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2019 Kansas State of Labor Address & 2019 Kansas Economic Report Summary Now Available Online

The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) 2019 Kansas State of Labor Address and 2019 Kansas Economic Report Summary are now available online. The 2019 Economic Report Summary contains highlights of the most important economic data for the state of Kansas and each of the five local workforce areas. It contains the revised data for the completed 2018 calendar year. The full report will be released September 27, 2019 and will provide a valuable analysis and collection of data regarding the state's economic condition over the past year.

Here are some highlights from the 2019 Kansas Economic Report Summary:

- Kansas population increased in 2018 by 816 people to 2,911,505.
- 1,432,387 Kansas residents were employed in 2018, an increase of 7,663 from 2017, or 0.5%, a new state record.
- From 2017 to 2018, the number of unemployed Kansans decreased by 4,156, or 7.7%, to 49,833 people, the lowest number of unemployed people since 1999.
- Real average weekly wages increased in all 11 major industries in 2018.
- Personal income grew by 3.2% in 2018, to \$146 billion.
- 17 of the top 20 highest paying occupations in May 2018 were management or healthcare practitioners and technical occupations.
- Kansas real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 1.9% from 2017 to 2018 to \$152.3 billion.
- Kansas export sales increased from 2017 to 2018 by 3.0% to \$11.6 billion.
- Civilian aircraft, engines and parts were the most exported product from Kansas during 2018, accounting for \$2.2 billion in sales.
- Mexico was Kansas' largest trading partner, followed by Canada and Japan.

"In 2018, a record number of Kansas residents were employed, Kansas real GDP increased and Kansas export sales increased," Governor Laura Kelly said. "As we stabilize revenues, we should see continued good news for Kansas."

"In 2018 Kansas population increased slightly, and we added over 10,100 private sector jobs, reaching a total of 1,157,500 private sector jobs," said Delia García, Kansas Secretary of Labor. "Overall, I think we can say that the Kansas state of labor is positive and stable."

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