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**2016 Kansas Job Vacancy Survey Now Available Online
*Report shows fewest unemployed persons per vacancy since 2007***

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) *2016 Kansas Job Vacancy Survey*, is now available online. This publication provides job vacancy estimates by industry and occupation for the state of Kansas and each of the five Local Areas. In addition to the total number of job vacancies, the following details about vacancies are also available:

- Permanent/temporary and full-time/part-time status
- Duration
- Educational requirements
- Average wage offered
- Benefits available

The purpose of the annual *Kansas Job Vacancy Survey* is to provide a unique snapshot of labor demand. The results of the survey assist educational institutions, employment and training providers, and local workforce councils in responding to industry needs.

The job vacancy estimates are based off a survey of approximately 3,100 employers that took place in April, May and June of this year. KDOL would like to thank the employers who took the time to respond to the survey. Without their help, this report would not have been possible.

Highlights from the *2016 Kansas Job Vacancy Survey*:

- There were an estimated 44,826 job vacancies in Kansas during the 2nd quarter of 2016, a 5.2 percent decrease from a year ago.
- There were 1.3 unemployed people per job vacancy in Kansas during the 2nd quarter of 2016, the lowest amount recorded since 2007
- The Kansas job vacancy rate was 3.2 percent, meaning for every 100 job positions, 3.2 were vacant and 96.8 were filled.
- Trade, transportation and utilities had 9,297 vacancies, the most of any industry. Leisure and hospitality had the highest job vacancy rate at 5.8 percent.
- Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food was the occupation with the most vacancies with 2,538 vacancies.
- Local Area V (Southeast Kansas) had the highest job vacancy rate of any local area at 4.5 percent, while Local Area I (Western Kansas) had the lowest at 2.4 percent.

To view the entire *2016 Kansas Job Vacancy Survey report*, go to <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=647>.

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