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**Labor Market Report
January 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 January. This was up from 3.3 percent in December and down from 3.5 percent in January 2018.

“The revised 2018 annual data for the state is included in today’s Labor Market Report,” said Secretary Delfa Garcia. “In that data, of note is that the number of Kansans participating in the labor force has increased for the first time since 2014, and with increased employment and fewer Kansans unemployed, the 2018 unemployment rate fell to 3.4 percent.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 500 from December. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 1,100 from the previous month.

“Establishment survey data shows Kansas employers have been raising wages at an increasing rate,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “The labor market is historically tight right now and many employers are struggling to fill open positions. This, in turn, has put upward pressure on wages.”

Since January 2018, Kansas gained 14,300 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 13,700 private sector jobs.

OVERVIEW

	Current Level	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change
Kansas* Jobs	Total Nonfarm	1,423,800	500
	Total Private Sector	1,166,300	1,100
	Total Government	257,500	-600
Kansas* Labor Force	Labor Force	1,487,675	1,320
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	66.9%	0.1
	Employed Individuals	1,437,081	389
	Unemployed Individuals	50,594	931
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	3.4%	0.1
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	11,105	870
	Continued Claims	50,864	3,396

* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for December down by 8,100 jobs, from 1,431,400 to 1,423,300. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 6,500 jobs, from 1,171,700 to 1,165,200.

ANNUAL REVISED DATA

LMIS, in conjunction with BLS, produces monthly job and labor force estimates using a variety of surveys conducted by BLS and the Census Bureau. Each March, the previous year's estimates are benchmarked and revised against actual counts from employers' tax reports and other data.

The benchmarked data is now available.

- Revised job numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421>
- Revised labor force numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=418>. (Note: Benchmarked 2014 through 2017 labor force data for sub-state areas will be released on March 22, 2019)

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

HELPFUL LINKS are located [here](#)

The February 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 22.

Audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink is available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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