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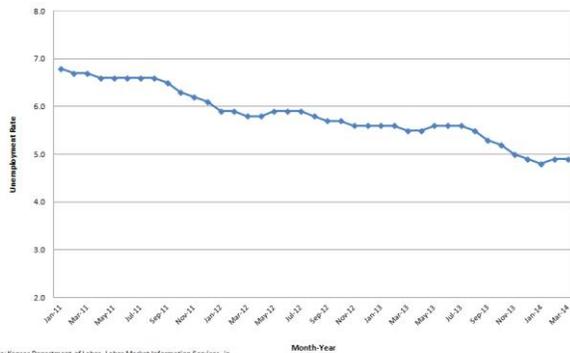
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Labor Market Report March 2014

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) reported the March seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, unchanged from February and down from 5.5 percent in March 2013.

Kansas gained 17,200 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, an increase of 1.6 percent since last year, and 17,300 nonfarm jobs, a 1.3 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas gained 2,200 private sector jobs, an increase of 0.2 percent, and 2,500 nonfarm jobs, an increase of 0.2 percent.

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to March 2014**



“Multiple indicators suggest the labor market is gaining strength,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist. “This month, Kansas added to the number of jobs gained since this time last year and recorded increases in average weekly hours worked as well as average hourly earnings in the private sector. Improvement in these areas suggest employers are responding to increased demand for goods and services.”

There were 9,669 initial claims for unemployment benefits in March 2014, down from 11,121 initial claims in February 2014 and down from 15,067 last year. There were 108,777 continued claims in March 2014, up from 100,071 the previous month and down from 128,239 in March 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

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

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#) and procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The April Labor Report will be released on Thursday, May 15.

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

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