

Fact Sheet

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October 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 8,400 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.6 percent increase. Kansas gained 8,700 private sector jobs since October 2011, a 0.8 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 6,100 nonfarm jobs, a 0.5 percent increase. Kansas gained 1,000 private sector jobs since September, a 0.1 percent increase.
- The October 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.2 percent, down from 5.3 percent in September 2012 and down from 6.2 percent one year ago.
- The October 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, down from 5.9 percent from last month and down from 6.6 percent in October 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 6,200 jobs, a 4 percent gain. These gains were in administrative and support services, waste management, remediation services and professional, scientific and technical services.
 - Manufacturing gained 3,900 jobs, a 2.4 percent increase, with gains in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing.
 - Education and health services gained 3,300 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase. The gains were in health care and social assistance.
- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were greatest in:
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 3,500 jobs, a 3 percent reduction. The losses were in accommodation and food services.
 - Information lost 2,100 jobs, a 7.9 percent reduction.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 800 jobs, or 0.3 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:
 - Government gained 5,100 jobs, a 2 percent increase. These seasonal gains were in state and local government.
 - Education and health services gained 700 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase. Gains were throughout the sector.
 - Other services gained 600 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase.

- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Construction lost 700 jobs, a 1.2 percent decline. Losses were in heavy and civil engineering construction and specialty trade contractors.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 600 jobs, a 0.5 percent decrease. Losses were in arts, entertainment and recreation.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. Losses were in retail trade.
- There were 14,078 initial claims for unemployment benefits in October 2012, up from 12,747 initial claims in September 2012 and down from 16,713 in October 2011. There were 152,369 continued claims in October 2012, up from 130,271 in September 2012 and down from 209,659 in October 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The November 2012 Labor Report will be released on December 20, 2012.

Quotes

Lana Gordon, Interim Secretary of Labor

“The continued decrease in the unemployment rate is a positive sign for Kansas. It is encouraging to see the number of employed Kansans increasing the past two months.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“The October labor report shows tentativeness as evidenced by the slow seasonal hiring. One positive economic sign is a decreasing unemployment rate, which improved significantly for the second consecutive month.”

Current Conditions: October 2012

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.2%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.7%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 14,078

Non-Farm Jobs 1,358,600

Civilian Labor Force 1,488,350

CPI-Midwest 2.2%
(change since October 2011)

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