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March 2013 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 10,200 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.8 percent increase. Kansas gained 9,500 private sector jobs since March 2012, a 0.9 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 3,300 nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent increase. Private sector jobs increased by 3,100, or 0.3 percent, since February.
- The March 2013 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.8 percent, unchanged from February 2013 and down from 6.2 percent one year ago.
- The March 2013 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, up from 5.5 percent last month and down from 5.8 percent in March 2012.

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

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Professional and business services increased by 5,900 jobs, a 3.9 percent gain. Growth was throughout the sector.
 - Financial activities was up 2.8 percent, or 2,100 jobs, with gains throughout the sector.
 - Manufacturing gained 2,100 jobs, a 1.3 percent increase. The gains were throughout the sector.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were:
 - Construction lost 2,200 jobs, a 4.1 percent reduction. Losses were in construction of buildings and heavy and civil engineering construction.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 600 jobs, a 0.5 percent decline. Losses were in arts, entertainment and recreation.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. Losses were in retail trade.
- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains:
 - Construction added 1,800 jobs, a 3.6 percent increase. The gains were throughout the sector.
 - Leisure and hospitality gained 1,400 jobs, an increase of 1.2 percent. Gains were throughout the sector.
 - Professional and business services grew by 900 jobs, a 0.6 percent increase. Gains were primarily in administrative and support, waste management and remediation 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 1,800 jobs, a 0.7 percent reduction. Reductions were throughout the sector.

- Information declined by 100 jobs, a 0.3 percent decrease. The losses were in telecommunications.
- Education and health services declined by 100 jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. Losses were in health care and social assistance.
- There were 15,069 initial claims for unemployment benefits in March 2013, down from 16,388 initial claims in February 2013 and down from 17,997 last year. There were 128,261 continued claims in March 2013, down from 137,477 the previous month and down from 185,502 in March 2012. These numbers include all available programs.

The April Labor Report will be released on May 16, 2013.

Quotes

Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor

“This month the Kansas labor market remained more stable than the overall national market. The U.S. labor force reported a significant decrease while the Kansas civilian labor force remained steady.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Senior Labor Economist

“Over the month the state did not gain as many jobs as usual, given the March seasonal pattern. This muted tone was prevalent throughout the numbers, indicating a slowdown in momentum for the month.”

Current Conditions: March 2013

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.8%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 5.6%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 15,069

Non-Farm Jobs 1,361,500

Civilian Labor Force 1,486,469

CPI-Midwest 1.4%
(change since March 2012)

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