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**Labor Market Report  
December 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 December. This was an increase from 3.1 percent in November and a decrease from 3.3 percent in December 2018.

“Kansas maintained a low unemployment rate in December, edging up to 3.2 percent following the 40 year low of 3.1 percent in October and November,” said Secretary Delía García.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 3,400 from November. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 3,600 from the previous month.

“Kansas ended 2019 with job growth, adding 3,400 nonfarm jobs in December,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “This increase was due to growth in the private sector, led by the health care and social assistance industry which added 1,000 jobs.”

Since December 2018, Kansas gained 20,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 15,300 private sector jobs.

**OVERVIEW**

		<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Over the Month Change</u>	<u>Over the Year Change</u>
Jobs*	Total Nonfarm	1,443,400	3,400	20,100
	Total Private Sector	1,180,500	3,600	15,300
	Total Government	262,900	-200	4,800
Labor Force*	Labor Force	1,496,270	3,169	9,915
	<i>Participation Rate</i>	<i>67.1%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
	Employed Individuals	1,449,063	2,889	12,371
	Unemployed Individuals	47,207	280	-2,456
	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	11,744	5,259	1,509
	Continued Claims	46,403	16,599	-1,065

\* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates for November. Revisions to detailed industry estimates resulted in no change to total nonfarm jobs and private sector jobs at 1,440,000 and 1,176,900.

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

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

The January 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 6.

*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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