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**Labor Market Report
September 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.8 percent in September. This was down from 3.9 percent in August and down from 4.3 percent in September 2016.

"Kansas maintained a healthy labor market in September with the unemployment rate falling to 3.8% and employers adding a significant number of private sector jobs," said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 5,000 from August. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,500 from the previous month.

"Kansas City and Wichita gained a significant number of jobs over the month, and Kansas posted an overall significant gain in private sector jobs from August to September by adding 5,500 jobs statewide," said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. "While this represents a notable improvement from the pace of job growth experienced so far this year, approximately 5,000 additional jobs will be needed to get back to positive growth over the year."

Since September 2016, Kansas lost 5,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 5,000 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change		
				Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage	
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted								
Total Nonfarm	1,410.5	1,405.5	1,415.6	5.0	0.4%	-5.1	-0.4%	
Total Private	1,154.1	1,148.6	1,159.1	5.5	0.5%	-5.0	-0.4%	
Goods-Producing	229.1	226.1	228.0	3.0	1.3%	1.1	0.5%	
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.1	6.7	-0.1	-1.4%	0.3	4.5%	
Construction	62.5	61.9	61.4	0.6	1.0%	1.1	1.8%	
Manufacturing	159.6	157.1	159.9	2.5	1.6%	-0.3	-0.2%	
Service-Providing	1,181.4	1,179.4	1,187.6	2.0	0.2%	-6.2	-0.5%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	263.2	266.3	269.0	-3.1	-1.2%	-5.8	-2.2%	
Information	19.1	19.0	20.5	0.1	0.5%	-1.4	-6.8%	
Financial Activities	86.3	86.4	86.2	-0.1	-0.1%	0.1	0.1%	
Professional & Business Services	180.9	178.8	180.1	2.1	1.2%	0.8	0.4%	
Education & Health Services	199.3	196.7	196.9	2.6	1.3%	2.4	1.2%	
Leisure & Hospitality	125.8	125.2	127.6	0.6	0.5%	-1.8	-1.4%	
Other Services	50.4	50.1	50.8	0.3	0.6%	-0.4	-0.8%	
Government	256.4	256.9	256.5	-0.5	-0.2%	-0.1	0.0%	
*Data in thousands.								

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for August upward by 3,600 jobs, from 1,401,900 to 1,405,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 400 jobs, from 1,149,000 to 1,148,600.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	Current Level	Over the Month	Over the Year
		Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	-0.1	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,430,631	4,127	13,817
Unemployed Individuals	56,772	-445	-7,006
Labor Force	1,487,403	3,682	6,811
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.7	-0.7
Employed Individuals	1,435,990	15,349	18,169
Unemployed Individuals	50,971	-10,436	-9,400
Labor Force	1,486,961	4,913	8,769
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	67.0%	0.1	0.1
Initial Claims	9,372	-803	1,472
Continued Claims	41,377	-6,094	-4,514

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at laborstats@dol.ks.gov.

Learn the difference between not seasonally adjusted and seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

Procedures for producing Industrial Employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, e.g., nonfarm jobs, are available on the BLS website [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Household estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, e.g., labor force, is available on the BLS website [here](#).

For more information on the unemployment insurance program, including tax and claims data, refer to the [KDOL Unemployment Insurance Weekly Review](#).

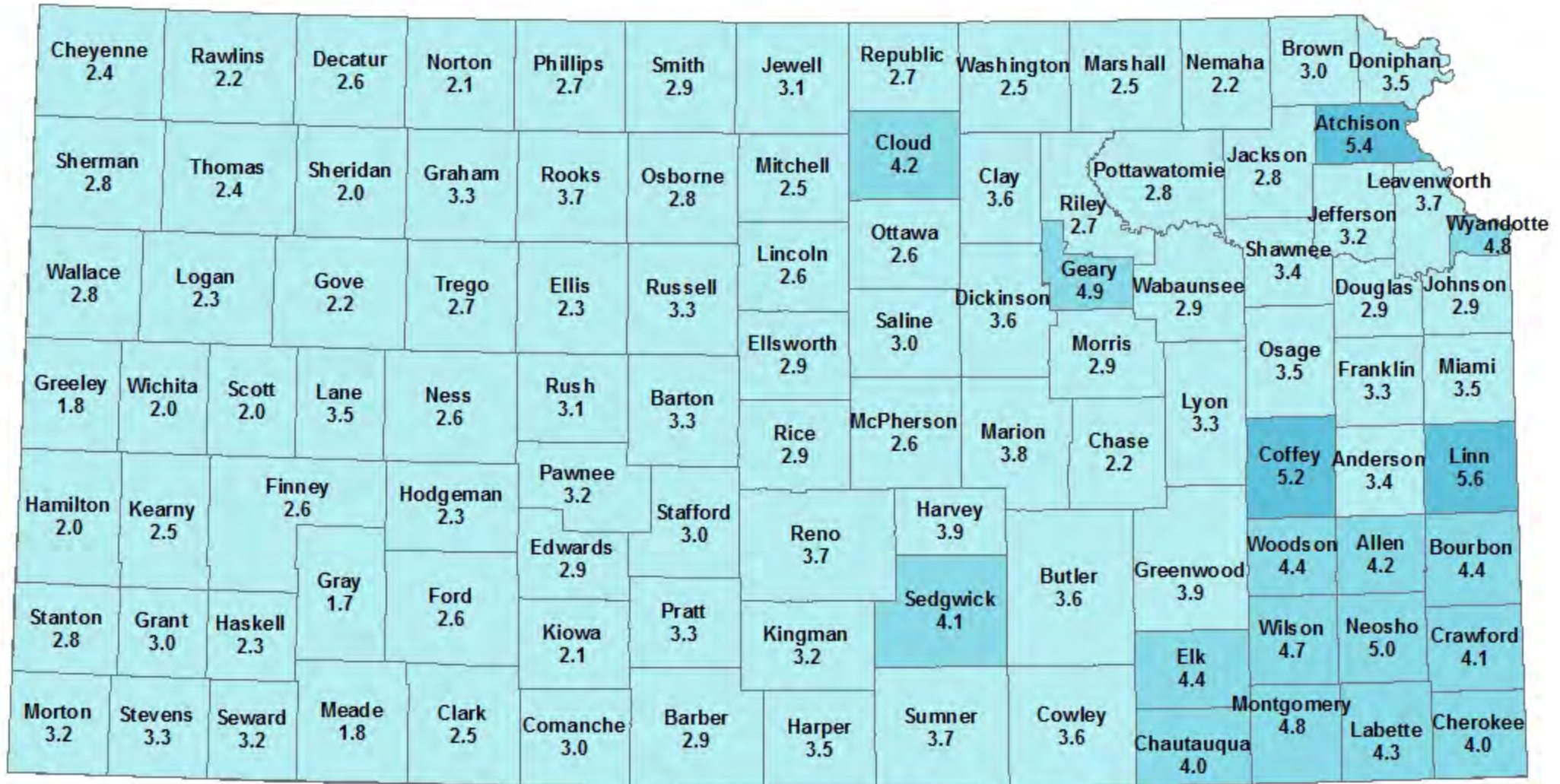
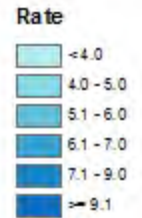
Complete Kansas labor market information for September is available [here](#).

The October 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 17.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

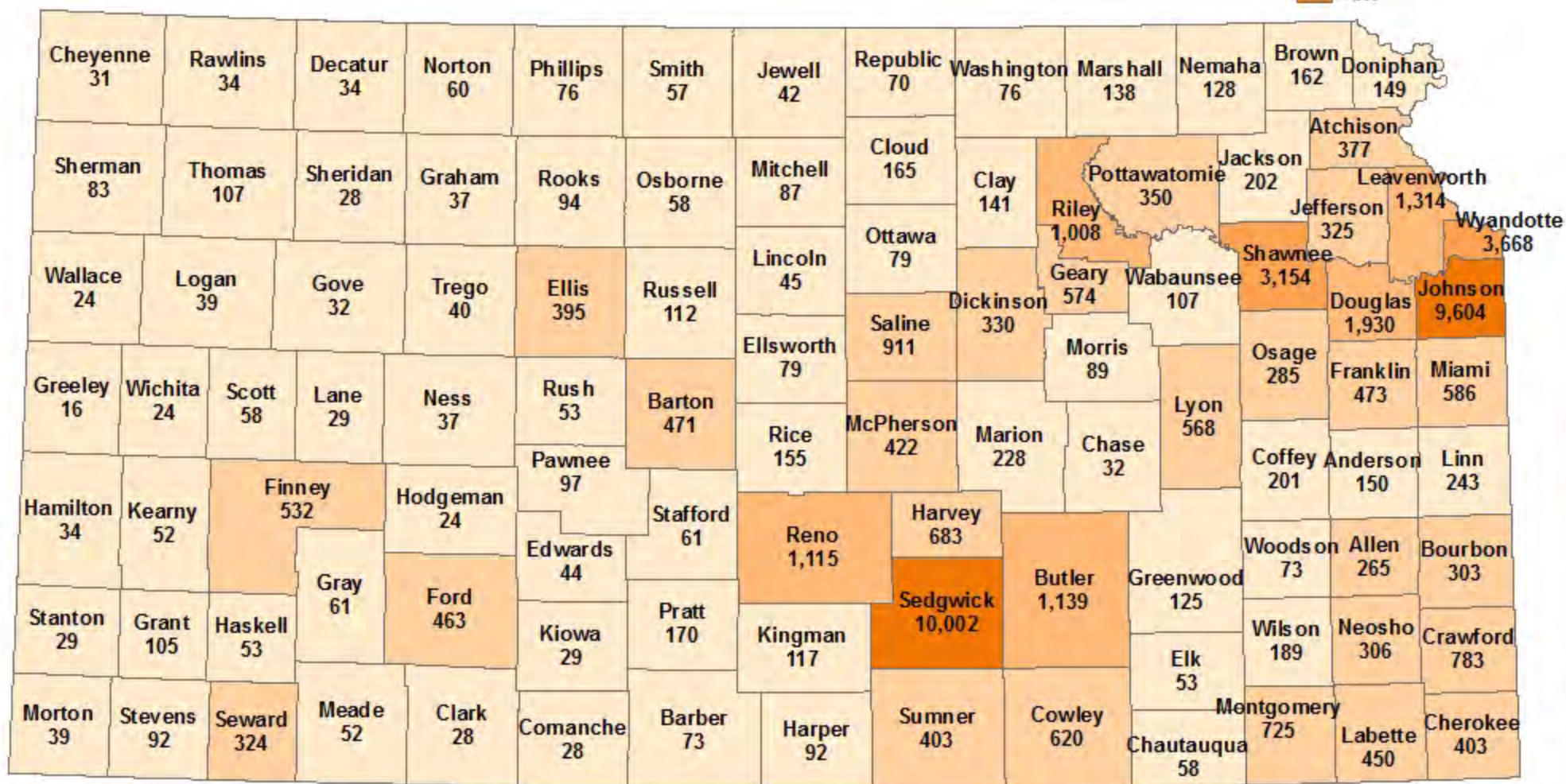
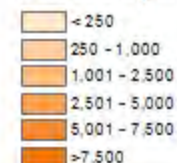
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SEPTEMBER 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



SEPTEMBER 2017 NUMBER OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED

Number of Unemployed Persons by County



Note: Unemployment data by county is only available not seasonally adjusted

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Created: October 2017

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	September 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	August 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	September 2016 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,487,403	1,430,631	56,772	3.8	3.9	4.3
Kansas	1,486,961	1,435,990	50,971	3.4	4.1	4.1
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	66,018	64,088	1,930	2.9	3.7	3.5
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	310,889	298,545	12,344	4.0	4.7	4.7
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	120,775	116,702	4,073	3.4	4.0	4.0
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	462,672	447,257	15,415	3.3	4.1	3.9
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	49,720	48,362	1,358	2.7	3.4	3.2
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	327,957	314,993	12,964	4.0	4.7	4.7
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	61,426	59,494	1,932	3.1	3.9	3.6
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	17,068	16,448	620	3.6	4.4	4.4
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	7,032	6,655	377	5.4	6.3	6.4
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	15,208	14,483	725	4.8	5.7	6.4
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	17,954	17,491	463	2.6	3.1	3.2
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	17,000	16,432	568	3.3	4.1	3.9
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,301	21,717	584	2.6	3.1	3.0
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	14,088	13,617	471	3.3	3.9	4.4
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	17,119	16,724	395	2.3	2.8	3.0
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	30,232	29,117	1,115	3.7	4.6	4.4
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,706	11,132	574	4.9	5.6	5.5
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	10,048	9,724	324	3.2	3.8	4.3
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,478	16,056	422	2.6	3.3	3.1
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	14,176	13,703	473	3.3	4.1	4.3
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,532	10,082	450	4.3	5.2	5.5
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	19,330	18,547	783	4.1	4.7	4.9
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	33,971	32,981	990	2.9	3.5	3.7
Allen County	6,358	6,093	265	4.2	5.4	5.6
Anderson County	4,383	4,233	150	3.4	4.1	4.0
Atchison County	7,032	6,655	377	5.4	6.3	6.4
Barber County	2,536	2,463	73	2.9	4.0	4.0
Barton County	14,088	13,617	471	3.3	3.9	4.4
Bourbon County	6,953	6,650	303	4.4	4.8	4.9
Brown County	5,443	5,281	162	3.0	3.5	3.7

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Area	Civilian Labor Force			September 2017	August 2017	September 2016
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Butler County	32,013	30,874	1,139	3.6	4.1	4.3
Chase County	1,451	1,419	32	2.2	2.6	3.6
Chautauqua County	1,449	1,391	58	4.0	5.5	5.6
Cherokee County	10,181	9,778	403	4.0	4.8	4.8
Cheyenne County	1,319	1,288	31	2.4	2.9	2.8
Clark County	1,135	1,107	28	2.5	2.4	2.7
Clay County	3,960	3,819	141	3.6	4.2	4.2
Cloud County	3,916	3,751	165	4.2	4.9	5.2
Coffey County	3,900	3,699	201	5.2	6.3	5.7
Comanche County	934	906	28	3.0	3.7	3.3
Cowley County	17,068	16,448	620	3.6	4.4	4.4
Crawford County	19,330	18,547	783	4.1	4.7	4.9
Decatur County	1,309	1,275	34	2.6	3.4	4.2
Dickinson County	9,267	8,937	330	3.6	3.9	4.2
Doniphan County	4,215	4,066	149	3.5	4.0	4.1
Douglas County	66,018	64,088	1,930	2.9	3.7	3.5
Edwards County	1,520	1,476	44	2.9	3.7	3.3
Elk County	1,202	1,149	53	4.4	6.1	5.0
Ellis County	17,119	16,724	395	2.3	2.8	3.0
Ellsworth County	2,727	2,648	79	2.9	3.6	4.3
Finney County	20,182	19,650	532	2.6	3.1	3.0
Ford County	17,954	17,491	463	2.6	3.1	3.2
Franklin County	14,176	13,703	473	3.3	4.1	4.3
Geary County	11,706	11,132	574	4.9	5.6	5.5
Gove County	1,423	1,391	32	2.2	2.8	2.6
Graham County	1,129	1,092	37	3.3	3.9	4.2
Grant County	3,537	3,432	105	3.0	3.4	3.6
Gray County	3,524	3,463	61	1.7	2.3	2.3
Greeley County	908	892	16	1.8	2.5	2.3
Greenwood County	3,242	3,117	125	3.9	4.9	5.0
Hamilton County	1,683	1,649	34	2.0	2.3	2.9
Harper County	2,648	2,556	92	3.5	4.5	4.0
Harvey County	17,327	16,644	683	3.9	6.3	4.2
Haskell County	2,275	2,222	53	2.3	2.6	2.5
Hodgeman County	1,022	998	24	2.3	2.5	2.5
Jackson County	7,242	7,040	202	2.8	3.2	3.3
Jefferson County	10,187	9,862	325	3.2	3.9	3.6
Jewell County	1,346	1,304	42	3.1	4.1	6.0
Johnson County	329,307	319,703	9,604	2.9	3.5	3.3
Kearny County	2,119	2,067	52	2.5	3.0	2.8
Kingman County	3,602	3,485	117	3.2	3.9	4.5
Kiowa County	1,380	1,351	29	2.1	2.8	2.6
Labette County	10,532	10,082	450	4.3	5.2	5.5
Lane County	821	792	29	3.5	4.4	3.0
Leavenworth County	35,590	34,276	1,314	3.7	4.5	4.2
Lincoln County	1,711	1,666	45	2.6	3.4	4.0
Linn County	4,361	4,118	243	5.6	6.5	6.5
Logan County	1,720	1,681	39	2.3	2.9	2.5
Lyon County	17,000	16,432	568	3.3	4.1	3.9

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McPherson County	16,478	16,056	422	2.6	3.3	3.1
Marion County	6,052	5,824	228	3.8	5.3	3.8
Marshall County	5,552	5,414	138	2.5	2.9	3.1
Meade County	2,842	2,790	52	1.8	2.2	2.6
Miami County	16,907	16,321	586	3.5	4.1	4.1
Mitchell County	3,495	3,408	87	2.5	3.0	4.7
Montgomery County	15,208	14,483	725	4.8	5.7	6.4
Morris County	3,030	2,941	89	2.9	3.4	3.6
Morton County	1,227	1,188	39	3.2	4.2	4.0
Nemaha County	5,710	5,582	128	2.2	2.6	2.6
Neosho County	6,072	5,766	306	5.0	6.0	7.3
Ness County	1,430	1,393	37	2.6	3.2	3.8
Norton County	2,856	2,796	60	2.1	2.7	2.4
Osage County	8,033	7,748	285	3.5	4.3	4.2
Osborne County	2,040	1,982	58	2.8	3.3	3.6
Ottawa County	3,097	3,018	79	2.6	3.5	3.8
Pawnee County	3,071	2,974	97	3.2	3.8	3.4
Phillips County	2,798	2,722	76	2.7	3.5	2.7
Pottawatomie County	12,456	12,106	350	2.8	3.4	3.3
Pratt County	5,122	4,952	170	3.3	3.8	4.5
Rawlins County	1,548	1,514	34	2.2	3.0	2.0
Reno County	30,232	29,117	1,115	3.7	4.6	4.4
Republic County	2,553	2,483	70	2.7	3.3	2.8
Rice County	5,273	5,118	155	2.9	3.9	4.2
Riley County	37,264	36,256	1,008	2.7	3.5	3.2
Rooks County	2,536	2,442	94	3.7	4.5	4.7
Rush County	1,705	1,652	53	3.1	3.4	4.2
Russell County	3,438	3,326	112	3.3	3.7	4.6
Saline County	30,874	29,963	911	3.0	3.5	3.6
Scott County	2,911	2,853	58	2.0	2.4	2.2
Sedgwick County	246,929	236,927	10,002	4.1	4.7	4.8
Seward County	10,048	9,724	324	3.2	3.8	4.3
Shawnee County	91,614	88,460	3,154	3.4	4.1	4.0
Sheridan County	1,412	1,384	28	2.0	2.4	2.3
Sherman County	2,985	2,902	83	2.8	3.2	3.5
Smith County	1,987	1,930	57	2.9	3.1	3.2
Stafford County	2,021	1,960	61	3.0	4.1	4.2
Stanton County	1,022	993	29	2.8	3.3	2.9
Stevens County	2,811	2,719	92	3.3	3.4	4.2
Sumner County	11,018	10,615	403	3.7	4.5	4.3
Thomas County	4,371	4,264	107	2.4	2.8	2.9
Trego County	1,472	1,432	40	2.7	3.6	3.8
Wabaunsee County	3,699	3,592	107	2.9	3.5	3.5
Wallace County	869	845	24	2.8	3.1	2.3
Washington County	3,004	2,928	76	2.5	3.2	3.3
Wichita County	1,211	1,187	24	2.0	3.0	2.1
Wilson County	4,045	3,856	189	4.7	5.1	6.1
Woodson County	1,646	1,573	73	4.4	4.8	6.4
Wyandotte County	76,507	72,839	3,668	4.8	6.3	5.7

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City of Dodge City	14,298	13,938	360	2.5	3.0	3.3
City of Emporia	12,638	12,208	430	3.4	4.1	4.1
City of Garden City	14,722	14,346	376	2.6	3.1	3.0
City of Hutchinson	19,179	18,448	731	3.8	4.8	4.8
City of Junction City	8,689	8,276	413	4.8	5.5	5.2
City of Kansas City	70,065	66,686	3,379	4.8	6.3	5.8
City of Lawrence	52,813	51,275	1,538	2.9	3.6	3.4
City of Leavenworth	13,915	13,307	608	4.4	4.9	4.6
City of Leawood	17,511	17,016	495	2.8	3.1	3.1
City of Lenexa	30,765	29,818	947	3.1	3.6	3.3
City of Manhattan	31,053	30,304	749	2.4	3.2	2.9
City of Olathe	76,649	74,525	2,124	2.8	3.4	3.1
City of Overland Park	106,620	103,418	3,202	3.0	3.6	3.4
City of Salina	26,225	25,432	793	3.0	3.6	3.7
City of Shawnee	36,075	35,041	1,034	2.9	3.7	3.6
City of Topeka	63,681	61,329	2,352	3.7	4.4	4.4
City of Wichita	187,498	179,585	7,913	4.2	4.9	5.0
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	30,914	30,166	748	2.4	3.2	2.9

*Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.*