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Jobs Report July 2015

TOPEKA, Kan. – The state’s July seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, up from 4.5 percent in June and up from 4.4 percent in July 2014.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 8,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 5,600 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase since July 2014. Since last month, Kansas declined by 3,500 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.3 percent. The state decreased by 4,300 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, or 0.3 percent since June.

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 14,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.3 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 12,400 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase since July 2014. Since June, private sector jobs decreased by 2,600, or 0.2 percent. The state declined by 22,400 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 1.6 percent.

“Although preliminary short-term month to month estimates of job growth have been mixed in 2015, the Kansas private sector established a 12-month growth rate of 1.3 percent through July,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist. “Looking ahead, one indicator that could affect future employment growth will be if the recent trend of a decreasing labor force continues.”

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July was 5.1 percent, up from 4.7 percent in June and unchanged from one year ago.

There were 11,553 initial claims for unemployment benefits in July 2015, up from 11,329 in June and down from 12,193 in July 2014. There were 67,149 continued claims in July, down from 81,504 the previous month and down from 73,127 in July 2014.

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

Data provided is preliminary and subject to monthly revisions and annual benchmarks by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#). Procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates are available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The August 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, September 18.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quote by Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist is available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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