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Labor Market Report September 2016

TOPEKA, Kan. –The state’s September seasonally adjusted [unemployment rate](#) was 4.4 percent. This was up from 4.3 percent in August and up from 4.0 percent in September 2015.

“In September there was an uptick in the unemployment rate for both Kansas and the U.S.,” said Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. “In Kansas this was mainly due to an increase in the number of unemployed along with a slight decrease in the number of employed.”

The preliminary seasonally adjusted job estimates from the Kansas Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 600 from August. Since last month, Kansas [private sector jobs](#) decreased by 2,100. The largest private sector over the month job decrease was in Professional and Business Services.

Over the year, Kansas lost 5,900 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). Kansas lost 6,300 private sector jobs since September 2015.

Kansas [not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs](#) decreased by 4,100, a 0.3 percent decrease since September 2015. Kansas lost 4,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.4 percent. The state gained 17,700 total not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the month. Since August, private sector jobs decreased by 7,000, or 0.6 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for August upward by 3,500 jobs, from 1,392,900 to 1,396,400. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised up by 600 jobs, from 1,140,500 to 1,141,100.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for September show that the state’s labor force declined by 1,763 to 1,483,195. Of those in the labor force, 1,418,097 Kansans were employed and 65,098 were unemployed. This month’s net change in the labor force was attributable to 3,304 fewer Kansans counted as employed and 1,541 more unemployed.

Over the year, the labor force decreased by 18,806 persons, with a decrease of 23,197 in employment and an increase of 4,391 in unemployment.

The [labor force participation rate](#) was 66.7 percent, down from 66.8 percent in August and down from 68.0 percent last September.

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), e.g., labor force, estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#). Procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES), e.g., nonfarm jobs, estimates are available on the BLS website [here](#).

For more information on the unemployment insurance program including tax and claims data please refer to the [KDOL Unemployment Insurance Weekly Review](#).

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

The October 2016 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 18.

Audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist is available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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