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**Labor Market Report
June 2020**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for June 2020. Data collected for this report references the week including June 12th. Reopening decisions were transferred to local officials on May 26, 2020. Counties following the ‘Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas’ moved to Phase Three on June 8, 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 7.5 percent in June. This was a decrease from 10.0 percent in May and an increase from 3.1 percent in June 2019.

“As statewide guidance for the ‘Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas’ recommended moving to Phase Three in June, the unemployment rate in Kansas fell to 7.5 percent as more Kansans returned to work,” said Acting Secretary Ryan Wright. “While showing improvement, unemployment remains at a higher level than before the pandemic. There are currently four active unemployment programs for the many Kansans that are still unemployed.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 30,200 from May. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 30,200 from the previous month, while government stayed unchanged.

“Kansas employers added over 30,000 jobs in June,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “This combined with significant job growth in May shows that Kansas has recovered 37.4 percent of the jobs lost in March and April due to measures taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This is compared to the 33.8 percent of nonfarm jobs recovered so far for the U.S.”

Since June 2019, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have declined by 78,400. This change is due to a decrease of 65,500 private sector jobs and 12,900 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for May down by 500 jobs, from 1,314,400 to 1,313,900. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 100 jobs, from 1,067,300 to 1,067,200.

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

The July 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, August 21.

[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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