

## Fact Sheet

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### April 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 13,200 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1 percent increase. Kansas gained 13,900 private sector jobs since March, a 1.3 percent increase. These job gains were caused by seasonal changes.
- Over the year, Kansas gained 5,600 nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent increase. Kansas gained 10,800 private sector jobs since April 2011, a 1 percent increase.
- The April 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.8 percent, down from 6.6 percent in March 2012 and down from 6.3 percent one year ago.
- The April 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, down from 6.2 percent in March and down from 6.7 percent in April 2011.

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

- Nine of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Professional and business services increased by 3,300 jobs, a 2.2 percent gain. These gains were in administrative & support, waste management and remediation services.
  - Leisure and hospitality gained 3,100 jobs, a 2.7 percent increase, which was greatest in arts, entertainment and recreation.
  - Construction gained 2,700 jobs, a 5.3 percent increase. The gains were in heavy and civil engineering construction and specialty trade contractors.
- Government was the only major industry to report statewide over-the-month job losses. It declined by 700 jobs, a 0.3 percent decrease. The losses were in local government.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
  - Professional and business services gained 6,800 jobs, a 4.5 percent increase. These gains were in the administrative & support, waste management and remediation services sector.
  - Manufacturing gained 3,500 jobs, a 2.2 percent increase. The gains were in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing.
  - Education and health services gained 1,800 jobs, a 1 percent increase. These gains were in health care and social assistance.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:

- Government lost 5,200 jobs, a 1.9 percent decrease. Losses were in all levels of government.
  - Information lost 1,700 jobs, a 6 percent decline. These losses were spread throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities had a net loss of 1,500 jobs, a 0.6 percent decrease, with most of the losses occurring in retail trade.
- There were 14,701 initial claims for unemployment benefits in April 2012, down from 17,997 initial claims in March 2012 and down from 17,296 in April 2011. There were 199,393 continued claims in April 2012, up from 185,502 in March 2012 and up slightly from 199,138 in April 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The May 2012 Labor Report will be released on June 15, 2012.

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## Quotes

### **Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor**

“We should be pleased that Kansas continues to experience job growth. This overall picture of measured, steady gains is acceptable at this time.”

### **Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist**

“The pace of job creation in Kansas has slowed in the past three months. April added only 100 seasonally adjusted jobs over the month. This sluggish growth is reflective of what is happening in the national economy as Gross Domestic product growth has slowed creating an environment that is not favorable for steady job growth.”

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## Current Conditions: April 2012

### **Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Unemployment Rate** 5.8%

### **Seasonally Adjusted**

**Unemployment Rate** 6.1%

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

**Initial Claims (all programs)** 14,701

**Non-Farm Jobs** 1,351,700

**Civilian Labor Force** 1,490,367

**CPI-Midwest** 2.3%  
**(change since April 2011)**

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