

Kansas Labor Market Information

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Agenda

- Recent headlines
- Kansas LMI Services
- Kansas' December Labor Report
- Q & A

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Recent headlines

- National Bureau of Economic Research
 - “1.8 million additional jobs were created in 2014 due to the benefit cut”
 - <http://www.nber.org/papers/w20884>

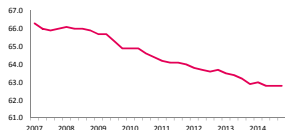
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USDOL on Long Term Unemployment and LFPR

- USDOL Chief Economist Heidi Shierholz
 - “U.S. labor force participation rate, though low, has remained ‘virtually steady’”

U.S. Labor Force Participation Rate



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National Jobs Report January 2015

- Nonfarm payrolls grew 257,000
- Previous months revised upward
- Unemployment rate rose to 5.7% from 5.6%
- Fed reserve closely monitoring
 - Possible interest rate increase in summer?

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Kansas LMI Services

- 3 core functions
 - Labor Market Information
 - Cooperative agreement with BLS
 - Unemployment Insurance Audit and Reporting
 - Workforce Information
 - Grant from USDOL- ETA

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Labor Market Information

- Current Employment Statistics (CES)
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
- Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)

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CES

- “Jobs” report
- Survey of employers (payrolls)
- Info. on jobs, hours, earnings
- Total nonfarm and private
- State and MSA
- Industry level data

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Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Change	OTM % Change	OTM %	Change	OTM % Change	OTM %	Change	OTM % Change	OTM %
Total Private	34.5	-0.1	-0.3%	\$22.40	\$0.11	0.5%	\$772.80	\$19.55	2.5%
Construction	39.2	1.5	3.4%	\$24.32	\$0.13	0.5%	\$953.34	\$56.54	4.0%
Education and Health Services	32.0	-1.1	-3.3%	\$22.23	\$0.18	0.8%	\$711.36	\$18.50	2.5%
Financial Activities	35.2	-1.1	-3.3%	\$28.41	\$0.37	2.0%	\$1,090.03	\$60.04	5.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	23.0	-0.2	-0.9%	\$11.85	\$0.02	0.2%	\$272.55	\$1.91	0.7%
Manufacturing	43.2	-0.9	-2.1%	\$24.44	\$0.15	0.6%	\$1,053.81	\$18.76	1.8%
Other Services	29.4	-0.2	-0.7%	\$21.44	\$0.23	1.3%	\$630.34	\$11.09	1.7%
Professional and Business Services	36.1	-1.4	-3.7%	\$24.00	\$0.28	1.2%	\$866.40	\$28.09	2.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	34.2	-0.4	-1.2%	\$20.62	\$0.38	1.8%	\$705.20	\$21.40	3.0%

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

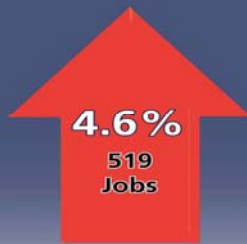
QCEW

- Quarterly count of establishments, employment, and wages
- Uses UI tax data
- Highly reliable and useful
- Around 6-month lag-time

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Private Sector Jobs Q2 2013 - Q2 2014



Quarterly Census of
Employment & Wages

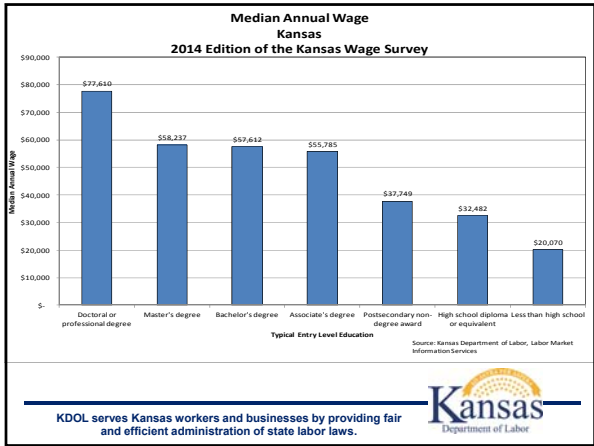


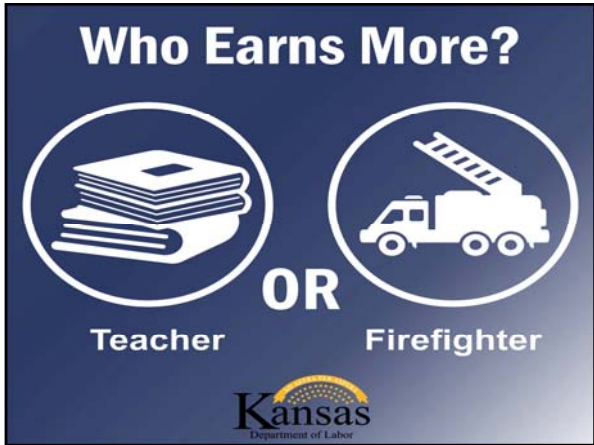
OES

- Semi-annual survey of employers
- Employment and wage estimates for occupations
- Kansas Wage Survey
 - KLIC.dol.ks.gov

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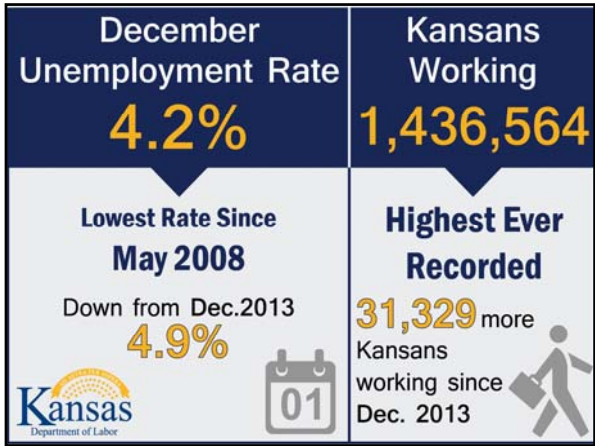


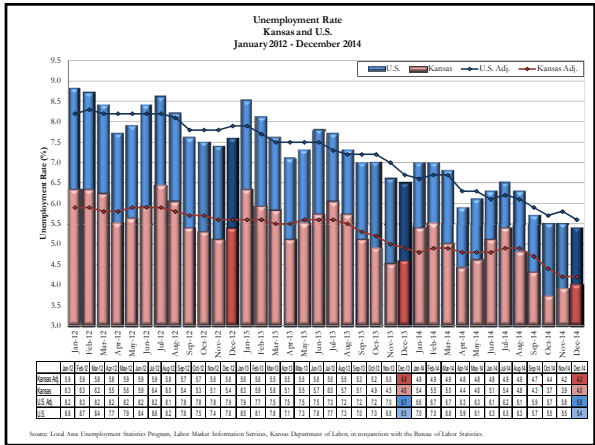
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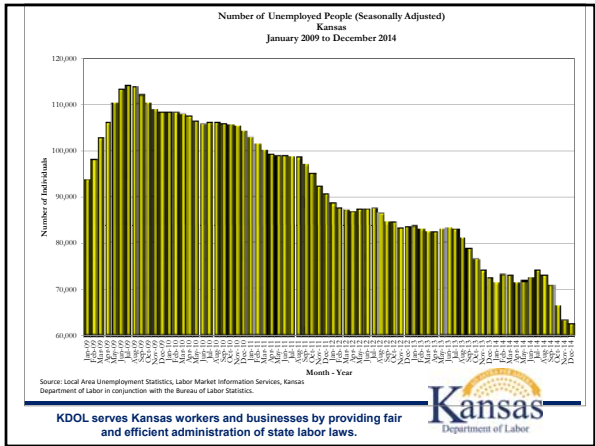
- 2,300 private sector jobs added over the month
- November estimates revised upward
- Labor force increased by 3,531 individuals
- # of individuals receiving unemployment decreased by 9,000 over the year.

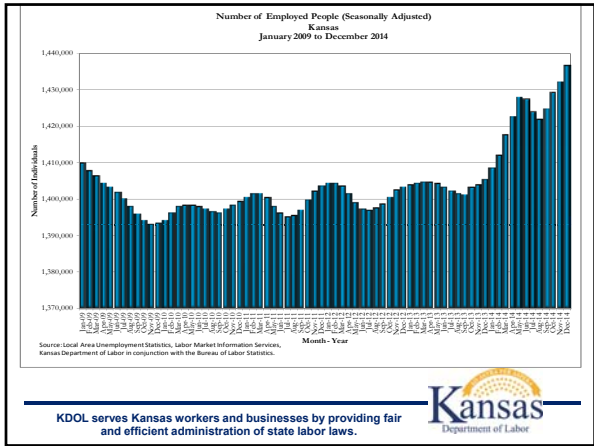
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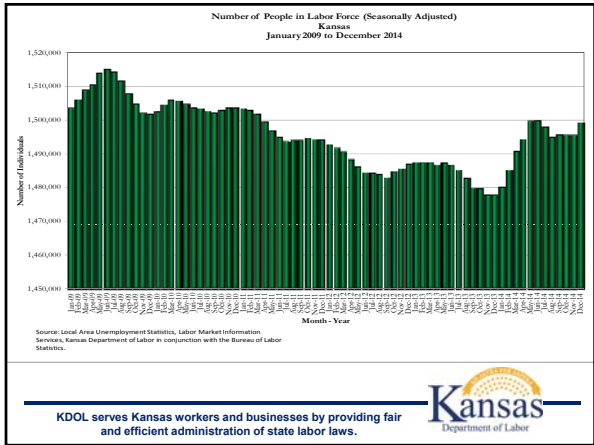
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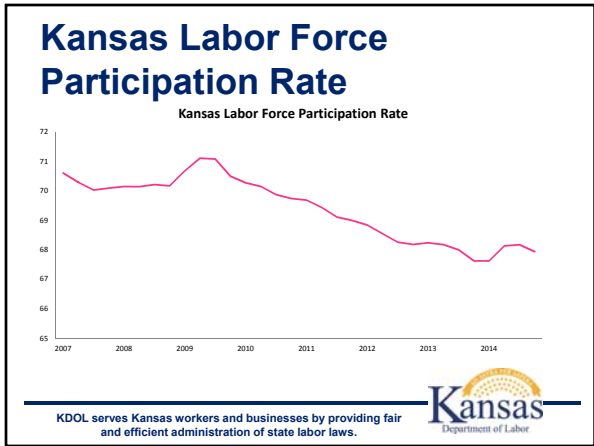


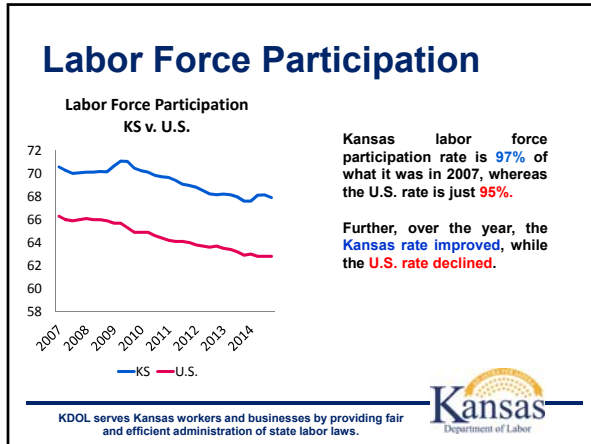












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