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## Labor Market Report July 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 July. This was unchanged from June and down from 3.6 percent in July 2017.

“Kansas posted its fourteenth consecutive month of job growth in July, a trend that started in June of last year,” said Secretary Lana Gordon. “Job growth over the last twelve months slightly exceeds the national job growth rate.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,200 from June. Private sector jobs, a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 1,400 from the previous month.

“July estimates show Kansas employers are looking for more labor and many have increased hourly wages to their current employees,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “The number of average weekly hours worked in July increased to 35 hours per week and average nominal earnings increased 4.3 percent from last July to \$24.15 per hour.”

Since July 2017, Kansas gained 23,400 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs and 20,900 private sector jobs.

## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	July	June	July	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,426.6	1,424.4	1,403.2	2.2	0.2%	23.4	1.7%
Total Private	1,168.2	1,166.8	1,147.3	1.4	0.1%	20.9	1.8%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	234.4	233.5	228.4	0.9	0.4%	6.0	2.6%
Mining and Logging	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.0%	0.4	6.0%
Construction	60.3	60.4	59.9	-0.1	-0.2%	0.4	0.7%
Manufacturing	167.0	166.0	161.8	1.0	0.6%	5.2	3.2%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,192.2	1,190.9	1,174.8	1.3	0.1%	17.4	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	272.7	272.1	267.4	0.6	0.2%	5.3	2.0%
Information	18.5	18.8	19.1	-0.3	-1.6%	-0.6	-3.1%
Financial Activities	79.4	79.4	78.2	0.0	0.0%	1.2	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	183.8	183.9	178.7	-0.1	-0.1%	5.1	2.9%
Education & Health Services	196.8	197.0	196.9	-0.2	-0.1%	-0.1	-0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	132.2	131.3	128.2	0.9	0.7%	4.0	3.1%
Other Services	50.4	50.8	50.4	-0.4	-0.8%	0.0	0.0%
Government	258.4	257.6	255.9	0.8	0.3%	2.5	1.0%

\*Data in thousands.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for June downward by 300 jobs, from 1,424,700 to 1,424,400. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 100 jobs, from 1,166,700 to 1,166,800.

## **HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT**

		<b>Over the Month</b>	<b>Over the Year</b>
	<b>Current Level</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	0.0	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,428,471	1,170	2,161
Unemployed Individuals	49,887	2	-3,332
Labor Force	1,478,358	1,172	-1,171
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	0.4	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,441,212	-1,902	2,255
Unemployed Individuals	59,350	4,801	-3,012
Labor Force	1,500,562	2,899	-757
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> (Seasonally Adj.)	66.4%	0.0	-0.3
<b>Initial Claims</b>	7,042	353	-1,594
<b>Continued Claims</b>	44,605	8,153	-11,355

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

The August 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, September 21.

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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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