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**Labor Market Report
March 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 3.5 percent in March. This was up from 3.4 percent in February and up from 3.4 percent in March 2018.

“Kansas gained 5,900 jobs, when compared to March of last year,” said Acting Secretary Delia Garcia. “The industries gaining the most jobs were Manufacturing and Education and Health Services.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 2,500 from February. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 1,700 from the previous month.

“Kansas employers reported fewer jobs in March when compared to February, however comparison with March of last year shows the state has 5,300 additional private sector jobs and an increase in earnings of \$1.39 per hour,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink.

Since March 2018, Kansas gained 5,900 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 5,300 private sector jobs.

OVERVIEW

	Current Level	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change	
Jobs*	Total Nonfarm	1,416,800	-2,500	5,900
	Total Private Sector	1,159,200	-1,700	5,300
	Total Government	257,600	-800	600
Labor Force*	Labor Force	1,486,531	-1,417	8,053
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	66.8%	-0.1	0.2
	Employed Individuals	1,434,572	-2,209	6,747
	Unemployed Individuals	51,959	792	1,306
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	3.5%	0.1	0.1
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	6,495	-658	-659
	Continued Claims	44,075	-6,233	-3,056

* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for February down by 1,300 jobs, from 1,420,600 to 1,419,300. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 1,000 jobs, from 1,161,900 to 1,160,900.

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

HELPFUL LINKS are located [here](#)

The April 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, May 17.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Acting Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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