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**Labor Market Report
September 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.8 percent in September. This was down from 3.9 percent in August and down from 4.3 percent in September 2016.

"Kansas maintained a healthy labor market in September with the unemployment rate falling to 3.8% and employers adding a significant number of private sector jobs," said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 5,000 from August. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,500 from the previous month.

"Kansas City and Wichita gained a significant number of jobs over the month, and Kansas posted an overall significant gain in private sector jobs from August to September by adding 5,500 jobs statewide," said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. "While this represents a notable improvement from the pace of job growth experienced so far this year, approximately 5,000 additional jobs will be needed to get back to positive growth over the year."

Since September 2016, Kansas lost 5,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 5,000 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change		
				Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage	
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted								
Total Nonfarm	1,410.5	1,405.5	1,415.6	5.0	0.4%	-5.1	-0.4%	
Total Private	1,154.1	1,148.6	1,159.1	5.5	0.5%	-5.0	-0.4%	
Goods-Producing	229.1	226.1	228.0	3.0	1.3%	1.1	0.5%	
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.1	6.7	-0.1	-1.4%	0.3	4.5%	
Construction	62.5	61.9	61.4	0.6	1.0%	1.1	1.8%	
Manufacturing	159.6	157.1	159.9	2.5	1.6%	-0.3	-0.2%	
Service-Providing	1,181.4	1,179.4	1,187.6	2.0	0.2%	-6.2	-0.5%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	263.2	266.3	269.0	-3.1	-1.2%	-5.8	-2.2%	
Information	19.1	19.0	20.5	0.1	0.5%	-1.4	-6.8%	
Financial Activities	86.3	86.4	86.2	-0.1	-0.1%	0.1	0.1%	
Professional & Business Services	180.9	178.8	180.1	2.1	1.2%	0.8	0.4%	
Education & Health Services	199.3	196.7	196.9	2.6	1.3%	2.4	1.2%	
Leisure & Hospitality	125.8	125.2	127.6	0.6	0.5%	-1.8	-1.4%	
Other Services	50.4	50.1	50.8	0.3	0.6%	-0.4	-0.8%	
Government	256.4	256.9	256.5	-0.5	-0.2%	-0.1	0.0%	
*Data in thousands.								

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for August upward by 3,600 jobs, from 1,401,900 to 1,405,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 400 jobs, from 1,149,000 to 1,148,600.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	Current Level	Over the Month	Over the Year
		Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	-0.1	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,430,631	4,127	13,817
Unemployed Individuals	56,772	-445	-7,006
Labor Force	1,487,403	3,682	6,811
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.7	-0.7
Employed Individuals	1,435,990	15,349	18,169
Unemployed Individuals	50,971	-10,436	-9,400
Labor Force	1,486,961	4,913	8,769
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	67.0%	0.1	0.1
Initial Claims	9,372	-803	1,472
Continued Claims	41,377	-6,094	-4,514

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at laborstats@dol.ks.gov.

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

Procedures for producing Industrial Employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, e.g., nonfarm jobs, are available on the BLS website [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Household estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, e.g., labor force, is available on the BLS website [here](#).

For more information on the unemployment insurance program, including tax and claims data, refer to the [KDOL Unemployment Insurance Weekly Review](#).

Complete Kansas labor market information for September is available [here](#).

The October 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 17.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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