance.
 - Manufacturing gained 1,800 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase. These gains were primarily in machinery manufacturing.
 - Mining and logging gained 400 jobs, a 4.8 percent increase.

- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government lost 5,700 jobs, a 2.1 percent decrease, primarily due to losses at the federal level.
 - Information lost 2,800 jobs, an 8.9 percent decrease. These losses were mostly in telecommunications.
 - Financial activities lost 2,400 jobs, a 3.4 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in insurance carriers and related activities.
- There were 18,884 initial claims for unemployment benefits in June 2011, up from 18,708 initial claims in May 2011 and up from 15,551 in June 2010. There were 195,006 continued claims in June 2011, down from 235,488 in May 2011 and down from 263,123 in June 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The July 2011 Labor Report will be released August 19, 2011.