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Jobs Report June 2015

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

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 12,300 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.1 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 11,500 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase since June 2014. Since last month, Kansas gained 4,300 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.4 percent. The state added 5,700 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent gain since May.

“June was an excellent month for the private sector with a gain of 4,300 seasonally adjusted jobs. The last time the state added more than 4,000 jobs in June was in 1994,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor.

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 12,700 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.1 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 12,800 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase since June 2014. Since May, private sector jobs increased by 11,100, or 1 percent. The state gained 1,200 total nonfarm jobs over the month, a 0.1 percent increase.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was 4.7 percent, up from 4.4 percent in May and down from 4.8 percent one year ago.

“According to a survey of employers, the state added 5,700 jobs over the month after seasonal adjustment, mostly in the private sector,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist. “However, another survey shows fewer people joined the labor force in June compared to what is typical for the month.”

There were 11,329 initial claims for unemployment benefits in June 2015, down from 14,120 in May and up from 9,844 in June 2014. There were 81,504 continued claims in June, up from 70,450 the previous month and down from 87,190 in June 2014.

Kansas labor market information for June 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 July 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, August 21.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor and Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist are available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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