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**Labor Market Report  
November 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.5 percent in November. This was down from 3.6 percent in October and down from 4.3 percent in November 2016.

“Kansas now has the largest number of people employed on record,” said Secretary Lana Gordon. “November’s employment increased by 1,235 individuals making the number of Kansans currently employed at 1,435,216.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 3,100 from October. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 3,600 from the previous month.

“Over the year job growth moved into positive territory after reporting declines in recent months. The state gained 2,900 jobs over the last 12 months, mostly from construction and professional and business services,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “This is welcome news along with the unemployment rate falling to 3.5 percent from 3.6 percent last month.”

Since November 2016, Kansas gained 2,900 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 3,400 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	November	October	November	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2017	2017	2016	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,411.6	1,408.5	1,408.7	3.1	0.2%	2.9	0.2%
Total Private	1,156.2	1,152.6	1,152.8	3.6	0.3%	3.4	0.3%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	229.0	228.1	227.4	0.9	0.4%	1.6	0.7%
Mining and Logging	7.2	7.0	6.8	0.2	2.9%	0.4	5.9%
Construction	62.3	62.2	60.5	0.1	0.2%	1.8	3.0%
Manufacturing	159.5	158.9	160.1	0.6	0.4%	-0.6	-0.4%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,182.6	1,180.4	1,181.3	2.2	0.2%	1.3	0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	264.4	263.0	265.6	1.4	0.5%	-1.2	-0.5%
Information	19.6	19.0	20.5	0.6	3.2%	-0.9	-4.4%
Financial Activities	86.6	87.0	85.2	-0.4	-0.5%	1.4	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	182.3	180.9	179.1	1.4	0.8%	3.2	1.8%
Education & Health Services	198.9	198.1	197.3	0.8	0.4%	1.6	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	125.1	126.2	127.5	-1.1	-0.9%	-2.4	-1.9%
Other Services	50.3	50.3	50.2	0.0	0.0%	0.1	0.2%
Government	255.4	255.9	255.9	-0.5	-0.2%	-0.5	-0.2%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for October upward by 1,400 jobs, from 1,407,100 to 1,408,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,400 jobs, from 1,151,200 to 1,152,600.

## HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	<b>Current Level</b>	Over the Month	Over the Year
		<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	-0.1	-0.8
Employed Individuals	1,435,126	1,235	19,384
Unemployed Individuals	52,367	-1,416	-11,368
Labor Force	1,487,493	-181	8,016
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	0.2	-0.6
Employed Individuals	1,442,509	-2,668	16,260
Unemployed Individuals	48,233	3,184	-8,145
Labor Force	1,490,742	516	8,115
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b>	(Seasonally Adj.) 67.0%	0.0	0.2
<b>Initial Claims</b>	8,284	-1,088	-1,982
<b>Continued Claims</b>	40,173	-1,204	-4,981

## HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at [KDOL.laborstats@ks.gov](mailto:KDOL.laborstats@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 November is available [here](#).

The December 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 19.

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

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