

## Fact Sheet

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### March 2012 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 20,100 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.5 percent increase. Kansas gained 22,700 private sector jobs since March 2011, a 2.1 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas gained 10,800 nonfarm jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. Kansas gained 8,600 private sector jobs over the month, a 0.8 percent increase.
- The March 2012 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.6 percent, unchanged from February 2012 and down from 7.1 percent one year ago.
- The March 2012 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, up from 6.1 percent in February and down from 6.8 percent in March 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 11,700 jobs, an 8 percent increase. These gains were primarily in administrative & support, 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 3,600 jobs, a 3.2 percent increase. These gains were primarily 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 2,600 jobs, a 1 percent decrease. Losses were in all levels of government.
  - Information lost 2,400 jobs, an 8.4 percent decline. These losses were spread throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities had a net loss of 300 jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease, with all of the losses occurring in retail trade, primarily in general merchandise stores.
- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Leisure and hospitality gained 3,200 jobs, a 2.9 percent increase, which was greatest in food services and drinking places.
  - Government added 2,200 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. These gains were at the local level.

- Construction gained 1,800 jobs, a 3.6 percent increase. The gains were primarily in heavy and civil engineering construction.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These declines were in:
  - Information declined by 500 jobs, a 1.9 percent decrease. The losses were throughout the industry.
  - Other services lost 300 jobs, a 0.6 percent decline. The other services industry includes, among others, repair & maintenance, personal & laundry services and membership associations & organizations.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 jobs, a 0.1 percent decline. Losses were in wholesale and retail trade.
- There were 17,997 initial claims for unemployment benefits in March 2012, up from 17,679 initial claims in February 2012 and down from 18,480 in March 2011. There were 185,502 continued claims in March 2012, down from 193,147 in February 2012 and down from 222,071 in March 2011. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims.
- March was the last full month for the State Extended Benefits (EB) program. Kansas no longer qualifies for the EB program because of the decline in the unemployment rate. The last week for EB benefit claims was the week of April 7, 2012. Kansas continues with the first three tiers of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program at this time.

The April 2012 Labor Report will be released on May 18, 2012.

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## Quotes

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

“Job growth continues to be steady at a time when we would prefer it to be more robust. We sense a slight hesitancy to do additional hiring.”

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

“The March report is reflecting mixed signals in the labor market. Employment grew slightly over the month, thanks in part to hiring at restaurants and other food service establishments. However, results from the household survey show the labor force continued to decline for a third consecutive month and the unemployment rate ticked up 0.1 percent.”

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## Current Conditions: March 2012

**Not Seasonally Adjusted  
Unemployment Rate**

6.6%

**Seasonally Adjusted  
Unemployment Rate** 6.2%

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

**Initial Claims (all programs)** 17,997

**Non-Farm Jobs** 1,344,700

**Civilian Labor Force** 1,495,582

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

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