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**Labor Market Report  
February 2019**

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 February. This was unchanged from January and down from 3.5 percent in February 2018.

“With the labor force staying steady over the month, the unemployment rate remained at 3.4 percent for February,” said Acting Secretary Dellía Garcia.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 2,200 from January. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 3,300 from the previous month.

“Winter storms had a negative impact on Kansas job growth in February, especially in the construction industry,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Estimates for the construction industry show a significant decline from January, down 1,800 jobs over the month. This contributed to the overall decrease in total nonfarm jobs in the state.”

Since February 2018, Kansas gained 8,800 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 7,200 private sector jobs.

**OVERVIEW**

		<b>Over the Month</b>	<b>Over the Year</b>
	<b>Current Level</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Jobs*</b>	Total Nonfarm	1,420,600	-2,200
	Total Private Sector	1,161,900	-3,300
	Total Government	258,700	1,100
<b>Labor Force*</b>	Labor Force	1,487,954	301
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	66.9%	0.0
	Employed Individuals	1,436,756	-326
	Unemployed Individuals	51,198	627
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	3.4%	0.0
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>	Initial Claims	7,153	-3,952
	Continued Claims	50,308	-556

\* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for January down by 1,000 jobs, from 1,423,800 to 1,422,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 1,100 jobs, from 1,166,300 to 1,165,200.

Complete Kansas labor market information for February is available [here](#).

**HELPFUL LINKS** are located [here](#)

The March 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, April 19.

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*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Acting Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia and Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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