

Fact Sheet

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September 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 12,400 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.9 percent increase. Kansas gained 12,600 private sector jobs since September 2011, a 1.2 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 13,700 nonfarm jobs, a 1 percent increase. Kansas lost 4,800 private sector jobs since August, a 0.4 percent decrease.
- The September 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.3 percent, down from 6.2 percent in August 2012 and down from 6.7 percent one year ago.
- The September 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, down from 6.2 percent from last month and down from 6.7 percent in September 2011.

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

- Five of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Professional and business services increased by 8,200 jobs, a 5.4 percent gain. These gains were in administrative and support services, waste management, remediation services and professional, scientific and technical services.
 - Manufacturing gained 4,200 jobs, a 2.6 percent increase, with gains in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing.
 - Education and health services gained 2,900 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase. The gains were in health care and social assistance.
- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were greatest in:
 - Information lost 2,700 jobs, a 10.2 percent reduction.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,100 jobs, a 0.9 percent reduction. The losses were in accommodation and food services.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 700 jobs, or 0.3 percent. The losses were primarily in general merchandise stores and transportation and warehousing.
- Four of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government gained 18,500 jobs, a 7.8 percent increase. These seasonal gains were in state and local government.
 - Other services gained 500 jobs, a 1 percent increase.
 - Construction gained 300 jobs, a 0.5 percent increase. The gains were throughout the sector.
- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 2,300 jobs, a 1.9 percent decrease. Losses were greatest in food services and drinking places.

- Professional and business services lost 1,900 jobs, a 1.2 percent decline. Losses were greatest in professional, scientific and technical services.
- Education and health services lost 500 jobs, a 0.3 percent decrease. Losses were in health care and social assistance.
- There were 12,747 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2012, down from 14,585 initial claims in August 2012 and down from 17,341 in September 2011. There were 130,271 continued claims in September 2012, down from 140,058 in August 2012 and down from 184,370 in September 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The October 2012 Labor Report will be released on November 19, 2012.

Quotes

Lana Gordon, Interim Secretary of Labor

“The number of people who returned to work in September is very encouraging and the decreasing unemployment rate is a very positive sign for Kansans.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“In September, the statewide unemployment rate dropped to the lowest level Kansas has experienced in 45 months. This improvement was caused by approximately 5,000 people moving from unemployed to employed over the month. The seasonally-adjusted job numbers, while down slightly this month, are making slow and gradual improvements overall.”

Current Conditions: September 2012

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.3%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.9%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 12,747

Non-Farm Jobs 1,352,800

Civilian Labor Force 1,483,210

CPI-Midwest 1.9%
(change since September 2011)

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