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Labor Market Report
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IMPORTANT NOTE: This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for June 2023, 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 June 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 2.8% in June. This is a decrease from 2.9% in May and an increase from 2.6% in June 2022.

“After remaining unchanged for seven consecutive months, the Kansas unemployment rate declined in June to end the second quarter at 2.8%,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “This is an increase from 2.6% one year ago, but is still one of the lowest unemployment rates recorded in the state of Kansas.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 1,000 from May. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers. Private sector jobs increased by 300 over the month, while government increased by 700.

“Average nominal hourly earnings in the Kansas private sector grew 2.3% over the year in June, as national inflation rates slowed for the twelfth consecutive month,” said labor economist, Nathan Kessler. “While they remain above the Federal Reserve target, inflation rates are now more aligned with wage growth compared to much of the past 18 months.”

Since June 2022 Kansas’ seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs have increased by 31,900. This change is due to an increase of 27,200 private sector jobs and an increase of 4,700 government jobs.

Complete Kansas labor market information for June is available here.

The July 2023 Labor Report will be released Friday, August 18.
Technical Notes

- Current Employment Statistics (CES) program: [https://www.bls.gov/sae/overview.htm](https://www.bls.gov/sae/overview.htm)

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](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 KDOL. These two measures offer distinct but related measures of trends in joblessness.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by secretary of labor, Amber Shultz, and labor economist, Nathan Kessler, are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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