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**Labor Market Report  
January 2023**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for January 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 January 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 January. This is unchanged from 2.9% in December and an increase from 2.5% in January 2022.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 8,500 from December. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers. [Private sector jobs](#) increased by 4,400 over the month, while government increased by 4,100.

“Annual estimates indicate that Kansas employers added 38,300 private sector jobs in 2022, a growth rate of 3.4%,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “This strong growth continued in January 2023, with preliminary estimates for the private sector increasing by 4,400 jobs over the month.”

Since January 2022 Kansas’ [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 48,900. This change is due to an increase of 47,100 private sector jobs and an increase of 1,800 government jobs.

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

The February 2023 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 24.

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## **ANNUAL REVISED DATA**

LMIS, 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/vosnet/gsipub/documentView.aspx?docid=421>
- Revised labor force numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/vosnet/GSIPub/documentview.aspx?docid=418>

*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, Emilie Doerksen, is available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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