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Kansas Department of Labor to release finalized 2014 jobs numbers

TOPEKA, Kan. - With tomorrow's release of the January 2015 Labor Report, the Kansas Department of Labor's Division of Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) will also publish benchmarked 2014 data. These revisions will affect previous job reports.

This year's revisions are particularly noteworthy because of their scope. In addition to 2014 revisions, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has also revised job estimates going back to 2010 due to new data available from the Census Bureau. New Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boundaries are also being implemented. Examples of the old and new maps are available at: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=494>

LMIS, in conjunction with BLS, produces monthly estimates of jobs on employers' payrolls, the number of Kansans working and unemployment rates for the State, MSAs and counties. These estimates come from a variety of surveys conducted by BLS and the Census Bureau. Each March, the previous year's estimates are benchmarked and revised against actual counts of employers' tax reports and other data.

The benchmarked data will be available Friday, 9 a.m. at:

<https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421> and

<https://klic.dol.ks.gov/vosnet/GSIPub/documentView.aspx?enc=8tN1q+AbJrnen15P7qlyqa17BVqt5hRY4Gw+okXDtzQ=>

For more information about benchmarking and the sources of data, contact LMIS at

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