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**Labor Market Report  
December 2022**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for December 2022, which are produced using data from two monthly surveys. Data for nonfarm job estimates is collected through a survey of employers while the main input for labor force estimates is a survey of households. Data collected for this report references the week including December 12.*

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 2.9% in December. This is an increase from 2.8% in November and an increase from 2.8% in December 2021.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 500 from November. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers. [Private sector jobs](#) increased by 1,100 over the month, while government decreased by 600.

“Kansas experienced strong job growth over the year, with the private sector adding 37,900 jobs,” said Labor Economist Nathan Kessler. “Industries that saw robust growth include manufacturing and education and health services, collectively adding 15,900 jobs over the year.”

Since December 2021 Kansas’ [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 42,300. This change is due to an increase of 37,900 private sector jobs and an increase of 4,400 government jobs.

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

The January 2023 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 10.

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*The Kansas unemployment rate is based on data collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS) and estimates produced by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS data is produced in cooperation with the BLS, which means that the same methodology is used for all states (<https://www.bls.gov/lau/laumthd.htm>). Data for the number of individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits is based on administrative data from claimants filing unemployment insurance claims with the KDOL. These two measures offer distinct but related measures of trends in joblessness.*

*Audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Labor Economist, Nathan Kessler, is available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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