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## **Kansas Wage Survey 2005 Released**

TOPEKA, KS — The Kansas Department of Labor this week released the 2005 edition of the *Kansas Wage Survey*. The *Survey* provides current wage and salary information for more than 600 occupations in Kansas.

"This is an excellent resource for both job seekers and employers," said Jim Garner, Secretary of Labor. "The *Wage Survey* can help a person considering an in-state move to find the potential salary ranges for their occupation across the state. Also, this tool is beneficial to companies looking to expand in a particular area or develop strategies for employee recruitment because it can help determine competitive salaries for workers in specific occupations."

Wage estimates are provided, ranging from professional to production workers, for more than 600 occupations listed according to their occupational definition. The document lists both statewide and regional wages for various occupations. The data is collected in collaboration with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Average wages are available for the state and five metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) — Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, Wichita and the balance of the state. Registered Nurses, for example, have an average wage of \$24.75 per hour in the Kansas City MSA; \$21.48 per hour in Lawrence; \$21.68 per hour in Topeka and \$20.00 per hour in Wichita, and an average of \$19.01 in the balance of the state. Carpenters have an average wage of \$19.37 per hour in Kansas City; \$15.10 per hour in Lawrence; \$15.34 per hour in Topeka and \$15.87 per hour in Wichita, with an average of \$13.26 in the balance of the state.

"The information for this publication is drawn from a survey of employers subject to Kansas Unemployment Insurance Law. Approximately 2,500 different employers are contacted in May and November each year for the survey," said Garner.

"The *Kansas Wage Survey* continues to be the most requested publication among those produced by KDOL," said Garner.

"The *Kansas Wage Survey*, 2005 Edition, is released every year. Wage information is also updated on the KDOL webssite at [www.dol.ks.gov](http://www.dol.ks.gov) every six months. The 2005 edition of the *Kansas Wage Survey* is available on the Internet at [www.dol.ks.gov](http://www.dol.ks.gov).

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