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Labor Market Report April 2018

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 3.4 percent in April. This was unchanged from March and down from 3.6 percent in April 2017.

“Kansas gained 2,200 jobs over the month, this creates a monthly average of 1,800 jobs over the last three months,” said Secretary Lana Gordon. “Over the past 12 months, the number of nonfarm jobs increased by a total of 19,100 jobs.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,200 from March. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 2,000 from the previous month.

“Private sector jobs in Kansas increased by 1.6 percent over the year, the strongest annual rate of growth in more than three years,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “The largest job gains were in trade, transportation and utilities and professional and business services. Hiring in seasonal industries, including construction and leisure and hospitality, also returned to typical levels for April after unusually low seasonal hiring last year.”

Since April 2017, Kansas gained 19,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 17,800 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	April	March	April	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,417.8	1,415.6	1,398.7	2.2	0.2%	19.1	1.4%
Total Private	1,160.2	1,158.2	1,142.4	2.0	0.2%	17.8	1.6%
Goods-Producing	230.3	229.1	227.5	1.2	0.5%	2.8	1.2%
Mining and Logging	7.1	7.0	6.9	0.1	1.4%	0.2	2.9%
Construction	59.5	59.1	60.0	0.4	0.7%	-0.5	-0.8%
Manufacturing	163.7	163.0	160.6	0.7	0.4%	3.1	1.9%
Service-Providing	1,187.5	1,186.5	1,171.2	1.0	0.1%	16.3	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	271.0	270.1	266.5	0.9	0.3%	4.5	1.7%
Information	19.2	19.3	19.6	-0.1	-0.5%	-0.4	-2.0%
Financial Activities	78.6	78.6	78.1	0.0	0.0%	0.5	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	182.5	182.2	176.6	0.3	0.2%	5.9	3.3%
Education & Health Services	198.8	198.8	196.1	0.0	0.0%	2.7	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	130.1	129.9	127.4	0.2	0.2%	2.7	2.1%
Other Services	49.7	50.2	50.6	-0.5	-1.0%	-0.9	-1.8%
Government	257.6	257.4	256.3	0.2	0.1%	1.3	0.5%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for March downward by 700 jobs, from 1,416,300 to 1,415,600. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 900 jobs, from 1,159,100 to 1,158,200.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>Current Level</u>	Over the Month	Over the Year
		<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	0.0	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,424,581	-591	314
Unemployed Individuals	50,046	-24	-3,837
Labor Force	1,474,627	-615	-3,523
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	-0.2	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,419,937	2,388	-2,579
Unemployed Individuals	47,228	-3,222	-3,068
Labor Force	1,467,165	-834	-5,647
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	66.3%	0.0	-0.4
Initial Claims	6,589	-565	-6,400
Continued Claims	45,660	-1,471	-9,933

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at 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 April is available [here](#).

The May 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, June 15.

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

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