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Labor Market Report January 2018

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 3.5 percent in January. This was unchanged from December and down from 3.9 percent in January 2017.

“Kansas starts the year at a low 3.5% unemployment rate,” said Secretary Lana Gordon. “The state's employers are looking to hire the 51,000 job seekers.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 200 from December. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 300 from the previous month.

“The number of nonfarm jobs in the state changed little from last month,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “Four of the five metropolitan areas reported positive job growth from December with Kansas City reporting the largest gain of 800 jobs.”

Since January 2017, Kansas gained 9,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 7,500 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	January	December	January	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,411.5	1,411.3	1,402.4	0.2	0.0%	9.1	0.6%
Total Private	1,154.8	1,154.5	1,147.3	0.3	0.0%	7.5	0.7%
Goods-Producing	230.0	229.3	228.7	0.7	0.3%	1.3	0.6%
Mining and Logging	6.8	6.7	6.7	0.1	1.5%	0.1	1.5%
Construction	60.1	60.1	61.6	0.0	0.0%	-1.5	-2.4%
Manufacturing	163.1	162.5	160.4	0.6	0.4%	2.7	1.7%
Service-Providing	1,181.5	1,182.0	1,173.7	-0.5	0.0%	7.8	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	267.2	268.9	268.1	-1.7	-0.6%	-0.9	-0.3%
Information	19.3	19.4	19.9	-0.1	-0.5%	-0.6	-3.0%
Financial Activities	77.7	77.8	78.7	-0.1	-0.1%	-1.0	-1.3%
Professional & Business Services	180.1	179.5	176.5	0.6	0.3%	3.6	2.0%
Education & Health Services	199.0	198.5	196.5	0.5	0.3%	2.5	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.6	131.2	128.1	0.4	0.3%	3.5	2.7%
Other Services	49.9	49.9	50.8	0.0	0.0%	-0.9	-1.8%
Government	256.7	256.8	255.1	-0.1	0.0%	1.6	0.6%

*Data in thousands.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for December downward by 5,500 jobs, from 1,416,800 to 1,411,300. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 6,700 jobs, from 1,161,200 to 1,154,500.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	<u>Current Level</u>	Over the Month	Over the Year
		<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	0.0	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,425,763	-464	2,738
Unemployed Individuals	51,031	-1,218	-6,345
Labor Force	1,476,794	-1,682	-3,607
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	0.5	-0.7
Employed Individuals	1,412,530	-14,680	1,367
Unemployed Individuals	50,994	6,256	-11,178
Labor Force	1,463,524	-8,424	-9,811
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.4%	-0.1	-0.4
Initial Claims	12,953	2,792	-2,187
Continued Claims	76,524	41,224	-6,821

ANNUAL REVISED DATA

LMIS, in conjunction with BLS, produces monthly job and labor force estimates using a variety of surveys conducted by BLS and the Census Bureau. Each March, the previous year's estimates are benchmarked and revised against actual counts from employers' tax reports and other data.

The benchmarked data is now available.

- Revised job numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=421>
- Revised labor force numbers: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=418>. (Note: Benchmarked 2015 and 2016 labor force data for sub-state areas will be released on March 23, 2018)

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at KDOL.laborstats@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 January is available [here](#).

The February 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 23.

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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Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	January 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	December 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	January 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,476,794	1,425,763	51,031	3.5	3.5	3.9
Kansas	1,463,524	1,412,530	50,994	3.5	3.0	4.2
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	63,870	61,955	1,915	3.0	2.6	3.6
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	304,255	292,604	11,651	3.8	3.5	4.7
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	119,318	114,950	4,368	3.7	3.1	4.4
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	466,681	450,020	16,661	3.6	3.0	4.1
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	44,184	42,917	1,267	2.9	2.5	3.4
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	321,008	308,812	12,196	3.8	3.5	4.6
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	55,431	53,634	1,797	3.2	2.8	3.9
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	16,753	16,208	545	3.3	3.0	4.2
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	6,974	6,617	357	5.1	4.0	6.1
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	14,459	13,831	628	4.3	4.0	6.2
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	17,402	16,996	406	2.3	2.3	3.2
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	16,603	15,975	628	3.8	3.2	4.6
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,267	21,770	497	2.2	2.1	2.8
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,943	13,465	478	3.4	3.1	4.7
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	16,744	16,347	397	2.4	2.1	2.9
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	29,455	28,357	1,098	3.7	3.4	4.5
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,247	10,717	530	4.7	4.3	5.6
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	9,434	9,143	291	3.1	2.8	4.0
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,128	15,744	384	2.4	2.3	3.0
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	14,171	13,579	592	4.2	3.1	4.9
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,143	9,753	390	3.8	3.7	5.3
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	18,972	18,175	797	4.2	3.5	4.9
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	33,576	32,580	996	3.0	2.6	3.9
Allen County	6,126	5,869	257	4.2	3.6	5.7
Anderson County	3,979	3,815	164	4.1	3.3	4.8
Atchison County	6,974	6,617	357	5.1	4.0	6.1
Barber County	2,427	2,369	58	2.4	2.2	3.4
Barton County	13,943	13,465	478	3.4	3.1	4.7
Bourbon County	6,749	6,418	331	4.9	3.9	5.2
Brown County	5,274	5,107	167	3.2	2.7	3.7

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Butler County	31,504	30,367	1,137	3.6	3.3	4.3
Chase County	1,408	1,365	43	3.1	2.3	3.4
Chautauqua County	1,414	1,354	60	4.2	3.7	5.6
Cherokee County	10,224	9,840	384	3.8	3.4	4.1
Cheyenne County	1,319	1,291	28	2.1	2.0	2.8
Clark County	1,087	1,059	28	2.6	2.6	2.4
Clay County	3,803	3,661	142	3.7	3.0	4.6
Cloud County	3,810	3,682	128	3.4	3.3	5.5
Coffey County	4,172	3,960	212	5.1	4.3	6.9
Comanche County	886	864	22	2.5	2.6	3.1
Cowley County	16,753	16,208	545	3.3	3.0	4.2
Crawford County	18,972	18,175	797	4.2	3.5	4.9
Decatur County	1,191	1,161	30	2.5	2.5	3.8
Dickinson County	9,186	8,838	348	3.8	3.1	4.8
Doniphan County	4,232	4,084	148	3.5	3.0	4.0
Douglas County	63,870	61,955	1,915	3.0	2.6	3.6
Edwards County	1,639	1,603	36	2.2	2.1	3.9
Elk County	1,194	1,155	39	3.3	2.7	4.7
Ellis County	16,744	16,347	397	2.4	2.1	2.9
Ellsworth County	2,517	2,445	72	2.9	2.4	4.0
Finney County	20,276	19,819	457	2.3	2.2	2.8
Ford County	17,402	16,996	406	2.3	2.3	3.2
Franklin County	14,171	13,579	592	4.2	3.1	4.9
Geary County	11,247	10,717	530	4.7	4.3	5.6
Gove County	1,438	1,405	33	2.3	2.1	2.4
Graham County	1,108	1,074	34	3.1	2.9	4.4
Grant County	3,415	3,325	90	2.6	2.6	3.8
Gray County	3,390	3,332	58	1.7	1.6	2.3
Greeley County	879	863	16	1.8	1.9	1.8
Greenwood County	3,144	3,016	128	4.1	3.5	5.3
Hamilton County	1,602	1,574	28	1.7	1.7	2.7
Harper County	2,686	2,605	81	3.0	2.8	4.3
Harvey County	16,765	16,207	558	3.3	3.4	4.0
Haskell County	2,173	2,131	42	1.9	1.9	2.3
Hodgeman County	962	940	22	2.3	2.4	2.7
Jackson County	7,165	6,923	242	3.4	2.5	4.0
Jefferson County	10,097	9,697	400	4.0	3.0	4.6
Jewell County	1,290	1,259	31	2.4	2.4	4.0
Johnson County	331,266	321,706	9,560	2.9	2.6	3.4
Kearny County	1,991	1,951	40	2.0	1.9	2.9
Kingman County	3,386	3,280	106	3.1	2.9	4.4
Kiowa County	1,358	1,330	28	2.1	1.8	3.3
Labette County	10,143	9,753	390	3.8	3.7	5.3
Lane County	769	747	22	2.9	2.6	3.2
Leavenworth County	36,212	34,648	1,564	4.3	3.3	4.8
Lincoln County	1,658	1,612	46	2.8	2.1	3.5
Linn County	4,381	4,088	293	6.7	5.3	7.4
Logan County	1,710	1,673	37	2.2	1.9	2.3
Lyon County	16,603	15,975	628	3.8	3.2	4.6

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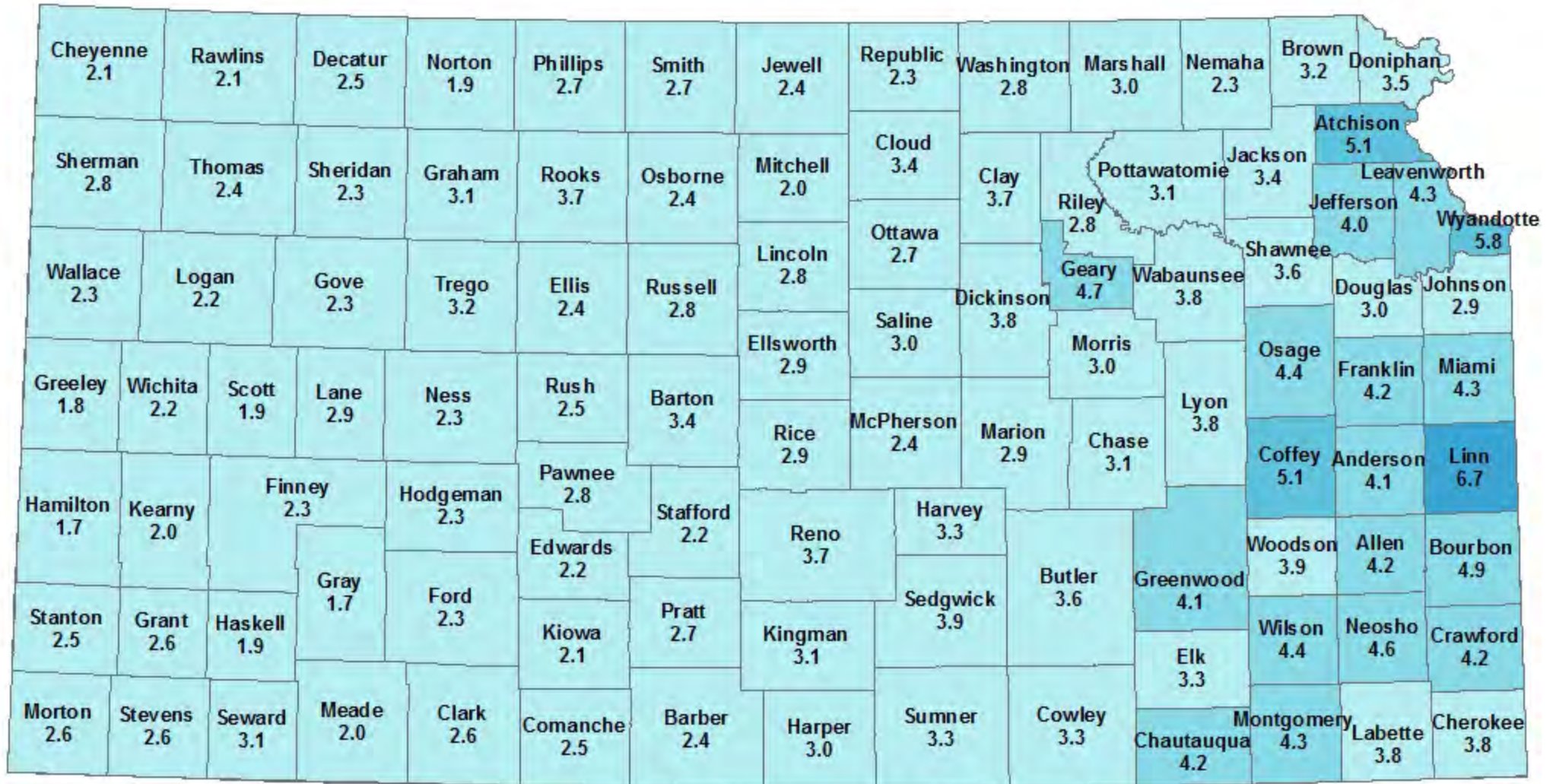
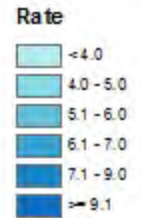
Area	Civilian Labor Force			January 2018	December 2017	January 2017
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
McPherson County	16,128	15,744	384	2.4	2.3	3.0
Marion County	6,368	6,184	184	2.9	2.9	3.8
Marshall County	5,442	5,281	161	3.0	2.5	3.7
Meade County	2,219	2,174	45	2.0	2.1	2.6
Miami County	17,243	16,506	737	4.3	3.2	4.8
Mitchell County	3,366	3,297	69	2.0	2.2	3.1
Montgomery County	14,459	13,831	628	4.3	4.0	6.2
Morris County	3,035	2,944	91	3.0	2.6	4.2
Morton County	1,172	1,141	31	2.6	2.7	4.4
Nemaha County	5,514	5,387	127	2.3	1.9	2.9
Neosho County	5,928	5,656	272	4.6	4.3	6.4
Ness County	1,333	1,302	31	2.3	2.3	3.7
Norton County	2,780	2,726	54	1.9	1.9	2.2
Osage County	7,957	7,609	348	4.4	3.4	5.2
Osborne County	1,970	1,922	48	2.4	2.2	3.4
Ottawa County	3,003	2,922	81	2.7	2.5	3.8
Pawnee County	2,948	2,866	82	2.8	2.6	3.6
Phillips County	2,818	2,743	75	2.7	2.6	3.5
Pottawatomie County	11,427	11,078	349	3.1	2.6	3.9
Pratt County	4,786	4,655	131	2.7	2.5	3.6
Rawlins County	1,430	1,400	30	2.1	2.1	2.4
Reno County	29,455	28,357	1,098	3.7	3.4	4.5
Republic County	2,371	2,316	55	2.3	2.1	3.3
Rice County	5,380	5,222	158	2.9	2.8	3.9
Riley County	32,757	31,839	918	2.8	2.4	3.3
Rooks County	2,475	2,384	91	3.7	3.1	4.9
Rush County	1,586	1,546	40	2.5	2.4	4.0
Russell County	3,469	3,372	97	2.8	2.7	4.1
Saline County	30,573	29,658	915	3.0	2.6	3.9
Scott County	2,802	2,748	54	1.9	1.8	2.6
Sedgwick County	241,987	232,491	9,496	3.9	3.6	4.8
Seward County	9,434	9,143	291	3.1	2.8	4.0
Shawnee County	90,462	87,224	3,238	3.6	3.1	4.4
Sheridan County	1,333	1,303	30	2.3	2.1	2.5
Sherman County	2,779	2,701	78	2.8	2.5	3.5
Smith County	1,972	1,918	54	2.7	2.3	3.4
Stafford County	1,965	1,922	43	2.2	2.2	4.2
Stanton County	954	930	24	2.5	2.4	2.5
Stevens County	2,549	2,483	66	2.6	2.5	3.4
Sumner County	10,613	10,259	354	3.3	3.2	4.4
Thomas County	4,185	4,085	100	2.4	2.2	2.8
Trego County	1,391	1,346	45	3.2	3.5	3.8
Wabaunsee County	3,637	3,497	140	3.8	2.9	4.3
Wallace County	814	795	19	2.3	2.2	2.5
Washington County	2,911	2,830	81	2.8	2.3	4.3
Wichita County	1,149	1,124	25	2.2	2.1	2.3
Wilson County	3,978	3,803	175	4.4	3.9	6.0
Woodson County	1,561	1,500	61	3.9	3.6	5.8
Wyandotte County	77,579	73,072	4,507	5.8	4.4	6.5

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City of Dodge City	13,882	13,542	340	2.4	2.3	3.3
City of Emporia	12,334	11,888	446	3.6	3.4	4.5
City of Garden City	14,822	14,485	337	2.3	2.1	3.0
City of Hutchinson	18,758	17,995	763	4.1	3.8	4.9
City of Junction City	8,523	8,143	380	4.5	3.9	5.6
City of Kansas City	70,965	66,888	4,077	5.7	4.4	6.5
City of Lawrence	51,180	49,745	1,435	2.8	2.5	3.4
City of Leavenworth	13,988	13,367	621	4.4	3.8	5.2
City of Leawood	17,386	16,990	396	2.3	2.4	2.9
City of Lenexa	30,916	30,019	897	2.9	2.8	3.4
City of Manhattan	27,354	26,662	692	2.5	2.2	2.9
City of Olathe	77,289	75,088	2,201	2.8	2.5	3.1
City of Overland Park	107,641	104,659	2,982	2.8	2.6	3.3
City of Salina	25,969	25,169	800	3.1	2.7	4.0
City of Shawnee	36,216	35,080	1,136	3.1	2.6	3.8
City of Topeka	62,861	60,451	2,410	3.8	3.3	4.7
City of Wichita	183,559	176,049	7,510	4.1	3.7	5.0
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	27,227	26,536	691	2.5	2.2	2.9

*Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services and the Bureau of Labor Statistics;
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)*

JANUARY 2018 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



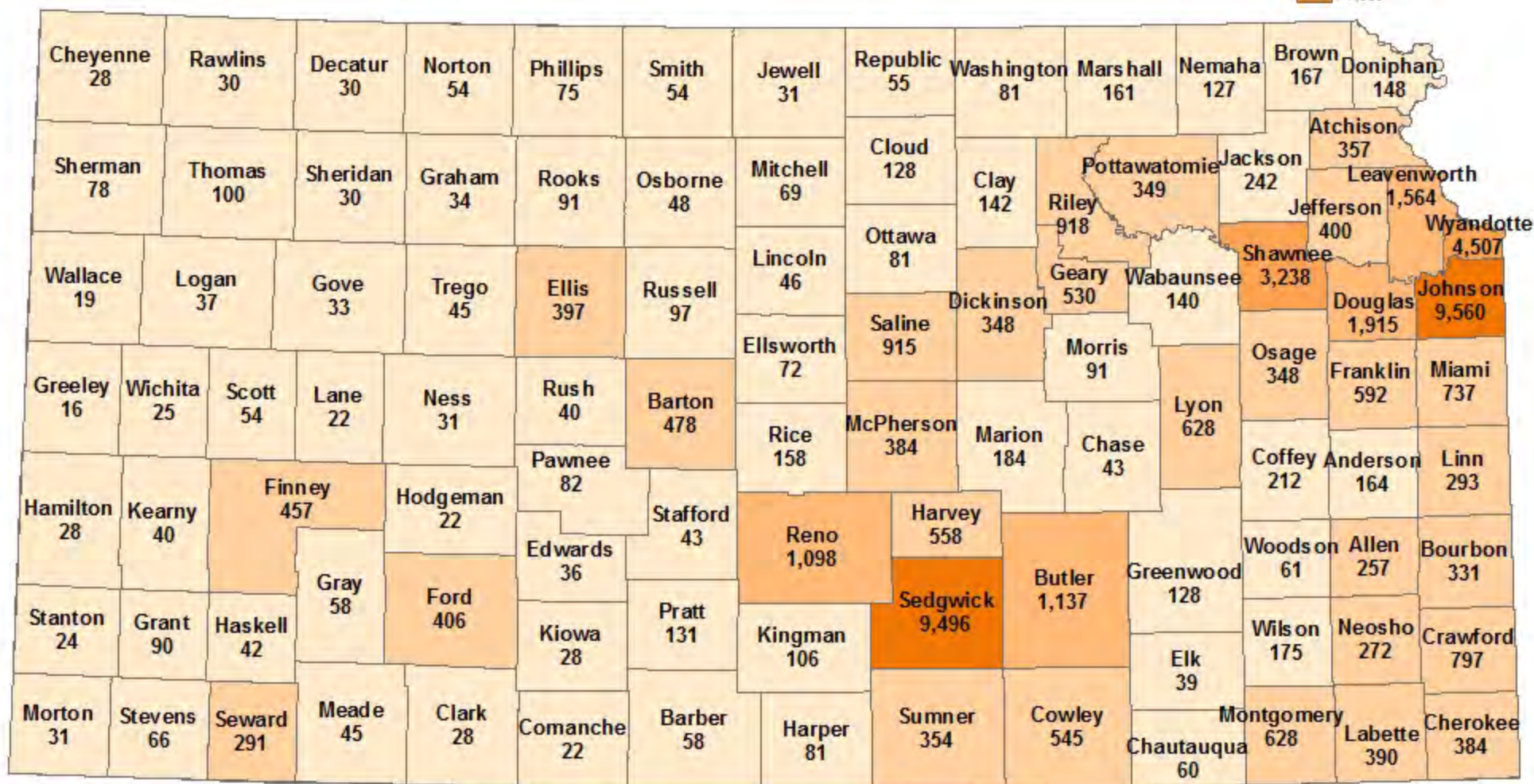
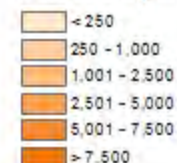
Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services and the Bureau of Labor Statistics; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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JANUARY 2018 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 and the Bureau of Labor Statistics; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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