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## Labor Market Report October 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 October. This was unchanged from September and down from 3.5 percent in October 2017.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 400 from September. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 1,700 from the previous month.

Since October 2017, Kansas gained 19,500 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 17,100 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	October	September	October	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,425.4	1,425.0	1,405.9	0.4	0.0%	19.5	1.4%
Total Private	1,166.4	1,164.7	1,149.3	1.7	0.1%	17.1	1.5%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	232.8	233.6	227.9	-0.8	-0.3%	4.9	2.2%
Mining and Logging	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.0%	0.4	6.0%
Construction	59.8	60.2	59.1	-0.4	-0.7%	0.7	1.2%
Manufacturing	165.9	166.3	162.1	-0.4	-0.2%	3.8	2.3%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,192.6	1,191.4	1,178.0	1.2	0.1%	14.6	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.7	272.4	268.4	1.3	0.5%	5.3	2.0%
Information	17.2	17.3	18.9	-0.1	-0.6%	-1.7	-9.0%
Financial Activities	80.3	80.0	78.0	0.3	0.4%	2.3	2.9%
Professional & Business Services	183.3	182.6	179.0	0.7	0.4%	4.3	2.4%
Education & Health Services	198.0	198.0	197.8	0.0	0.0%	0.2	0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.6	130.3	129.4	1.3	1.0%	2.2	1.7%
Other Services	49.5	50.5	49.9	-1.0	-2.0%	-0.4	-0.8%
Government	259.0	260.3	256.6	-1.3	-0.5%	2.4	0.9%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for September upward by 1,100 jobs, from 1,423,900 to 1,425,000. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,200 jobs, from 1,163,500 to 1,164,700.

## HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	0.0	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,436,473	3,353	9,852
Unemployed Individuals	48,443	-1	-3,846
Labor Force	1,484,916	3,352	6,006
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	0.1	-0.1
Employed Individuals	1,450,974	11,367	18,702
Unemployed Individuals	44,785	1,254	-294
Labor Force	1,495,759	12,621	18,408
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b>	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.6%	0.1	0.0
<b>Initial Claims</b>	6,970	1,258	-460
<b>Continued Claims</b>	36,887	5,409	-15,420

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

The November 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, December 21.

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