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**Labor Market Report
July 2020**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for July 2020. Data collected for this report references the week including July 12th. Reopening decisions were transferred to local officials on May 26, 2020. Counties following the 'Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas' moved to Phase 3 on June 8, 2020, with recommendations to remain in Phase 3 issued on July 6, 2020. Additional resources for affected workers and employers may be found at the Kansas Department of Labor's website: www.dol.ks.gov and www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.*

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 7.2 percent in July. This was a decrease from 7.5 percent in June and an increase from 3.1 percent in July 2019.

“It's encouraging to see the unemployment rate drop for the third month in a row, falling to 7.2 percent,” said Acting Secretary Ryan Wright. “While the number of unemployed decreased by more than 4,000 over the month, the current unemployment level remains around 64,000 more than the March low of 42,644.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 10,000 from June. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 6,800 from the previous month, while government increased by 3,200.

“The July nonfarm jobs total for Kansas was 1,355,000. Kansas gained 10,000 jobs over the month, mainly in accommodation and food services and local government,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Total nonfarm job estimates remain 68,000 lower than this time last year, with manufacturing and leisure and hospitality accounting for nearly 30,000 of that decline.”

Since July 2019, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have declined by 68,000. This change is due to a decrease of 56,400 private sector jobs and 11,600 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for June upward by 900 jobs, from 1,344,100 to 1,345,000. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 3,100 jobs, from 1,097,400 to 1,100,500.

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

The August 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, September 18.

[Technical Notes](#)

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Acting Secretary of Labor, Ryan Wright and Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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