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Labor Market Report  
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IMPORTANT NOTE: This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for September 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 September 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 2.6% in September. This was an increase from 2.5% in August and a decrease from 3.0% in September 2021.

“The unemployment rate edged up to 2.6% in September,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “Despite this small increase, the unemployment rate has remained below pre-pandemic rates each month since last September.”

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

“Kansas job estimates for the private sector indicate 2.5% growth compared to last September,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “The manufacturing and trade, transportation and utilities industries saw the largest gains during this period.”

Since September 2021 Kansas’ seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs have increased by 27,500. This change is due to an increase of 28,300 private sector jobs and a decrease of 800 government jobs.

Complete Kansas labor market information for September is available here.

The October 2022 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 18.
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/lauhtmhd.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, Emilie Doerksen, are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.