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**Labor Market Report
November 2021**

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for November 2021. Data collected for this report references the week including November 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 3.6 percent in November. This was a decrease from 3.9 percent in October and a decrease from 4.7 percent in November 2020.

“In November, the Kansas labor market saw the unemployment rate decline to 3.6 percent. Nonfarm job estimates increased by 2,700 jobs over the month,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “The labor force participation rate did decrease in November, but is still at pre-pandemic levels.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,700 from October. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 2,400 from the previous month, while government increased by 300.

“The largest over-the-month job gains in November were in trade, transportation, and utilities, as well as leisure and hospitality,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “Both of these industries experienced significant declines early in the pandemic but have seen a steady recovery since April 2020. Trade, transportation, and utilities has seen relatively strong growth and is now 3.3 percent above pre-pandemic levels.”

Since November 2020, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 35,400. This change is due to an increase of 33,000 private sector jobs and 2,400 government jobs.

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BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for October upward by 100 jobs, from 1,388,700 to 1,388,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were also revised upward by 800 jobs, from 1,139,100 to 1,139,900.

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

The December 2021 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 21.

Technical Notes: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=760>

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, Emilie Doerksen are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

Since March 15, 2020 KDOL has paid out over 5.1 million weekly claims totaling over \$3.3 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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