

## Fact Sheet

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### July 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 19,100 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.4 percent increase. Kansas gained 22,100 private sector jobs since July 2011, a 2 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas lost 16,900 nonfarm jobs, a 1.2 percent decrease. Kansas gained 2,600 private sector jobs since June, a 0.2 percent increase.
- The July 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.7 percent, up from 6.2 percent in June 2012 and down from 7 percent one year ago.
- The July 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in June and down from 6.7 percent in July 2011.

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

- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Professional and business services increased by 12,400 jobs, an 8.4 percent gain. These gains were in administrative and support services, waste management, remediation services and professional, scientific and technical services.
  - Education and health services gained 4,500 jobs, a 2.5 percent increase. The gains were in health care and social assistance.
  - Manufacturing gained 4,300 jobs, a 2.7 percent increase, with gains in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing.
- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were greatest in:
  - Government lost 3,000 jobs, a 1.3 percent decline.
  - Information lost 1,800 jobs, a 6.5 percent reduction.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 1,300 jobs, or 0.5 percent. The losses were primarily in retail trade.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
  - Professional and business services gained 2,200 jobs, an increase of 1.4 percent. These gains were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
  - Construction gained 1,900 jobs, a 3.4 percent increase. These gains were primarily in heavy and civil engineering construction.
  - Education and health services increased by 1,100 jobs, or 0.6 percent. The gains were in health care and social assistance.

- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
  - Government lost 19,500 jobs, a 7.7 percent decrease. Losses were primarily seasonal decreases in local government.
  - Manufacturing lost 1,800 jobs, a 1.1 percent decline. These losses were primarily in durable goods manufacturing.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities had a loss of 1,300 jobs, a 0.5 percent decrease. The losses were throughout the sector.
- There were 16,646 initial claims for unemployment benefits in July 2012, up from 15,617 initial claims in June 2012 and down from 19,706 in July 2011. There were 181,322 continued claims in July 2012, up from 152,410 in June 2012 and down from 192,155 in July 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The August 2012 Labor Report will be released on September 21, 2012.

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## Quotes

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

“Private sector job growth is the encouraging note in this report. Contraction of the labor force and its impact on the unemployment rate is worthy of our attention.”

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

“In July, the size of the labor force contracted by more than 6,100 people. Nearly all of these people came from the ranks of the employed to no longer being part of the labor force. This is a trend that surfaced early in 2012 and has persisted. The major age group contributing to this trend is the group of workers age 55 and over.”

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## Current Conditions: July 2012

<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>	
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	6.7%
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>	
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	6.3%
<i>Learn the difference between the rates <a href="#">here</a>.</i>	
<b>Initial Claims (all programs)</b>	16,646
<b>Non-Farm Jobs</b>	1,338,900
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	1,508,558
<b>CPI-Midwest</b>	1.3%
<b>(change since July 2011)</b>	

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