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Jobs Report September 2015

TOPEKA, Kan. – The state’s September seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, down from 4.6 percent in August and increased from 4.3 percent in September 2014.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 10,100 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 8,700, or 0.6 percent, since September 2014. Since last month, Kansas gained 4,200 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.4 percent. The state gained 4,900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since August 2015.

“Kansas economic conditions moved in the right direction, with the unemployment rate dropping to 4.4% this month. Unemployment claims remained low, and the private sector added more than 10,000 jobs over the year,” Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon said.

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 10,200 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 8,200, a 0.6 percent increase since September 2014. Since August, private sector jobs decreased by 3,000, or 0.3 percent. However, the state gained 19,800 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 1.4 percent.

“The construction industry continues to be a major contributor to growth in the state, both in jobs and hourly wages. Due to strong growth in specialty trade contractors, construction jobs have increased by 9.5% over the year and average hourly wages have increased by 6%,” Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor said.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 3.8 percent, down from 4.5 percent in August and down from 4.2 percent one year ago.

There were 10,993 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2015, down from 11,237 in August and up from 10,978 in September 2014. There were 57,687 continued claims in September, down from 74,176 the previous month and down from 68,335 in September 2014.

Kansas labor market information for September 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 October 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 20.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quote 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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