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**Labor Market Report
July 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.7 percent in July. This was unchanged from June and down from 4.2 percent in July 2016.

“The Kansas unemployment rate made significant improvements early this calendar year falling to the low level of 3.7 percent.” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon. “This month, the rate remains at 3.7 percent, the lowest rate since the fall of 2000.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,300 from June. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 1,200 from the previous month.

“Employers scheduled more hours for existing workers during the month compared to one year ago. This, along with an increase in hourly earnings contributed to a notable gain in average weekly earnings for July,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “The estimated changes in the number of jobs and the size of labor force were not significant this month.”

Since July 2016, Kansas lost 10,800 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 12,100 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	July	June	July	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2017	2017	2016	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,401.1	1,399.8	1,411.9	1.3	0.1%	-10.8	-0.8%
Total Private	1,144.2	1,145.4	1,156.3	-1.2	-0.1%	-12.1	-1.0%
Goods-Producing	227.6	227.3	227.4	0.3	0.1%	0.2	0.1%
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.0	6.8	0.0	0.0%	0.2	2.9%
Construction	61.9	61.5	61.2	0.4	0.7%	0.7	1.1%
Manufacturing	158.7	158.8	159.4	-0.1	-0.1%	-0.7	-0.4%
Service-Providing	1,173.5	1,172.5	1,184.5	1.0	0.1%	-11.0	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	264.6	265.8	268.1	-1.2	-0.5%	-3.5	-1.3%
Information	19.1	19.3	20.7	-0.2	-1.0%	-1.6	-7.7%
Financial Activities	85.8	85.6	86.0	0.2	0.2%	-0.2	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	177.6	175.5	178.9	2.1	1.2%	-1.3	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	195.4	195.8	197.4	-0.4	-0.2%	-2.0	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	124.7	126.7	127.3	-2.0	-1.6%	-2.6	-2.0%
Other Services	49.4	49.4	50.5	0.0	0.0%	-1.1	-2.2%
Government	256.9	254.4	255.6	2.5	1.0%	1.3	0.5%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for June down by 3,600 jobs, from 1,403,400 to 1,399,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 2,100 jobs, from 1,147,500 to 1,145,400.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	0.0	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,427,140	-1,186	9,195
Unemployed Individuals	55,595	1,007	-7,326
Labor Force	1,482,735	-179	1,869
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	0.3	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,439,519	5,645	9,288
Unemployed Individuals	64,672	4,733	-7,968
Labor Force	1,504,191	10,378	1,320
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	66.8%	-0.1	-0.2
Initial Claims	8,636	-552	-3,748
Continued Claims	55,960	10,884	-1,717

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 July is available [here](#).

The August 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, September 15.

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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