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**Labor Market Report
July 2021**

IMPORTANT NOTE: This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for July 2021. Data collected for this report references the week including July 12th. 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 3.8 percent in July. This was an increase from 3.7 percent in June and a decrease from 6.6 percent in July 2020.

“The unemployment rate edged up to 3.8 percent in July,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “This was the result of an increase in both employment and unemployment, which indicates more Kansans are entering the labor market and actively looking for work.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,000 from June. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,900 from the previous month, while government increased by 100.

“Kansas employers continued hiring in July, adding 6,000 jobs over-the-month,” said Labor Economist Todd Rilinger. “The majority of this increase can be seen in the manufacturing industry, which added 3,200 jobs.”

Since July 2020, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 36,300. This change is due to an increase of 35,600 private sector jobs and 700 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for June downward by 2,100 jobs, from 1,378,300 to 1,376,200. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 2,000 jobs, from 1,122,800 to 1,124,800.

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

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The Kansas unemployment rate is based on data collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS) and estimates produced by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS data is produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which means that the same methodology is used for all states (<https://www.bls.gov/lau/laumthd.htm>). Data for the number of individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits is based on administrative data from claimants filing unemployment insurance claims with the Kansas Department of Labor. These two measures offer distinct but related measures of trends in joblessness.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Amber Shultz and Labor Economist, Todd Rilinger are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

Since March 15, KDOL has paid out over 4.8 million weekly claims totaling over \$3.2 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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