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Labor Market Report March 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 March. This was unchanged from February and down from 3.7 percent in March 2017.

"Kansas employers added jobs in March," said Secretary Lana Gordon. "This is the tenth consecutive month of job growth, which is good news for Kansas."

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,100 from February. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 2,200 from the previous month.

"The survey of Kansas employers this month reported an increase in three key areas. These are the number of jobs, the number of average weekly hours worked, and real hourly earnings compared to one year ago," said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. "This indicates employers are demonstrating a stronger demand for labor compared to last year at this time."

Since March 2017, Kansas gained 10,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 9,400 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	March	February	March	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change		
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage	
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted								
Total Nonfarm	1,416.3	1,414.2	1,405.6	2.1	0.1%	10.7	0.8%	
Total Private	1,159.1	1,156.9	1,149.7	2.2	0.2%	9.4	0.8%	
Goods-Producing	229.1	228.6	229.2	0.5	0.2%	-0.1	0.0%	
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	0.0%	0.1	1.4%	
Construction	59.1	59.0	61.6	0.1	0.2%	-2.5	-4.1%	
Manufacturing	163.0	162.6	160.7	0.4	0.2%	2.3	1.4%	
Service-Providing	1,187.2	1,185.6	1,176.4	1.6	0.1%	10.8	0.9%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	269.7	268.6	267.8	1.1	0.4%	1.9	0.7%	
Information	19.3	19.0	19.7	0.3	1.6%	-0.4	-2.0%	
Financial Activities	78.8	78.1	78.4	0.7	0.9%	0.4	0.5%	
Professional & Business Services	182.9	181.9	176.8	1.0	0.5%	6.1	3.5%	
Education & Health Services	198.6	198.7	197.3	-0.1	-0.1%	1.3	0.7%	
Leisure & Hospitality	130.2	131.2	129.7	-1.0	-0.8%	0.5	0.4%	
Other Services	50.5	50.8	50.8	-0.3	-0.6%	-0.3	-0.6%	
Government	257.2	257.3	255.9	-0.1	0.0%	1.3	0.5%	
*Data in thousands.								

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for February upward by 1,200 jobs, from 1,413,000 to 1,414,200. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,300 jobs, from 1,155,600 to 1,156,900.

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	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,425,233	-402	1,444
Unemployed Individuals	50,085	-408	-4,547
Labor Force	1,475,318	-810	-3,103
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.2	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,417,876	-1,241	-1,581
Unemployed Individuals	50,528	-2,533	-4,321
Labor Force	1,468,404	-3,774	-5,902
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	66.3%	-0.1	-0.4
Initial Claims	7,154	-757	-4,738
Continued Claims	47,131	-8,310	-8,985

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 March is available [here](#).

The April 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, May 18.

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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