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**Labor Market Report
January 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported today by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the January [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) was 4.1 percent. This was down from 4.3 percent in December and unchanged from January 2016.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 3,500 from December. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 1,400 from the previous month.

Over the year, Kansas lost 2,400 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). Kansas lost 2,300 private sector jobs since January 2016.

“The unemployment rate for January dropped to 4.1 percent, matching the rate from last January. This was due to a significant decrease in the number of unemployed Kansans. Annual estimates for 2016 show the number of unemployed persons has fallen below pre-recession levels, to the lowest level in 15 years,” said Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. “While the unemployment rate remains low, the labor force and employment have contracted over the year. This is consistent with the survey of employers which indicates fewer nonfarm jobs than last year.”

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	January	December	January	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2017	2016	2016	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,407.0	1,410.5	1,409.4	-3.5	-0.2%	-2.4	-0.2%
Total Private	1,151.8	1,153.2	1,154.1	-1.4	-0.1%	-2.3	-0.2%
Goods-Producing	227.1	227.7	230.7	-0.6	-0.3%	-3.6	-1.6%
Mining and Logging	6.8	6.6	7.4	0.2	3.0%	-0.6	-8.1%
Construction	61.1	60.9	61.9	0.2	0.3%	-0.8	-1.3%
Manufacturing	159.2	160.2	161.4	-1.0	-0.6%	-2.2	-1.4%
Service-Providing	1,179.9	1,182.8	1,178.7	-2.9	-0.2%	1.2	0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	266.7	266.0	266.5	0.7	0.3%	0.2	0.1%
Information	19.9	20.5	21.1	-0.6	-2.9%	-1.2	-5.7%
Financial Activities	86.3	86.0	84.9	0.3	0.3%	1.4	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	177.2	179.0	178.3	-1.8	-1.0%	-1.1	-0.6%
Education & Health Services	196.5	197.0	195.4	-0.5	-0.3%	1.1	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	127.5	127.0	127.2	0.5	0.4%	0.3	0.2%
Other Services	50.6	50.0	50.0	0.6	1.2%	0.6	1.2%
Government	255.2	257.3	255.3	-2.1	-0.8%	-0.1	0.0%

*Data in thousands.

BLS revised the seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for December upward by 18,100 jobs from 1,392,400 to 1,410,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 16,800 jobs, from 1,136,400 to 1,153,200.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	-0.2	---
Employed Individuals	1,418,231	2,944	-10,236
Unemployed Individuals	61,384	-2,114	387
Labor Force	1,479,615	830	-9,849
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	0.5	---
Employed Individuals	1,407,653	-10,640	-11,919
Unemployed Individuals	63,260	6,738	-465
Labor Force	1,470,913	-3,902	-12,384
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.8%	----	-0.7
Initial Claims	15,140	868	1,024
Continued Claims	83,345	29,876	-698

ANNUAL REVISED DATA

LMIS, in conjunction with BLS, produces monthly estimates of jobs on employers' payrolls, the number of Kansans working and unemployment rates for the State, MSAs and counties. These estimates come from a variety of surveys conducted by BLS and the Census Bureau. Each March, the previous year's estimates are benchmarked and revised against actual counts of employers' tax reports and other data.

The statewide benchmarked data is now available. The revised job numbers are available at: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421> and the revised Statewide 2016 labor force numbers are available at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=418>.

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at laborstats@dol.ks.gov.

Learn the difference between not seasonally adjusted and seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

Procedures for producing Industrial Employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, e.g., nonfarm jobs, are available on the BLS website [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Household estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, e.g., labor force, is available on the BLS website [here](#).

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

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

The February 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, Mar. 24.

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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