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### **Jobs Report November 2015**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The state’s November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, down from 4.1 percent in October and decreased from 4.2 percent in November 2014.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 10,000 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,000, or 0.5 percent, since November 2014. Since last month, Kansas lost 2,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 2,600 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since October 2015, or 0.2 percent.

“More than 10,000 people returned to the labor force in November, resulting in a record number of employed people in the state,” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon. “The unemployment rate fell to 4.0 percent, the lowest level in more than 14 years.”

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 9,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, a 0.5 percent increase since November 2014. Since October, private sector jobs decreased by 2,000, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 1,100 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.1 percent.

“November typically sees an increase in unemployment claims compared to October. This year, seasonal inclement weather and temporary layoffs continued that trend,” said Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. “Even with the over the month increase in claims, continued claims remain below pre-recession levels, a sign that Kansans looking for work are able to find it.”

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was 3.5 percent, down from 3.7 percent in October and down from 3.9 percent one year ago.

There were 13,344 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2015, up from 8,652 in October and up from 12,003 in November 2014. There were 63,370 continued claims in November, up from 49,616 the previous month and down from 68,018 in November 2014.

Kansas labor market information for November 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 December 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 22.

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*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon and Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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