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**Labor Market Report
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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 3.1 percent in January. This was unchanged from 3.1 percent in December and a decrease from 3.3 percent in January 2019.

“The Kansas labor market showed improvement in 2019, with Kansas employers adding 7,300 jobs and the unemployment rate falling to 3.2 percent,” said Secretary Delía García. “This momentum has continued with the January 2020 job estimates increasing by 2,900 and the unemployment rate remaining low at 3.1 percent.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,900 from December. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 1,700 from the previous month, while government gained 1,200 jobs.

“The annual process of revising job estimates is now complete, showing Kansas gained 7,300 jobs in 2019, a growth rate of 0.5 percent,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “Healthcare and social assistance and manufacturing were the two industries that gained the most jobs last year.”

Since January 2019, Kansas gained 9,900 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). This change is due to 7,200 additional private sector jobs and 2,700 additional government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for December down by 15,400 jobs, from 1,443,400 to 1,428,000. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 12,700 jobs, from 1,180,500 to 1,167,800.

ANNUAL REVISED DATA

Labor Market Information Services, 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 2015 through 2019 labor force data for sub-state areas will be released on March 27, 2020)

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

A list of available city and county labor force data can be found [here](#).

The February 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 27.

[Technical Notes](#)

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by 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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