

## Fact Sheet

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### August 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 17,700 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.3 percent increase. Kansas gained 16,800 private sector jobs since August 2011, a 1.5 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 3,400 nonfarm jobs, a 0.3 percent increase. Kansas lost 1,600 private sector jobs since July, a 0.1 percent decrease.
- The August 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.2 percent, down from 6.7 percent in July 2012 and down from 6.9 percent one year ago.
- The August 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, down from 6.3 percent in July and down from 6.7 percent in August 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 9,500 jobs, a 6.3 percent gain. These gains were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
  - Manufacturing gained 5,300 jobs, a 3.3 percent increase, with gains in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing.
  - Education and health services gained 4,400 jobs, a 2.4 percent increase. The gains were in health care and social assistance.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were in:
  - Information lost 2,000 jobs, a 7.3 percent reduction.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 1,800 jobs, or 0.7 percent. The losses were primarily in retail trade and transportation, warehousing and utilities.
  - Financial activities lost 400 jobs, a 0.5 percent decline. Losses were in credit intermediation and related activities.
- Four of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
  - Government gained 5,000 jobs, a 2.2 percent increase. These seasonal gains were in state and local government.
  - Manufacturing increased by 1,200 jobs, or 0.7 percent. The gains were in durable goods manufacturing.
  - Professional and business services gained 800 jobs, an increase of 0.5 percent. These gains were in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.

- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
  - Education and health services lost 1,400 jobs, a 0.7 percent decrease. Losses were in health care and social assistance.
  - Financial activities lost 700 jobs, a 0.9 percent decline. These losses were throughout the sector.
  - Leisure and hospitality lost 600 jobs, a 0.5 percent decrease. Losses were throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities also declined by 600 jobs, a 0.2 percent loss. The decline was primarily in retail trade.
- There were 14,585 initial claims for unemployment benefits in August 2012, down from 16,646 initial claims in July 2012 and down from 21,420 in August 2011. There were 140,058 continued claims in August 2012, down from 181,322 in July 2012 and down from 231,076 in August 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The September 2012 Labor Report will be released on October 18, 2012.

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### Quote

#### Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“In August the Kansas labor force declined by just above 5,000 people, most of whom were over age 55 and employed. This is a continuing trend that has caused the labor force participation rate to decline 1.5 percent since January. If this trend continues, the job openings resulting from these workers leaving the labor force will help alleviate some of the surplus of unemployed workers.”

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### Current Conditions: August 2012

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Unemployment Rate** 6.2%

#### Seasonally Adjusted

**Unemployment Rate** 6.2%

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

**Initial Claims (all programs)** 14,585

**Non-Farm Jobs** 1,340,600

**Civilian Labor Force** 1,482,005

**CPI-Midwest** 1.8%  
**(change since August 2011)**

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