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## Labor Market Report August 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 3.3 percent in August. This was down from 3.4 percent in July and down from 3.6 percent in August 2017.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 3,600 from July. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 300 from the previous month.

“August estimates indicate a tightening labor market in Kansas. The number of private sector jobs continued to increase and employers reported over the year growth in average weekly earnings for both goods producing and service providing industries,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “The household survey also shows a tightening labor market, with the unemployment rate falling to 3.3 percent.”

Since August 2017, Kansas gained 26,600 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 21,000 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	August	July	August	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,430.3	1,426.7	1,403.7	3.6	0.3%	26.6	1.9%
Total Private	1,168.0	1,167.7	1,147.0	0.3	0.0%	21.0	1.8%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	235.2	234.3	227.7	0.9	0.4%	7.5	3.3%
Mining and Logging	7.2	7.1	6.7	0.1	1.4%	0.5	7.5%
Construction	61.3	60.5	59.9	0.8	1.3%	1.4	2.3%
Manufacturing	166.7	166.7	161.1	0.0	0.0%	5.6	3.5%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,195.1	1,192.4	1,176.0	2.7	0.2%	19.1	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	272.6	272.4	268.9	0.2	0.1%	3.7	1.4%
Information	18.0	18.5	19.0	-0.5	-2.7%	-1.0	-5.3%
Financial Activities	79.8	79.5	78.0	0.3	0.4%	1.8	2.3%
Professional & Business Services	181.8	183.2	177.5	-1.4	-0.8%	4.3	2.4%
Education & Health Services	197.4	197.3	197.0	0.1	0.1%	0.4	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	132.4	131.9	128.3	0.5	0.4%	4.1	3.2%
Other Services	50.8	50.6	50.6	0.2	0.4%	0.2	0.4%
Government	262.3	259.0	256.7	3.3	1.3%	5.6	2.2%

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for July upward by 100 jobs, from 1,426,600 to 1,426,700. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 500 jobs, from 1,168,200 to 1,167,700.

## **HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT**

		<b>Over the Month</b>	<b>Over the Year</b>
	<b>Current Level</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,430,241	1,769	3,617
Unemployed Individuals	49,165	-676	-3,803
Labor Force	1,479,406	1,093	-186
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	-0.4	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,425,342	-15,876	7,471
Unemployed Individuals	51,492	-7,615	-8,015
Labor Force	1,476,834	-23,491	-544
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b>	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.4%	0.0	-0.3
<b>Initial Claims</b>	6,228	-814	-3,947
<b>Continued Claims</b>	34,818	-9,787	-12,653

## **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 August is available [here](#).

The September 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, October 19.

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

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