

Fact Sheet

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Labor Market Report Highlights January 2015

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

Labor Force and Unemployment

- The January 2015 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent, unchanged from December and down from 4.7 percent in January 2014.
- The January 2015 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.6 percent, up from 3.8 percent in December, and down from 5.2 percent one year ago.
- There were 17,894 initial claims for unemployment benefits in January 2015, down from 18,577 in December and up from 15,709 in January 2014. There were 103,232 continued claims in January, up from 97,398 the previous month and down from 108,341 in January 2014. These numbers include all available programs.
- Over the year, the number of people employed increased by 17,489 individuals, or 1.2 percent. A total of 1,439,941 Kansans were employed in January 2015.
- The number of unemployed has decreased by 6,496 persons since last year, a 9.3 percent decline.

Jobs Data

Seasonally Adjusted

- The state added 17,100 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 1.5 percent gain. Kansas gained 17,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since January 2014, a 1.3 percent increase.
- Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs decreased by 1,500 since last month, a 0.1 percent decline. Since December, the state lost 2,600 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent decrease.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 19,300 private sector jobs since January 2014, a 1.7 percent increase. The state gained 19,000 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.4 percent increase.
- Private sector jobs decreased by 24,100 since December because of seasonal factors, a 2.1 percent decline. Over the month, Kansas declined by 33,400 nonfarm jobs, a 2.4 percent decrease, also for seasonal reasons.

Industry Breakdown

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities increased by 7,400 jobs, a 2.9 percent gain, with growth throughout the sector.
 - Leisure and hospitality gained 4,500 jobs, a 3.9 percent increase. The gains were in accommodation and food services.
 - Professional and business services added 4,500 jobs, a 2.8 percent gain, with increases throughout the sector.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were in:
 - Manufacturing declined by 1,700 jobs, or 1.1 percent. The loss was mostly in durable goods manufacturing.
 - Mining and logging decreased by 300 jobs, or 2.9 percent.
 - Government declined by 300 jobs, or 0.1 percent. The losses were at the local government level.
- Two of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains. The gains were in:
 - Financial activities increased by 300 jobs, or 0.4 percent. The gains were in finance and insurance.
 - Information gained 100 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase.
- Nine of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported a loss over the month. The losses were greatest in:
 - Government declined by 9,300 jobs, or 3.5 percent, with seasonal losses at all levels.
 - Professional and business services decreased by 5,200 jobs, or 3 percent, with losses mostly in administrative and support, waste management, and remediation services.
 - Manufacturing declined by 4,700 jobs, or 2.9 percent, with losses throughout the sector.

Private Sector Earnings

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$30.54, or 4.1 percent, since last year, to a total of \$771.06.
- Manufacturing increased the most in earnings since last year. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased by \$81.62, or 8.8 percent, since January 2014, to a total of \$1,014.31.
- Trade, transportation and utilities also had notable increases. Average weekly earnings increased by \$45.07, or 6.6 percent, since last year, to a total of \$724.45.

The February 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 20.

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