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July 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to July 2011 estimates, Kansas gained 2,400 private sector jobs over the month. Overall however, Kansas lost 18,600 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1.4 percent decrease.
- Over the year, Kansas has lost 400 nonfarm jobs, but private sector jobs were up by 1,300 since July 2010.
- The July 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.8 percent, up from 6.7 percent in June 2011 and down from 7.3 percent in July 2010.
- The July 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent, down from 6.6 percent in June 2011 and down from 7.0 percent in July 2010.

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

- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Construction gained 2,300 jobs, a 4.1 percent increase. These gains were greatest in specialty trade contractors.
 - Professional and business services gained 1,200 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. These jobs were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Education and health services gained 1,200 jobs, a 0.7 percent increase. Gains were mostly in private education.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Government lost 21,000 jobs, an 8.1 percent decline. Most of these losses were in local government as public schools laid off workers for the summer.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,700 jobs, a 1.5 percent decline. The losses were in food services and drinking places.
 - Other services lost 800 jobs, a 1.6 percent decrease.
- Four 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 7,400 jobs, a 4.2 percent increase. The majority of these gains were in health care and social assistance.
 - Construction gained 1,100 jobs, a 1.9 percent increase. Most of the gains were in heavy and civil engineering construction.
 - Manufacturing gained 1,000 jobs, a 0.6 percent increase. These gains were primarily in non-durable goods.

- Seven of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Financial activities lost 2,500 jobs, a 3.5 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in finance and insurance.
 - Information lost 2,400 jobs, a 7.8 percent decrease. These losses were primarily in telecommunications.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,800 jobs, a 1.6 percent decline. The losses were throughout the sector.
- There were 19,706 initial claims for unemployment benefits in July 2011, up from 18,884 initial claims in June 2011 and down from 23,907 in July 2010. There were 192,155 continued claims in July 2011, down from 195,006 in June 2011 and down from 249,950 in July 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The August 2011 Labor Report will be released on September 16, 2011.

Quotes

Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“Private sector jobs continued to grow last month – albeit at a snail’s pace. However, we do recognize some encouraging signs in the job gains seen in both the construction and the education and health services areas.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“Kansas experienced its second month of very slow growth in private nonfarm jobs, increasing the risk of a stagnant recovery in the labor market. This private sector growth has been supported by the education and health services industry adding 7,400 jobs over the year.”

Current Conditions

July 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.8%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.5%

Learn the difference between the rates [here](#).

Initial Claims (all programs) 19,706

Non-Farm Jobs	1,310,300
Civilian Labor Force	1,519,846
CPI-Midwest	3.8%
(change since July 2010)	

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