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Labor Market Report
January 2022

IMPORTANT NOTE: This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for January 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 January 12th.

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 2.6% in January. This was a decrease from 2.8% in December and a decrease from 3.8% in January 2021.

“Kansas started 2022 with strong job growth, with estimates showing 8,500 jobs added in January,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “Additionally, the Kansas unemployment rate declined to 2.6% which is below pre-pandemic levels.”

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 5,100 over the month, while government increased by 3,400.

“The unemployment rate continued to trend downward, reaching 2.6% in January,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “While the unemployment rate has now fallen below pre-pandemic levels, it is important to note that the labor force participation rate has also declined in Kansas.”

Since January 2021 Kansas seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs have increased by 17,100. This change is due to an increase of 16,200 private sector jobs and an increase of 900 government jobs.

Complete Kansas labor market information for January is available here.

The February 2022 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 25.

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/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421
- Revised labor force numbers: https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?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 Bureau of Labor Statistics, which means that the same methodology is used for all states (https://www.bls.gov/lau/lauhtmld.htm). Data for the number of individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits is based on administrative data from claimants filing unemployment insurance claims with the Kansas Department of Labor. 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, Emilie Doersken are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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