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October 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to October 2011 estimates, Kansas gained 9,000 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 0.7 percent increase. Kansas gained 2,300 private sector jobs over the month.
- Over the year, Kansas has added 4,500 nonfarm jobs, a 0.3 percent increase, and private sector jobs were up by 5,900 since October 2010.
- The October 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.2 percent, down from 6.6 percent in September 2011 and down from 6.6 percent in October 2010.
- The October 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, unchanged from September 2011 and down from 6.9 percent in October 2010.

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

- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government gained 6,700 jobs, a 2.6 percent increase. These jobs were primarily in local government at community colleges and unified school districts.
 - Professional and business services gained 1,900 jobs, a 1.3 percent increase. These jobs were mostly in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Education and health services gained 700 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase. Gains were in healthcare and social assistance.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 800 jobs, a 0.7 percent decrease. Losses were mostly in amusement, gambling and recreation industries.
 - Financial activities lost 400 jobs, a 0.6 percent decrease. Losses were in finance and insurance.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 400 jobs, a 0.2 percent decline. All sectors saw losses, with the exception of retail trade.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were primarily in the following areas:
 - Professional and business services gained 5,300 jobs, a 3.7 percent increase. The gains were in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Manufacturing gained 4,500 jobs, a 2.8 percent increase. These gains were mostly in durable goods.

- Education and health services gained 2,500 jobs, a 1.4 percent increase. These gains were in healthcare and social assistance.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Information lost 3,100 jobs, a 10.3 percent decrease.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 2,600 jobs, a 1.0 percent decline. The losses were mostly in retail trade.
 - Financial activities lost 2,400 jobs, a 3.4 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in finance and insurance.
- There were 16,713 initial claims for unemployment benefits in October 2011, down from 17,341 initial claims in September 2011 and down from 23,231 in October 2010. There were 209,659 continued claims in October 2011, up from 184,370 in September 2011 and down from 219,323 in October 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The November 2011 Labor Report will be released on December 20, 2011.

Quotes

Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“We are moving towards closing the gap which occurred at the beginning of this recession when the job loss was significant. Our job growth continues to incrementally move in the right direction.”

Inayat Noormohmad, KDOL Labor Economist

“Labor markets remain steady in Kansas. Over the past months we have seen slow but positive trends in job numbers.”

Current Conditions October 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.2%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.7%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 16,713

Non-Farm Jobs 1,340,900

Civilian Labor Force 1,510,477

CPI-Midwest 3.3%

(change since October 2010)

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