

## Fact Sheet

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### January 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 12,200 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.9 percent increase. Kansas gained 22,200 private sector jobs since January 2011.
- Over the month, Kansas lost 26,100 nonfarm jobs, a 1.9 percent decrease. Kansas lost 18,300 private sector jobs over the month due to seasonal changes.
- The January 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.4 percent, up from 6.0 percent in December 2011 and down from 7.5 percent one year ago.
- The January 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, down from 6.4 percent in December 2011 and down from 6.9 percent in January 2011.

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

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
  - Professional and business services gained 12,000 jobs, an 8.4 percent increase. These gains were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
  - Construction gained 3,700 jobs, a 7.9 percent increase. The majority of these gains were in the specialty trade contractors sector.
  - Leisure and hospitality gained 3,100 jobs, a 2.9 percent increase. These gains were mostly in arts, entertainment and recreation.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were in the following areas:
  - Government lost 10,000 jobs, a 3.8 percent decrease. Losses were greatest in state government.
  - Information lost 1,800 jobs, a 6.3 percent decline. These losses were spread throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities had a net loss of 400 jobs, a 0.2 percent decrease, with the greatest loss in transportation and warehousing.
- None of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. The financial activities industry was unchanged.
- Ten of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These declines were greatest in:
  - Government lost 7,800 jobs, a 3.0 percent decline. Losses were greatest in local government.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 6,400 jobs, a 2.5 percent decrease. Losses were greatest in retail trade.
  - Professional and business services lost 3,000 jobs, a 1.9 percent decline. These losses were mainly in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
- There were 20,877 initial claims for unemployment benefits in January 2012, down from 23,985 initial claims in December 2011 and down from 32,089 in January 2011. There were 243,759 continued claims in January 2012, up from 188,082 in December 2011 and down from 297,180 in January 2011. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims.

- Due to the decline in the unemployment rate, Kansas is no longer qualified for the State Extended Benefits (EB) program. The last week of EB benefit payments will be April 7, 2012. Kansas will continue with all tiers of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program at this time.
- Annually, the monthly statistics are revised according to standards set by the U.S. Department of Labor, to assure consistency of reporting among the states. Revisions to the following have been completed and are available on the KDOL website:
  - 2010 and 2011 nonfarm data,
  - Statewide civilian labor force data for 2007-2011,
  - Sub-state civilian labor force data for 2011 and
  - Sub-state civilian labor force data for 2010 will be released with the February Labor Report.

The February 2012 Labor Report will be released on March 30, 2012.

## Quotes

### Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“The continued growth of private sector job is particularly encouraging. We hope this pace continues throughout 2012.”

### Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“Kansas started off the year with healthy job growth and a declining unemployment rate. These are both welcomed signs. If the trend continues, Kansas will be in a position to carry on a more sustained recovery.”

## Current Conditions

### January 2012

**Not Seasonally Adjusted  
Unemployment Rate** 6.4%

**Seasonally Adjusted  
Unemployment Rate** 6.1%

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

**Initial Claims (all programs)** 20,877

**Non-Farm Jobs** 1,325,400

**Civilian Labor Force** 1,497,346

**CPI-Midwest  
(change since January 2011)** 2.8%

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