

## Fact Sheet

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### February 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 18,300 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.4 percent increase. Kansas gained 21,300 private sector jobs since February 2011.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 4,200 nonfarm jobs, a 0.3 percent increase. Kansas lost 1,000 private sector jobs over the month.
- The February 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.6 percent, up from 6.4 percent in January 2012 and down from 7.2 percent one year ago.
- The February 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, unchanged from January and down from 6.9 percent in February 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 11,900 jobs, an 8.2 percent increase. These gains were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
  - Manufacturing gained 3,800 jobs, a 2.4 percent increase. The majority of these gains were in durable goods manufacturing.
  - Leisure and hospitality gained 3,400 jobs, a 3.1 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 3,000 jobs, a 1.1 percent decrease. Losses were throughout all levels.
  - Information lost 1,900 jobs, a 6.6 percent decline. These losses were spread throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities had a net loss of 900 jobs, a 0.4 percent decrease, with the greatest loss in transportation and warehousing.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Government added 5,200 jobs, a 2 percent increase. These gains were at state and local levels and are due to seasonal changes.
  - Manufacturing gained 1,000 jobs, a 0.6 percent increase, which was spread throughout the sector.

- Other services gained 600 jobs, a 1.2 percent increase. The other services industry includes, among others, repair and maintenance, personal and laundry services and membership associations and organizations.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These declines were greatest in:
  - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 1,700 jobs, a 0.7 percent decline. Losses were greatest in retail trade.
  - Construction declined by 1,400 jobs, a 2.8 percent decrease. The majority of these losses were with specialty trade contractors.
  - Financial activities lost 400 jobs, a 0.6 percent decline. These losses were throughout the sector.
- There were 17,679 initial claims for unemployment benefits in February 2012, down from 20,877 initial claims in January 2012 and up from 16,331 in February 2011. There were 193,147 continued claims in February 2012, down from 243,759 in January 2012 and down from 234,356 in February 2011. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims.
- 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 2010 and 2011 sub-state civilian labor force data have been completed and are available on the KDOL website.
- Kansas is no longer qualified for the State Extended Benefits (EB) program because of the decline in the unemployment rate. The last week of EB benefit payments will be April 7, 2012. Kansas will continue with all currently available tiers of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program at this time.

The March 2012 Labor Report will be released on April 20, 2012.

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## Quotes

### **Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor**

“Looking at the February numbers alone would indicate a lukewarm labor market. The over-the-year gains from February 2011 to February 2012 indicate healthy growth, which we hope continues as the year progresses.”

### **Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist**

“The February report did not indicate significant change in the Kansas labor market over the month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 6.1 percent.”

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**Current Conditions: February 2012**

<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate</b>	6.6%
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate</b>	6.1%
<i>Learn the difference between the rates <a href="#">here</a>.</i>	
<b>Initial Claims (all programs)</b>	17,679
<b>Non-Farm Jobs</b>	1,333,300
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	1,498,047
<b>CPI-Midwest (change since February 2011)</b>	2.7%

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