

Lana Gordon, Secretary

Sam Brownback, Governor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 15, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Barbara Hersh
785-296-0901
Barbara.Hersh@dol.ks.gov

**Labor Market Report
August 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.9 percent in August. This was up from 3.7 percent in July and down from 4.3 percent in August 2016.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 800 from July. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 4,100 from the previous month.

"Total nonfarm job estimates for Kansas increased by 800 jobs in August. This growth was concentrated in the private sector, with three industries adding more than 1,000 jobs each," said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. "Some of this growth was offset by decreases in government job estimates as well as temporary layoffs that impacted the manufacturing industry."

Since August 2016, Kansas lost 9,000 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 6,300 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

| | August 2017 | July 2017 | August 2016 | Over the Month Change | | Over the Year Change | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | | | | Actual | Percentage | Actual | Percentage |
| Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 1,401.9 | 1,401.1 | 1,410.9 | 0.8 | 0.1% | -9.0 | -0.6% |
| Total Private | 1,149.0 | 1,144.9 | 1,155.3 | 4.1 | 0.4% | -6.3 | -0.5% |
| Goods-Producing | 226.3 | 227.4 | 227.6 | -1.1 | -0.5% | -1.3 | -0.6% |
| Mining and Logging | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 2.9% | 0.3 | 4.4% |
| Construction | 62.1 | 61.9 | 61.1 | 0.2 | 0.3% | 1.0 | 1.6% |
| Manufacturing | 157.1 | 158.6 | 159.7 | -1.5 | -0.9% | -2.6 | -1.6% |
| Service-Providing | 1,175.6 | 1,173.7 | 1,183.3 | 1.9 | 0.2% | -7.7 | -0.7% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 266.7 | 265.1 | 268.2 | 1.6 | 0.6% | -1.5 | -0.6% |
| Information | 19.0 | 19.1 | 20.6 | -0.1 | -0.5% | -1.6 | -7.8% |
| Financial Activities | 86.5 | 85.9 | 86.0 | 0.6 | 0.7% | 0.5 | 0.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | 179.1 | 177.9 | 178.5 | 1.2 | 0.7% | 0.6 | 0.3% |
| Education & Health Services | 196.7 | 195.4 | 196.1 | 1.3 | 0.7% | 0.6 | 0.3% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 124.5 | 124.8 | 127.6 | -0.3 | -0.2% | -3.1 | -2.4% |
| Other Services | 50.2 | 49.3 | 50.7 | 0.9 | 1.8% | -0.5 | -1.0% |
| Government | 252.9 | 256.2 | 255.6 | -3.3 | -1.3% | -2.7 | -1.1% |
| *Data in thousands. | | | | | | | |

BLS revisions of seasonally adjusted preliminary July estimates resulted in no change to the total nonfarm estimate of 1,401,100. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised up by 700 jobs, from 1,144,200 to 1,144,900.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

| | | Over the Month | Over the Year |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | <u>Current Level</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9% | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Employed Individuals | 1,426,175 | -1,125 | 8,863 |
| Unemployed Individuals | 57,308 | 1,773 | -6,189 |
| Labor Force | 1,483,483 | 648 | 2,674 |
| Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2% | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Employed Individuals | 1,419,831 | -20,090 | 9,441 |
| Unemployed Individuals | 61,627 | -2,893 | -5,669 |
| Labor Force | 1,481,458 | -22,983 | 3,772 |
| Labor Force Participation Rate | (Seasonally Adj.) 66.9% | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Initial Claims | 10,175 | 1,539 | 1,188 |
| Continued Claims | 47,471 | -8,489 | -15,442 |

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at laborstats@dol.ks.gov.

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

Procedures for producing Industrial Employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, e.g., nonfarm jobs, are available on the BLS website [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Household estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, e.g., labor force, is available on the BLS website [here](#).

For more information on the unemployment insurance program, including tax and claims data, refer to the [KDOL Unemployment Insurance Weekly Review](#).

Complete Kansas labor market information for August is available [here](#).

The September 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, October 20.

Audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen is available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

###