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Labor Market Report November 2020

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for November 2020. Data collected for this report references the week including November 12th. Additional resources for affected workers and employers may be found at the Kansas Department of Labor's website: www.dol.ks.gov and www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.*

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 5.6 percent in November. This was an increase from 5.0 percent in October and an increase from 3.1 percent in November 2019.

“Following months of decline, the unemployment rate in Kansas increased to 5.6 percent in November with over 86,000 unemployed,” said Acting Secretary Ryan Wright. “The Extended Benefits (EB) program ended on December 12th in Kansas. In addition, two federally funded CARES Act programs, the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, are currently scheduled to end on December 26th, unless Congress acts to extend them.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 2,900 from October. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 2,600 from the previous month, while government decreased by 300.

“Nonfarm job growth has slowed in Kansas in recent months,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “In November, total nonfarm jobs declined by 2,900, with the majority of this decline in the leisure and hospitality and professional and business services industries. The U.S. has also seen a slower rate of job growth.”

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Since November 2019, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have declined by 58,300. This change is due to a decrease of 45,800 private sector jobs and 12,500 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for October downward by 1,000 jobs, from 1,368,900 to 1,367,900. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 800 jobs, from 1,120,500 to 1,119,700.

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

The December 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 22.

[Technical Notes](#)

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

Since March 15, KDOL has paid out more than 3.4 million weekly claims totaling over \$2.4 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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