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December 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 13,800 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1 percent increase. Kansas gained 13,200 private sector jobs since December 2011, a 1.2 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas lost 700 nonfarm jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. However, Kansas gained 2,400 private sector jobs since November, a 0.2 percent increase.
- The December 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.3 percent, up from 5.2 percent in November 2012 and down from 6 percent one year ago.
- The December 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, unchanged from last month and down from 6.4 percent in December 2011.

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

- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Professional and business services increased by 9,700 jobs, a 6.3 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 3,000 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase. The gains were primarily in health care and social assistance.
- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were greatest in:
 - Information lost 2,300 jobs, an 8.5 percent reduction.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,800 jobs, a 1.6 percent reduction. The losses were primarily in accommodation and food services.
 - Construction declined by 1,300 jobs, or 2.5 percent. The losses were in construction of buildings and specialty trade contractors.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 3,100 jobs, a 1.2 percent increase. The gains were primarily in retail trade and seasonal in nature.
 - Professional and business services increased by 2,300 jobs, a 1.4 percent gain, seen throughout the sector.
 - Financial activities gained 600 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. Gains were in finance and insurance.

- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Construction lost 3,600 jobs, a 6.6 percent decline. Losses were throughout the sector.
 - Government lost 3,100 jobs or a 1.2 percent reduction, primarily seasonal changes in state government.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 700 jobs, a 0.6 percent decrease. Losses were in accommodation and food services.
- There were 20,353 initial claims for unemployment benefits in December 2012, up from 15,006 initial claims in November 2012 and down from 23,985 last year. There were 163,201 continued claims in December 2012, up from 121,989 the previous month and down from 188,082 in December 2011. These numbers include all available programs.

The January 2013 Labor Report will be released on March 15, 2013.

Quotes

Lana Gordon, Interim Secretary of Labor

“There are many positive signs in this labor report including the continued increase in employment and the private sector job gains. We hope that the pace of this economic growth accelerates in the new year.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Senior Labor Economist

"December marks the strongest month of job growth since January and ends 2012 on a strong note. This increase made up for the losses in the prior three months, putting the state back on the longer term trend of positive but slow job growth."

Current Conditions: December 2012

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.3%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.4%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 20,353

Non-Farm Jobs 1,360,900

Civilian Labor Force 1,488,296

CPI-Midwest 1.8%
(change since December 2011)

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