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Labor Market Report
August 2019

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.2 percent in August. This was down from 3.3 percent in July and down from 3.3 percent in August 2018.

“The unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in August for the first time in more than 20 years, and Kansas employers in the private sector added 4,200 jobs. This growth was widespread with four industries contributing at least 1,000 jobs each,” said Secretary Delía García.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,900 from July. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 4,200 from the previous month.

“Kansas has seen significant growth in the number of private sector jobs compared to last August,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “This has been broad economic growth, with all ten of the major private sector industries either remaining stable or adding jobs over the year.”

Since August 2018, Kansas gained 15,500 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 17,800 private sector jobs.

OVERVIEW

		<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Over the Month Change</u>	<u>Over the Year Change</u>
Jobs*	Total Nonfarm	1,439,100	7,900	15,500
	Total Private Sector	1,175,900	4,200	17,800
	Total Government	263,200	3,700	-2,300
Labor Force*	Labor Force	1,480,339	1,491	-2,731
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	<i>66.4%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
	Employed Individuals	1,432,598	2,496	-1,977
	Unemployed Individuals	47,741	-1,005	-754
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	6,547	-1,386	319
	Continued Claims	31,591	-10,909	-3,127

* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for July upward by 800 jobs, from 1,430,400 to 1,431,200. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 500 jobs, from 1,172,200 to 1,171,700.

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

HELPFUL LINKS are located [here](#)

The September 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, October 18.

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

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