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**Labor Market Report
October 2022**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for October 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 October 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 October. This was an increase from 2.6% in September and a decrease from 2.9% in October 2021.

“The Kansas unemployment rate increased to 2.8% in October,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “Even with this increase, the unemployment rate remains below pre-pandemic levels.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 8,500 from September. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers. [Private sector jobs](#) increased by 8,000 over the month, while government increased by 500.

“Kansas private sector job estimates showed strong growth over the month adding 8,000 jobs,” said Labor Economist Nathan Kessler. “The industries leading this growth include leisure and hospitality and professional and business services, both contributing 2,000 jobs. Over the year private sector jobs have increased by 3.4%.”

Since October 2021 Kansas’ [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 40,500. This change is due to an increase of 38,700 private sector jobs and an increase of 1,800 government jobs.

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

The November 2022 Labor Report will be released on Friday, December 16.

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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 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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