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Jobs Report July 2014

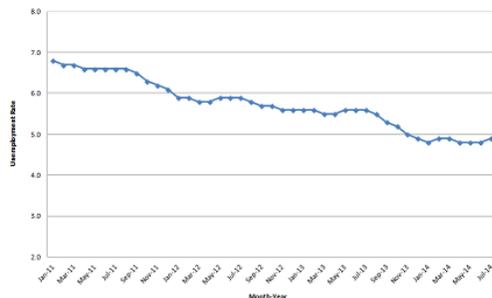
Kansas continues private sector job growth and low unemployment

TOPEKA, Kan. – The state’s July seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, down from 5.6 percent in July 2013.

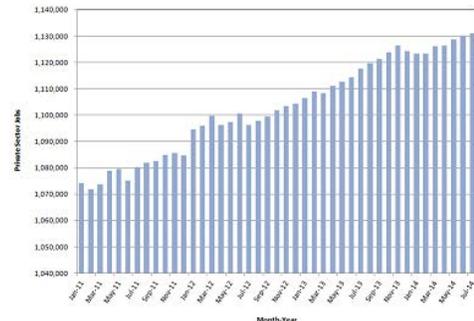
Kansas gained 13,500 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, an increase of 1.2 percent since last year, and 13,800 nonfarm jobs, a 1 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas gained 900 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, a 0.1 percent increase. The state gained 2,100 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent increase since last month.

“Several signs demonstrate continuing strength in the Kansas economy. We continue to see private sector job growth and low unemployment with the number of Kansans working at one of the highest levels in state history,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor.

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to July 2014**



**Private Sector Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to July 2014**



Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 21,200 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.9 percent, and 22,300 nonfarm jobs, an increase of 1.6 percent. Since June, Kansas gained 4,000 private sector jobs, a 0.4 percent increase. The state lost 14,800 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1.1 percent decline, primarily due to seasonal declines in local government as teachers enjoyed their summer break.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, up from 5.1 percent in June and down from 6 percent last year.

“Part of the seasonal pattern the state goes through each summer is the decline in jobs in June, when the school year ends and in July when summer school finishes,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist. “This explains the monthly change in not seasonally adjusted jobs. When educators return

from their break, these jobs will return in the September estimates. Further, the 2013 to 2014 July comparison shows good growth in jobs.”

There were 12,193 initial claims for unemployment benefits in July 2014, up from 9,844 in June and down from 14,264 last year. There were 73,127 continued claims in July, down from 87,190 the previous month and down from 131,851 in July 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

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

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#) and procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The August Labor Report will be released on Friday, Sept. 19.

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

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