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Labor Market Information Service Overview

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Mr. Chairman and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to present a brief overview of the services KDOL's Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) division provides for the State. Broadly, LMIS delivers three core services: labor market data as part of a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Labor Statistics; workforce information pursuant to a grant from the United States Department of Labor; and unemployment Insurance performance reporting required pursuant to the Social Security Act and Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

All of the information described below is available on LMIS' website, www.klic.dol.ks.gov. Additionally, highlights are frequently posted on our Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest pages. This is a high level overview of the information we provide. Our staff is eager to assist the legislature in providing timely, relevant labor market data to assist in your policy making decisions.

Labor Market Data

- Current Employment Statistics
 - o Jobs (payroll data)
 - o Hours
 - o Earnings
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics
 - o Persons employed and unemployed
 - o Unemployment rate
- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
 - o Industry and county level earnings and wages

Workforce Information

- Job vacancy survey
- Regional focus
- Labor market forecasting
- Career posters
- Cooperation with Department of Commerce' Workforce Services

Unemployment Insurance

- Weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual reports
- Benefit Accuracy Measurement
- Tax review and data validation
- Trust fund certification

Labor Force Statistics

Labor Force	1,498,933	+3,531 (+0.2%)
LFPR*	68.0%	0.1 (+0.1%)
Employed	1,436,564	+4,519 (+0.3%)
EP Ratio	65.2%	+0.2 (+0.3%)
Unemployed**	62,369	-988 (-1.6%)
U-Rate***	4.2%	0.0 (0.0%)

Every month, some individuals join the labor force while others leave the labor force. This month, a net of 4,519 people became employed. A net of 3,531 joined the labor force over the month. December marks the first month of noteworthy growth in the labor force since May 2014.

Of those who are in the civilian population, about 65.2% are employed (up from 65.0% last month).

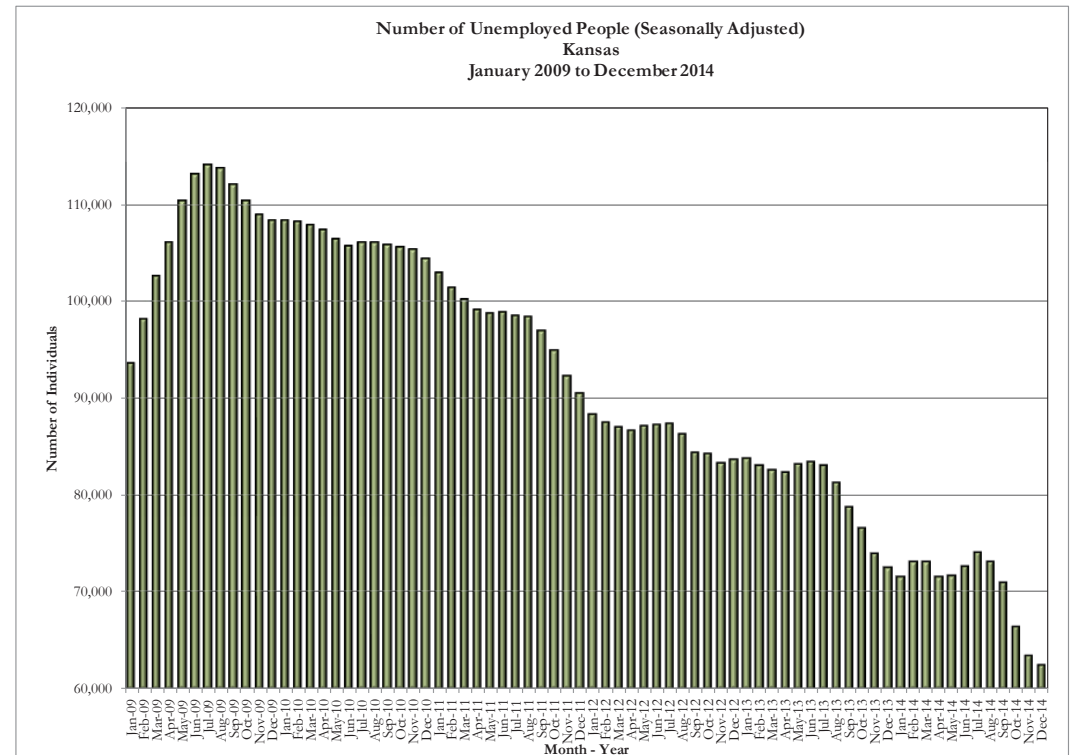
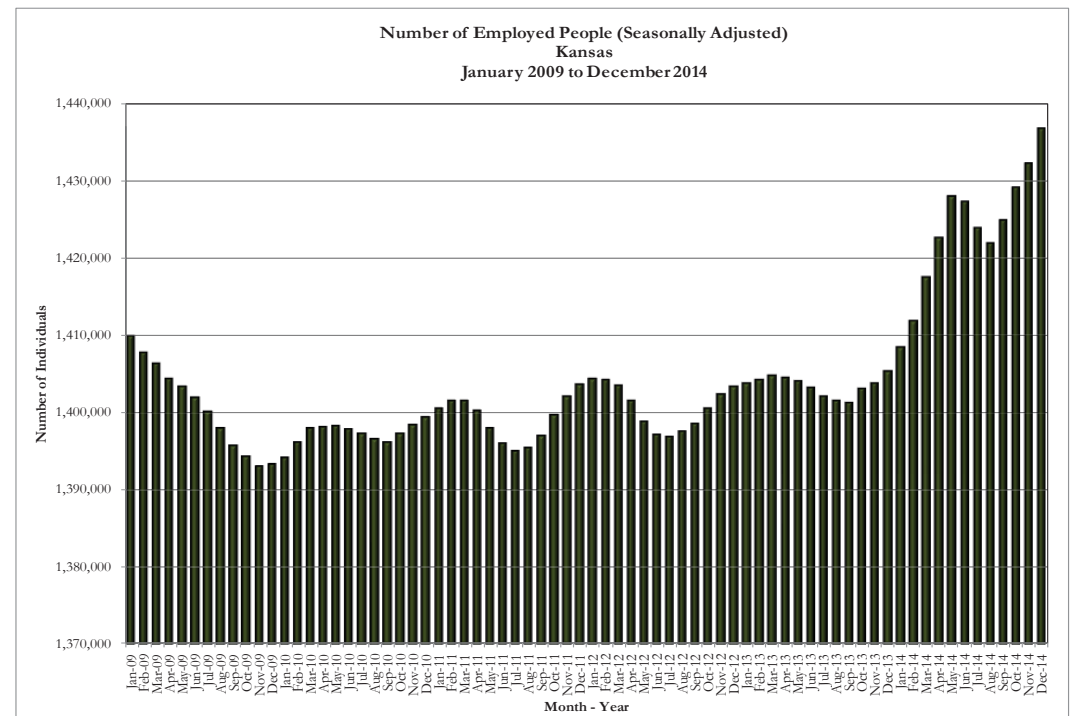
Most of the net gain in employment in recent months has come from the ranks of unemployed becoming employed and not from people outside of the labor force starting to look for work and finding jobs.

*LFPR: Labor Force Participation Rate

**EP Ratio: Employment-to-Population Ratio

***U-Rate: Unemployment Rate

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



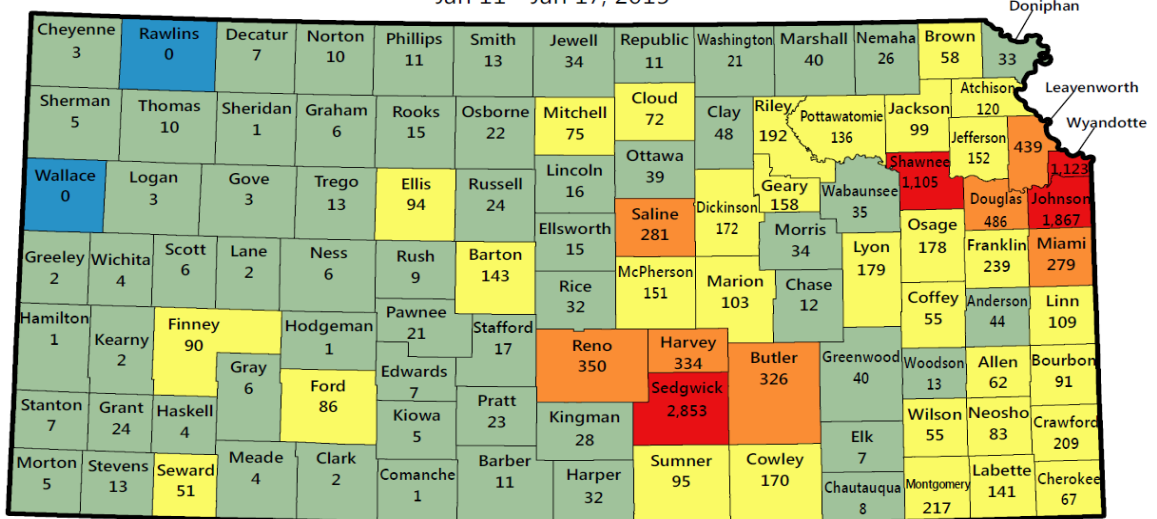
Private Sector Industry Level Hours and Earnings
Kansas
December 2014

Industry	Average Weekly Hours	OTM	OTM %	Average Hourly Earnings	OTM	OTM %	Average Weekly Earnings	OTM	OTM %
		Change	Change		Change	Change		Change	Change
		OTY	OTY %		OTY	OTY %		OTY	OTY %
		Change	Change		Change	Change		Change	Change
Total Private	34.5	-0.7	-2.0%	\$22.40	-\$0.11	-0.5%	\$772.80	-\$19.55	-2.5%
		-0.3	-0.9% 		\$0.70	3.2% 		\$17.64	2.3% 
Construction	39.2	1.3	3.4%	\$24.32	\$0.13	0.5%	\$953.34	\$36.54	4.0%
		1.3	3.4% 		\$0.52	2.2% 		\$51.32	5.7% 
Education and Health Services	32.0	-1.1	-3.3%	\$22.23	\$0.18	0.8%	\$711.36	-\$18.50	-2.5%
		-0.1	-0.3% 		\$0.71	3.3% 		\$20.57	3.0% 
Financial Activities	35.2	-1.4	-3.8%	\$28.41	-\$0.57	-2.0%	\$1,000.03	-\$60.64	-5.7%
		-1.5	-4.1% 		\$2.71	10.5% 		\$56.84	6.0% 
Leisure and Hospitality	23.0	-0.2	-0.9%	\$11.85	\$0.02	0.2%	\$272.55	-\$1.91	-0.7%
		-0.5	-2.1% 		\$0.45	4.0% 		\$4.65	1.7% 
Manufacturing	43.2	-0.9	-2.0%	\$24.44	\$0.05	0.2%	\$1,055.81	-\$19.79	-1.8%
		-0.7	-1.6% 		\$2.31	10.4% 		\$84.30	8.7% 
Other Services	29.4	-0.2	-0.7%	\$21.44	-\$0.23	-1.1%	\$630.34	-\$11.09	-1.7%
		-0.9	-3.0% 		-\$0.67	-3.0% 		-\$39.59	-5.9% 
Professional and Business Services	36.1	-1.4	-3.7%	\$24.00	\$0.28	1.2%	\$866.40	-\$23.10	-2.6%
		-0.3	-0.8% 		\$0.40	1.7% 		\$7.36	0.9% 
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	34.2	-0.4	-1.2%	\$20.62	-\$0.38	-1.8%	\$705.20	-\$21.40	-3.0%
		-0.1	-0.3% 		\$0.53	2.6% 		\$16.11	2.3% 

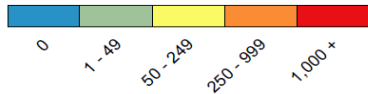
Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unique* Individual Claimants Receiving Payment, by County of Residence

Jan 11 - Jan 17, 2015



Individuals Receiving Payment



County Name

Ford

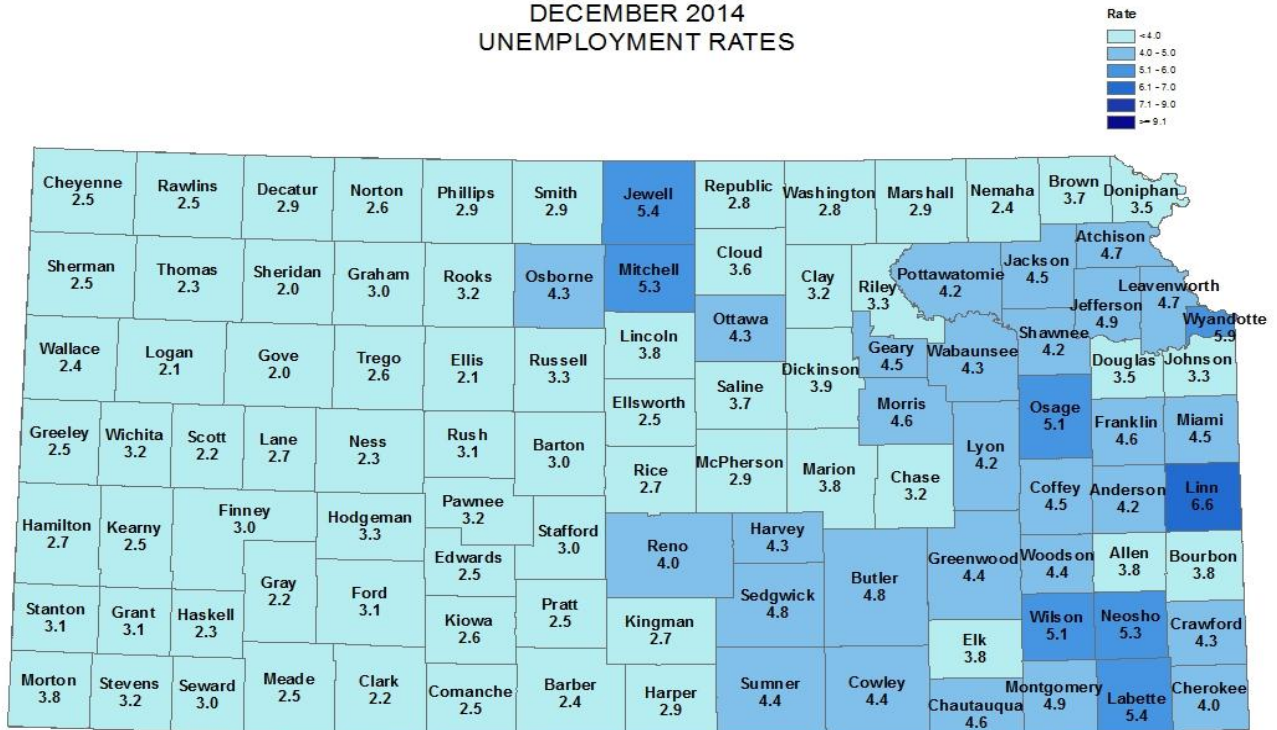
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Individuals Receiving Payment

*Data represents the number of individual claimants living in Kansas receiving regular UI payment, including those on workshare. Claimants residing outside of Kansas are not included.

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services

DECEMBER 2014 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics