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Labor Market Report January 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 3.5 percent in January. This was unchanged from December and down from 3.9 percent in January 2017.

“Kansas starts the year at a low 3.5% unemployment rate,” said Secretary Lana Gordon. “The state's employers are looking to hire the 51,000 job seekers.”

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

“The number of nonfarm jobs in the state changed little from last month,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “Four of the five metropolitan areas reported positive job growth from December with Kansas City reporting the largest gain of 800 jobs.”

Since January 2017, Kansas gained 9,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 7,500 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	January	December	January	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,411.5	1,411.3	1,402.4	0.2	0.0%	9.1	0.6%
Total Private	1,154.8	1,154.5	1,147.3	0.3	0.0%	7.5	0.7%
Goods-Producing	230.0	229.3	228.7	0.7	0.3%	1.3	0.6%
Mining and Logging	6.8	6.7	6.7	0.1	1.5%	0.1	1.5%
Construction	60.1	60.1	61.6	0.0	0.0%	-1.5	-2.4%
Manufacturing	163.1	162.5	160.4	0.6	0.4%	2.7	1.7%
Service-Providing	1,181.5	1,182.0	1,173.7	-0.5	0.0%	7.8	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	267.2	268.9	268.1	-1.7	-0.6%	-0.9	-0.3%
Information	19.3	19.4	19.9	-0.1	-0.5%	-0.6	-3.0%
Financial Activities	77.7	77.8	78.7	-0.1	-0.1%	-1.0	-1.3%
Professional & Business Services	180.1	179.5	176.5	0.6	0.3%	3.6	2.0%
Education & Health Services	199.0	198.5	196.5	0.5	0.3%	2.5	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.6	131.2	128.1	0.4	0.3%	3.5	2.7%
Other Services	49.9	49.9	50.8	0.0	0.0%	-0.9	-1.8%
Government	256.7	256.8	255.1	-0.1	0.0%	1.6	0.6%

*Data in thousands.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for December downward by 5,500 jobs, from 1,416,800 to 1,411,300. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 6,700 jobs, from 1,161,200 to 1,154,500.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>Current Level</u>	Over the Month	Over the Year
		<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	0.0	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,425,763	-464	2,738
Unemployed Individuals	51,031	-1,218	-6,345
Labor Force	1,476,794	-1,682	-3,607
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	0.5	-0.7
Employed Individuals	1,412,530	-14,680	1,367
Unemployed Individuals	50,994	6,256	-11,178
Labor Force	1,463,524	-8,424	-9,811
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.4%	-0.1	-0.4
Initial Claims	12,953	2,792	-2,187
Continued Claims	76,524	41,224	-6,821

ANNUAL REVISED DATA

LMIS, in conjunction with BLS, produces monthly job and labor force estimates using a variety of surveys conducted by BLS and the Census Bureau. Each March, the previous year's estimates are benchmarked and revised against actual counts from employers' tax reports and other data.

The benchmarked data is now available.

- Revised job numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421>
- Revised labor force numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=418>. (Note: Benchmarked 2015 and 2016 labor force data for sub-state areas will be released on March 23, 2018)

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 January is available [here](#).

The February 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 23.

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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