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February 2013 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 16,800 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.3 percent increase. Kansas gained 15,400 private sector jobs since February 2012, a 1.4 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 8,800 nonfarm jobs, a 0.7 percent partly seasonal increase. Private sector jobs remained unchanged since January.
- The February 2013 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.8 percent, down from 6.2 percent in January 2013 and down from 6.3 percent one year ago.
- The February 2013 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent, unchanged from last month and down from 5.9 percent in February 2012.

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

- Nine of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Professional and business services increased by 6,200 jobs, a 4.2 percent gain. Growth was mainly in professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support, waste management and remediation services.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 2,700 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase, with gains primarily in wholesale and retail trade.
 - Manufacturing gained 2,600 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase. The gains were throughout the sector.
- One of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were in:
 - Construction lost 1,000 jobs, a 2 percent reduction. Losses were in construction of buildings and heavy and civil engineering construction.
- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains:
 - Government gained 8,800 jobs, a 3.4 percent increase. Gains were seasonal in state and local government.
 - Other services increased by 800 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase.
 - Construction added 400 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. The gains were in heavy and civil engineering construction and specialty trade contractors.
 - Education and health services gained 400 jobs, a 0.2 percent increase. Gains were in educational services.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were in the following areas:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 1,300 jobs, a 0.5 percent reduction. Reductions were throughout the sector.

- Leisure and hospitality lost 900 jobs, or 0.8 percent. Losses were in accommodation and food services.
- Professional and business services lost 100 jobs, a 0.1 percent decline. Losses were in administrative and support, waste management and remediation services.
- There were 16,388 initial claims for unemployment benefits in February 2013, down from 17,417 initial claims in January 2013 and down from 17,679 last year. There were 137,477 continued claims in February 2013, down from 149,101 the previous month and down from 193,147 in February 2012. These numbers include all available programs.

The March Labor Report will be released on April 18, 2013.

Quotes

Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor

“Our state saw across-the-board growth in 7 of the 10 major private sector industries this month. These job gains are very encouraging, particularly those in the professional and business services industry.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Senior Labor Economist

“In February, the private sector gained another 2,000 seasonally adjusted jobs statewide. This marks the fourth consecutive month of healthy job growth in Kansas and contributes to a combined total increase of more than 12,000 private sector jobs since October.”

Current Conditions: February 2013

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.8%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.5%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 16,388

Non-Farm Jobs 1,356,600

Civilian Labor Force 1,482,052

CPI-Midwest 2.2%
(change since February 2012)

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