

**Embargoed until:
12:01 a.m., December 20, 2011**

November 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to November 2011 estimates, Kansas gained 5,000 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 0.4 percent increase. Kansas gained 4,500 private sector jobs over the month.
- Over the year, Kansas has added 8,400 nonfarm jobs, a 0.6 percent increase, and private sector jobs were up by 11,100 since November 2010.
- The November 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.0 percent, down from 6.2 percent in October 2011 and down from 6.8 percent a year ago.
- The November 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent, down from 6.7 percent in October 2011 and down from 6.9 percent in November 2010.

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

- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 4,000 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase. A majority of these jobs were in retail trade, which experienced higher than typical gains for this time of year.
 - Professional and business services gained 1,700 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase. These gains were mostly in temporary help agencies in the administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services sub-sector.
 - Education and health services gained 1,600 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase. Gains were in private education.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 3,000 jobs, a 2.6 percent decrease. Losses were spread throughout the sector.
 - The other services industry lost 300 jobs, a 0.6 percent decrease. Jobs in the other services industry include labor unions, automotive repair and laundry services.
 - Construction lost 200 jobs, a 0.4 percent decline. Losses were in specialty trade contractors and heavy and civil engineering construction.
- Five 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 8,900 jobs, a 6.2 percent increase. These gains were in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.

- Manufacturing gained 5,300 jobs, a 3.3 percent increase. A majority of these gains were in durable goods manufacturing.
- Education and health services gained 3,300 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase. These gains were primarily in healthcare and social assistance.
- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Information lost 3,000 jobs, a 9.9 percent decrease. Losses were mostly in telecommunications.
 - Financial activities lost 2,700 jobs, a 3.8 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in finance and insurance.
 - Government lost 2,700 jobs, a 1.0 percent decline. These losses were mainly spread throughout state and federal government, with reductions in the postal service contributing to the loss.
- There were 18,283 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2011, up from 16,713 initial claims in October 2011 and down from 23,822 in November 2010. There were 182,778 continued claims in November 2011, down from 209,659 in October 2011 and down from 270,864 in November 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The December 2011 Labor Report will be released on January 24, 2012.

Quotes

Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“During November, not only did the unemployment rate decrease, it did so with more people entering the labor force. This is positive news.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“More than 15,000 people joined the Kansas labor force during the past three months. People are beginning to look for work again and, for now, the economy is producing enough jobs to fill the added demand, although a number of these jobs are seasonal in nature.”

Current Conditions

November 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.0%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.5%

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

Initial Claims (all programs) 18,283

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Non-Farm Jobs | 1,347,300 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,512,546 |
| CPI-Midwest | 3.3% |
| (change since November 2010) | |

Follow the Kansas Department of Labor:



www.facebook.com/KansasDOL



www.twitter.com/KansasDOL