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**Labor Market Report
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TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported today by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the April [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) was 3.7 percent. This was down from 3.8 percent in March and down from 4.1 percent in April 2016.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 4,800 from March. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 5,000 from the previous month.

Over the year, Kansas lost 2,500 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). Kansas lost 1,500 private sector jobs since April 2016.

“For the fifth consecutive month the unemployment rate in Kansas dropped and is now at 3.7 percent,” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon.

“Preliminary estimates from the payroll survey continue to indicate stagnant job growth in the state. Employers did however report scheduling more hours for existing employees compared to last April,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. “In the household survey, the unemployment rate fell one tenth of a percentage point due to a lower estimate of unemployed people and a small increase in the labor force.”

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	April	March	April	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2017	2017	2016	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,408.8	1,413.6	1,411.3	-4.8	-0.3%	-2.5	-0.2%
Total Private	1,153.6	1,158.6	1,155.1	-5.0	-0.4%	-1.5	-0.1%
Goods-Producing	227.0	229.1	228.3	-2.1	-0.9%	-1.3	-0.6%
Mining and Logging	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-1.5%	-0.2	-2.9%
Construction	61.3	62.9	60.9	-1.6	-2.5%	0.4	0.7%
Manufacturing	159.0	159.4	160.5	-0.4	-0.3%	-1.5	-0.9%
Service-Providing	1,181.8	1,184.5	1,183.0	-2.7	-0.2%	-1.2	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	268.1	268.3	267.6	-0.2	-0.1%	0.5	0.2%
Information	19.7	20.1	20.8	-0.4	-2.0%	-1.1	-5.3%
Financial Activities	85.8	85.7	86.0	0.1	0.1%	-0.2	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	178.0	178.7	177.9	-0.7	-0.4%	0.1	0.1%
Education & Health Services	197.9	198.3	196.0	-0.4	-0.2%	1.9	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	127.2	128.6	127.7	-1.4	-1.1%	-0.5	-0.4%
Other Services	49.9	49.8	50.8	0.1	0.2%	-0.9	-1.8%
Government	255.2	255.0	256.2	0.2	0.1%	-1.0	-0.4%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for March downward by 400 jobs, from 1,414,000 to 1,413,600. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 400 jobs, from 1,159,000 to 1,158,600.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	Current Level	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	-0.1	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,432,504	3,760	9,669
Unemployed Individuals	54,841	-1,026	-5,943
Labor Force	1,487,345	2,734	3,726
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	-0.2	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,426,373	1,015	2,715
Unemployed Individuals	51,905	-2,681	-4,249
Labor Force	1,478,278	-1,666	-1,534
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	67.1%	0.1	-0.1
Initial Claims	7,134	-4,758	-5,855
Continued Claims	50,399	-5,717	-5,194

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at laborstats@dol.ks.gov.

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

Procedures for producing Industrial Employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, e.g., nonfarm jobs, are available on the BLS website [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Household estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, e.g., labor force, is available on the BLS website [here](#).

For more information on the unemployment insurance program, including tax and claims data, refer to the [KDOL Unemployment Insurance Weekly Review](#).

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

The May 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, June 16.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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