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**Labor Market Report
April 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 April. This was unchanged from March and up from 3.4 percent in April 2018.

“Kansas job growth bounced back in April after a slow start in 2019,” said Secretary Delia Garcia. “This was positive news along with strong growth in hourly earnings over the last 12 months.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900 from March. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,600 from the previous month.

Since April 2018, Kansas gained 12,400 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 10,500 private sector jobs.

“Job growth in Kansas rebounded in April, following weather related declines in early 2019,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Two industries showed significant growth over the month, with professional and business services increasing by 2,900 jobs and the construction industry adding 1,600 jobs in April.”

OVERVIEW

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Jobs*	Total Nonfarm	1,424,600	6,900
	Total Private Sector	1,165,200	5,600
	Total Government	259,400	1,300
Labor Force*	Labor Force	1,483,590	-2,932
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	66.6%	-0.2
	Employed Individuals	1,431,991	-2,601
	Unemployed Individuals	51,599	-331
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	3.5%	0.0
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	5,995	-500
	Continued Claims	39,654	-4,421

* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for March upward by 900 jobs, from 1,416,800 to 1,417,700. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 400 jobs, from 1,159,200 to 1,159,600.

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

HELPFUL LINKS are located [here](#)

The May 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, June 21.

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

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