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## Labor Market Report February 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 February. This was down from 3.5 percent in January and down from 3.8 percent in February 2017.

“The state continues to maintain job growth in spite of a short supply of workers,” said Secretary Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 500 from January. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 200 from the previous month.

“Kansas is experiencing a tight labor market with low unemployment and increased demand for labor as reflected in recent gains in jobs, hours, and real earnings,” said Labor Market Information Director, Justin McFarland.

Since February 2017, Kansas gained 7,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 6,000 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	February	January	February	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,413.0	1,412.5	1,405.3	0.5	0.0%	7.7	0.5%
Total Private	1,155.6	1,155.4	1,149.6	0.2	0.0%	6.0	0.5%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	228.4	228.8	229.7	-0.4	-0.2%	-1.3	-0.6%
Mining and Logging	7.0	6.9	6.8	0.1	1.4%	0.2	2.9%
Construction	58.9	59.6	62.2	-0.7	-1.2%	-3.3	-5.3%
Manufacturing	162.5	162.3	160.7	0.2	0.1%	1.8	1.1%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,184.6	1,183.7	1,175.6	0.9	0.1%	9.0	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	268.2	268.1	268.3	0.1	0.0%	-0.1	0.0%
Information	19.0	19.3	19.8	-0.3	-1.6%	-0.8	-4.0%
Financial Activities	77.5	77.7	78.5	-0.2	-0.3%	-1.0	-1.3%
Professional & Business Services	181.6	181.0	176.7	0.6	0.3%	4.9	2.8%
Education & Health Services	198.7	199.3	197.0	-0.6	-0.3%	1.7	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.7	131.3	128.8	0.4	0.3%	2.9	2.3%
Other Services	50.5	49.9	50.8	0.6	1.2%	-0.3	-0.6%
Government	257.4	257.1	255.7	0.3	0.1%	1.7	0.7%

\*Data in thousands.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for January upward by 1,000 jobs, from 1,411,500 to 1,412,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 600 jobs, from 1,154,800 to 1,155,400.

## HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>Current Level</u>	Over the Month	Over the Year
		<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.1	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,425,626	-217	2,215
Unemployed Individuals	50,524	-466	-5,333
Labor Force	1,476,150	-683	-3,118
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	0.1	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,419,067	6,111	1,605
Unemployed Individuals	53,228	2,452	-5,416
Labor Force	1,472,295	8,563	-3,811
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> (Seasonally Adj.)	66.4%	0.0	-0.4
<b>Initial Claims</b>	7,911	-5,042	-313
<b>Continued Claims</b>	55,441	-21,083	-4,156

## 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 February is available [here](#).

The March 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, April 20.

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*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon and Labor Market Information Director, Justin McFarland are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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