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**Labor Market Report
December 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 3.4 percent in December. This was down from 3.5 percent in November and down from 4.3 percent in December 2016.

“Employers continue to demand valuable Kansas labor as jobs, hours worked, and real earnings increased over the year,” said Secretary Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 5,300 from November. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,200 from the previous month.

“Kansas ended the year with significant job growth, adding 5,300 jobs in December,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Most of this growth was in the private sector, including 3,200 jobs added in the leisure and hospitality industry.”

Since December 2016, Kansas gained 6,300 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 8,000 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	December 2017	November 2017	December 2016	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
				Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,416.8	1,411.5	1,410.5	5.3	0.4%	6.3	0.4%
Total Private	1,161.2	1,156.0	1,153.2	5.2	0.4%	8.0	0.7%
Goods-Producing	229.7	229.0	227.7	0.7	0.3%	2.0	0.9%
Mining and Logging	7.2	7.1	6.6	0.1	1.4%	0.6	9.1%
Construction	63.9	62.3	60.9	1.6	2.6%	3.0	4.9%
Manufacturing	158.6	159.6	160.2	-1.0	-0.6%	-1.6	-1.0%
Service-Providing	1,187.1	1,182.5	1,182.8	4.6	0.4%	4.3	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	265.1	264.2	266.0	0.9	0.3%	-0.9	-0.3%
Information	19.5	19.5	20.5	0.0	0.0%	-1.0	-4.9%
Financial Activities	86.3	86.7	86.0	-0.4	-0.5%	0.3	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	183.4	182.3	179.0	1.1	0.6%	4.4	2.5%
Education & Health Services	198.3	198.9	197.0	-0.6	-0.3%	1.3	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	128.3	125.1	127.0	3.2	2.6%	1.3	1.0%
Other Services	50.6	50.3	50.0	0.3	0.6%	0.6	1.2%
Government	255.6	255.5	257.3	0.1	0.0%	-1.7	-0.7%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for November downward by 100 jobs, from 1,411,600 to 1,411,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 200 jobs, from 1,156,200 to 1,156,000.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.1	-0.9
Employed Individuals	1,431,994	-3,090	16,707
Unemployed Individuals	50,450	-1,809	-13,048
Labor Force	1,482,444	-4,899	3,659
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed Individuals	1,426,847	-15,557	8,554
Unemployed Individuals	43,994	-3,966	-12,528
Labor Force	1,470,841	-19,523	-3,974
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.7%	-0.3	-0.1
Initial Claims	10,161	1,877	-4,111
Continued Claims	35,300	-4,873	-18,169

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 December is available [here](#).

The January 2018 Labor Report will be released on Monday, March 12.

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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