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**Healthcare Occupations Remain the Highest Paying Jobs in Kansas
*2016 Kansas Wage Survey is now available online***

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) *2016 Kansas Wage Survey*, is now available online. This publication provides employment and wage estimates by occupation. In addition to statewide and metropolitan area numbers, the new publication provides estimates for 12 sub-state areas (Local Areas and Projection Regions), which are based on Kansas' labor market areas, along with all 105 counties.

The published wage data are possible due to thousands of Kansas employers who participated in the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Wage Survey over the past three years. KDOL extends sincere gratitude to those employers who helped make this survey a success.

The data collected in the OES Wage Survey provides valuable input for wage comparisons and for identifying trends in emerging or declining occupations.

The Department of Labor is now in the midst of the latest OES Wage Survey. OES survey forms are mailed to employers throughout the state. If a company receives the survey, the quality and level of detail in future reports will depend on the cooperation received from the company's timely response.

Highlights from the *2016 Kansas Wage Survey*:

- The Kansas average hourly wage increased to \$20.64 an hour from \$20.20 the year before.
- Healthcare occupations remained the highest paying jobs in Kansas, with the highest wage paid to surgeons at an average of \$115.67 an hour. Nationally, the average hourly wage for this same occupation was listed at \$119.00.
- Nine of the 10 highest paying occupations in Kansas were healthcare related. Eight of the 10 lowest paid occupations in Kansas were in the food preparation and serving related group.
- Retail salespersons, cashiers, customer service representatives, secretaries and general office clerk occupations were the five occupations with the highest estimated employment numbers.

The *Kansas Wage Survey* is produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) at KDOL.

To view the entire 2016 Kansas Wage Survey go to <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=600>. Additional national information can be found through the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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