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## Labor Market Report November 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 3.2 percent in November. This was down from 3.3 in October and down from 3.5 percent in November 2017.

“Kansas is heading for a strong finish to 2018 as the number of private sector jobs in November reached 1,169,200, a new all-time high,” said Secretary Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,500 from October. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 1,500 from the previous month.

“Labor market conditions continued to improve in November with a notable increase in real wages and stronger hiring among retailers than last year at this time,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink.

Since November 2017, Kansas gained 19,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 16,900 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	November	October	November	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,428.6	1,427.1	1,408.9	1.5	0.1%	19.7	1.4%
Total Private	1,169.2	1,167.7	1,152.3	1.5	0.1%	16.9	1.5%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	233.5	232.8	228.8	0.7	0.3%	4.7	2.1%
Mining and Logging	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.0%	0.4	6.0%
Construction	60.3	59.8	59.5	0.5	0.8%	0.8	1.3%
Manufacturing	166.1	165.9	162.6	0.2	0.1%	3.5	2.2%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,195.1	1,194.3	1,180.1	0.8	0.1%	15.0	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.9	274.2	268.8	-0.3	-0.1%	5.1	1.9%
Information	17.4	17.4	19.2	0.0	0.0%	-1.8	-9.4%
Financial Activities	80.5	80.4	77.8	0.1	0.1%	2.7	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	184.2	183.4	179.9	0.8	0.4%	4.3	2.4%
Education & Health Services	198.7	198.7	198.2	0.0	0.0%	0.5	0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.2	131.3	129.5	-0.1	-0.1%	1.7	1.3%
Other Services	49.8	49.5	50.1	0.3	0.6%	-0.3	-0.6%
Government	259.4	259.4	256.6	0.0	0.0%	2.8	1.1%

\*Data in thousands.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for October upward by 1,700 jobs, from 1,425,400 to 1,427,100. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,300 jobs, from 1,166,400 to 1,167,700.

## 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	3.2%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,438,806	2,213	12,480
Unemployed Individuals	48,319	-136	-3,900
Labor Force	1,487,125	2,077	8,580
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	-0.1	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,449,431	-2,183	15,234
Unemployed Individuals	43,653	-1,195	-2,926
Labor Force	1,493,084	-3,378	12,308
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b>	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.7%	0.1	0.2
<b>Initial Claims</b>	8,607	1,637	323
<b>Continued Claims</b>	31,908	-4,979	-7,935

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

The December 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 18.

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*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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