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**Labor Market Report  
July 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 3.7 percent in July. This was unchanged from June and down from 4.2 percent in July 2016.

“The Kansas unemployment rate made significant improvements early this calendar year falling to the low level of 3.7 percent.” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon. “This month, the rate remains at 3.7 percent, the lowest rate since the fall of 2000.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,300 from June. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 1,200 from the previous month.

“Employers scheduled more hours for existing workers during the month compared to one year ago. This, along with an increase in hourly earnings contributed to a notable gain in average weekly earnings for July,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “The estimated changes in the number of jobs and the size of labor force were not significant this month.”

Since July 2016, Kansas lost 10,800 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 12,100 private sector jobs.

**INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT**

	July	June	July	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2017	2017	2016	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Total Nonfarm	1,401.1	1,399.8	1,411.9	1.3	0.1%	-10.8	-0.8%
Total Private	1,144.2	1,145.4	1,156.3	-1.2	-0.1%	-12.1	-1.0%
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	227.6	227.3	227.4	0.3	0.1%	0.2	0.1%
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.0	6.8	0.0	0.0%	0.2	2.9%
Construction	61.9	61.5	61.2	0.4	0.7%	0.7	1.1%
Manufacturing	158.7	158.8	159.4	-0.1	-0.1%	-0.7	-0.4%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	1,173.5	1,172.5	1,184.5	1.0	0.1%	-11.0	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	264.6	265.8	268.1	-1.2	-0.5%	-3.5	-1.3%
Information	19.1	19.3	20.7	-0.2	-1.0%	-1.6	-7.7%
Financial Activities	85.8	85.6	86.0	0.2	0.2%	-0.2	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	177.6	175.5	178.9	2.1	1.2%	-1.3	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	195.4	195.8	197.4	-0.4	-0.2%	-2.0	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	124.7	126.7	127.3	-2.0	-1.6%	-2.6	-2.0%
Other Services	49.4	49.4	50.5	0.0	0.0%	-1.1	-2.2%
Government	256.9	254.4	255.6	2.5	1.0%	1.3	0.5%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for June down by 3,600 jobs, from 1,403,400 to 1,399,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised down by 2,100 jobs, from 1,147,500 to 1,145,400.

## **HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT**

		<b>Over the Month</b>	<b>Over the Year</b>
	<b><u>Current Level</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
<b>Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	0.0	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,427,140	-1,186	9,195
Unemployed Individuals	55,595	1,007	-7,326
Labor Force	1,482,735	-179	1,869
<b>Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>			
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	0.3	-0.5
Employed Individuals	1,439,519	5,645	9,288
Unemployed Individuals	64,672	4,733	-7,968
Labor Force	1,504,191	10,378	1,320
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> (Seasonally Adj.)	66.8%	-0.1	-0.2
<b>Initial Claims</b>	8,636	-552	-3,748
<b>Continued Claims</b>	55,960	10,884	-1,717

## **HELPFUL LINKS**

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at [laborstats@dol.ks.gov](mailto: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 July is available [here](#).

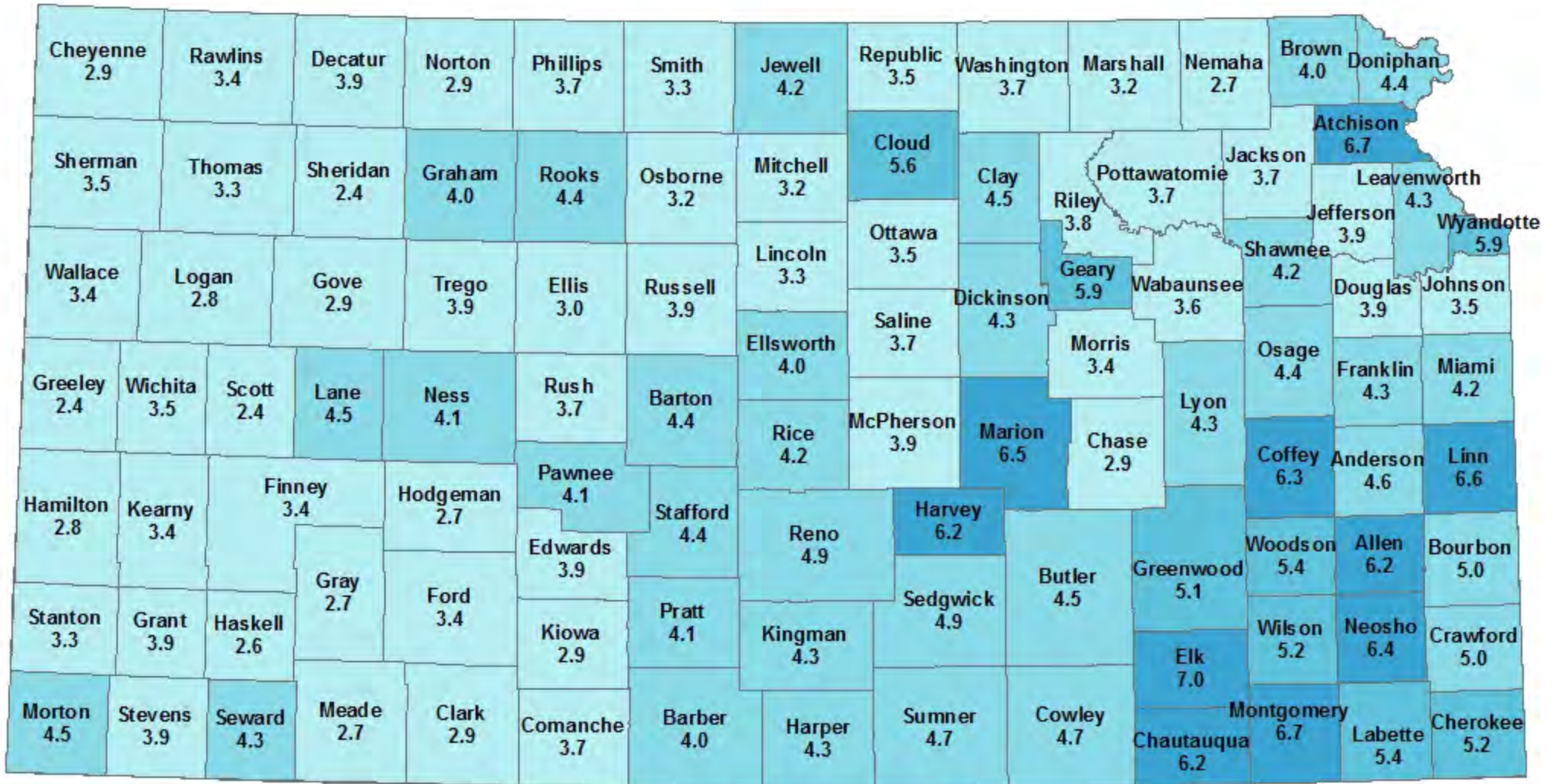
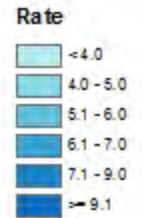
The August 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, September 15.

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*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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# JULY 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



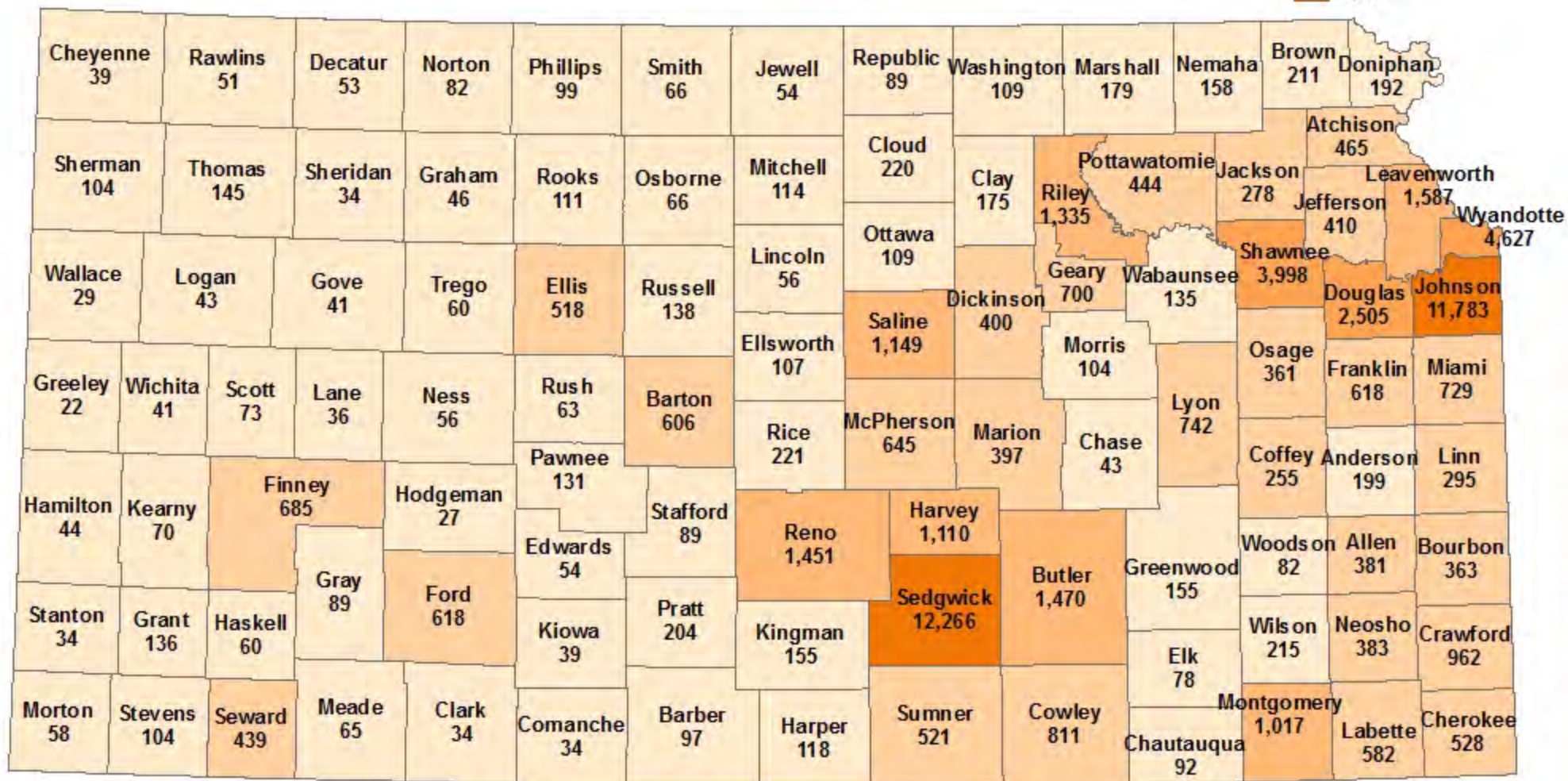
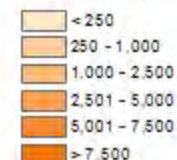
Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

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

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# JULY 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)

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**Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)**

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	July 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	June 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	July 2016 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,482,735	1,427,140	55,595	3.7	3.7	4.2
Kansas	1,504,191	1,439,519	64,672	4.3	4.0	4.8
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	64,603	62,098	2,505	3.9	3.7	4.4
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	316,341	300,819	15,522	4.9	4.5	5.4
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	124,595	119,413	5,182	4.2	3.9	4.5
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	474,727	455,706	19,021	4.0	3.8	4.4
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	47,461	45,682	1,779	3.7	3.4	4.2
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	333,650	317,317	16,333	4.9	4.5	5.4
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	59,354	56,875	2,479	4.2	3.8	4.7
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	17,309	16,498	811	4.7	4.4	5.5
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	6,938	6,473	465	6.7	6.2	8.0
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	15,113	14,096	1,017	6.7	6.0	7.9
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	18,392	17,774	618	3.4	3.1	3.7
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	17,159	16,417	742	4.3	4.1	4.6
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,501	21,746	755	3.4	3.1	3.7
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,828	13,222	606	4.4	4.1	5.3
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	17,045	16,527	518	3.0	2.9	3.7
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	29,734	28,283	1,451	4.9	4.3	5.4
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,893	11,193	700	5.9	5.7	6.8
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	10,190	9,751	439	4.3	4.2	5.2
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,462	15,817	645	3.9	3.2	4.4
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	14,472	13,854	618	4.3	4.0	4.9
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,713	10,131	582	5.4	5.1	6.6
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	19,200	18,238	962	5.0	4.6	5.7
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	34,535	33,277	1,258	3.6	3.8	4.3
Allen County	6,134	5,753	381	6.2	6.4	7.3
Anderson County	4,314	4,115	199	4.6	4.6	5.1
Atchison County	6,938	6,473	465	6.7	6.2	8.0

## Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force			July 2017	June 2017	July 2016
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Barber County	2,404	2,307	97	4.0	3.4	4.9
Barton County	13,828	13,222	606	4.4	4.1	5.3
Bourbon County	7,228	6,865	363	5.0	4.8	6.0
Brown County	5,225	5,014	211	4.0	4.1	4.4
Butler County	32,565	31,095	1,470	4.5	4.2	5.0
Chase County	1,485	1,442	43	2.9	2.9	3.9
Chautauqua County	1,487	1,395	92	6.2	4.9	6.6
Cherokee County	10,206	9,678	528	5.2	4.6	5.4
Cheyenne County	1,325	1,286	39	2.9	2.7	3.7
Clark County	1,170	1,136	34	2.9	2.6	3.5
Clay County	3,888	3,713	175	4.5	4.3	5.3
Cloud County	3,944	3,724	220	5.6	5.0	6.0
Coffey County	4,028	3,773	255	6.3	5.8	7.5
Comanche County	930	896	34	3.7	3.4	3.9
Cowley County	17,309	16,498	811	4.7	4.4	5.5
Crawford County	19,200	18,238	962	5.0	4.6	5.7
Decatur County	1,373	1,320	53	3.9	3.7	4.6
Dickinson County	9,309	8,909	400	4.3	4.9	4.8
Doniphan County	4,353	4,161	192	4.4	4.2	4.7
Douglas County	64,603	62,098	2,505	3.9	3.7	4.4
Edwards County	1,372	1,318	54	3.9	3.8	4.1
Elk County	1,107	1,029	78	7.0	5.6	7.4
Ellis County	17,045	16,527	518	3.0	2.9	3.7
Ellsworth County	2,667	2,560	107	4.0	3.6	4.6
Finney County	20,445	19,760	685	3.4	3.2	3.7
Ford County	18,392	17,774	618	3.4	3.1	3.7
Franklin County	14,472	13,854	618	4.3	4.0	4.9
Geary County	11,893	11,193	700	5.9	5.7	6.8
Gove County	1,400	1,359	41	2.9	2.5	3.1
Graham County	1,158	1,112	46	4.0	4.0	5.6
Grant County	3,522	3,386	136	3.9	3.6	4.4
Gray County	3,245	3,156	89	2.7	2.3	2.8
Greeley County	903	881	22	2.4	2.1	3.0
Greenwood County	3,063	2,908	155	5.1	4.8	5.8
Hamilton County	1,570	1,526	44	2.8	2.6	3.6
Harper County	2,722	2,604	118	4.3	4.0	4.5
Harvey County	17,854	16,744	1,110	6.2	3.8	6.4
Haskell County	2,269	2,209	60	2.6	2.5	3.1
Hodgeman County	1,013	986	27	2.7	2.8	3.5
Jackson County	7,473	7,195	278	3.7	3.7	4.1
Jefferson County	10,471	10,061	410	3.9	3.7	4.2
Jewell County	1,275	1,221	54	4.2	3.9	7.4
Johnson County	337,461	325,678	11,783	3.5	3.3	3.8
Kearny County	2,056	1,986	70	3.4	2.9	3.8
Kingman County	3,633	3,478	155	4.3	4.1	5.0

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Kiowa County	1,335	1,296	39	2.9	2.6	3.6
Labette County	10,713	10,131	582	5.4	5.1	6.6
Lane County	807	771	36	4.5	4.2	4.1
Leavenworth County	36,528	34,941	1,587	4.3	4.1	4.8
Lincoln County	1,689	1,633	56	3.3	3.3	4.7
Linn County	4,461	4,166	295	6.6	6.4	7.1
Logan County	1,526	1,483	43	2.8	2.7	3.5
Lyon County	17,159	16,417	742	4.3	4.1	4.6
McPherson County	16,462	15,817	645	3.9	3.2	4.4
Marion County	6,087	5,690	397	6.5	4.1	6.3
Marshall County	5,539	5,360	179	3.2	3.1	3.6
Meade County	2,369	2,304	65	2.7	2.7	3.0
Miami County	17,353	16,624	729	4.2	3.9	4.7
Mitchell County	3,554	3,440	114	3.2	3.1	5.7
Montgomery County	15,113	14,096	1,017	6.7	6.0	7.9
Morris County	3,064	2,960	104	3.4	3.1	4.3
Morton County	1,288	1,230	58	4.5	4.2	4.8
Nemaha County	5,899	5,741	158	2.7	2.6	3.4
Neosho County	6,020	5,637	383	6.4	6.1	8.9
Ness County	1,376	1,320	56	4.1	3.3	4.6
Norton County	2,851	2,769	82	2.9	2.8	3.0
Osage County	8,245	7,884	361	4.4	4.3	4.7
Osborne County	2,049	1,983	66	3.2	3.0	4.7
Ottawa County	3,109	3,000	109	3.5	3.3	4.7
Pawnee County	3,168	3,037	131	4.1	3.8	4.2
Phillips County	2,698	2,599	99	3.7	3.2	4.0
Pottawatomie County	11,877	11,433	444	3.7	3.4	4.2
Pratt County	4,941	4,737	204	4.1	3.7	5.1
Rawlins County	1,481	1,430	51	3.4	2.6	3.1
Reno County	29,734	28,283	1,451	4.9	4.3	5.4
Republic County	2,535	2,446	89	3.5	3.0	3.3
Rice County	5,250	5,029	221	4.2	4.1	5.0
Riley County	35,584	34,249	1,335	3.8	3.4	4.2
Rooks County	2,543	2,432	111	4.4	4.4	6.0
Rush County	1,685	1,622	63	3.7	3.5	5.0
Russell County	3,551	3,413	138	3.9	3.7	5.2
Saline County	31,426	30,277	1,149	3.7	3.9	4.2
Scott County	2,983	2,910	73	2.4	2.3	3.1
Sedgwick County	251,096	238,830	12,266	4.9	4.6	5.4
Seward County	10,190	9,751	439	4.3	4.2	5.2
Shawnee County	94,614	90,616	3,998	4.2	4.0	4.5
Sheridan County	1,397	1,363	34	2.4	2.5	3.3
Sherman County	2,985	2,881	104	3.5	3.3	3.8
Smith County	1,971	1,905	66	3.3	3.1	4.1
Stafford County	2,007	1,918	89	4.4	3.9	5.6

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Area	Civilian Labor Force			July 2017	June 2017	July 2016
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Stanton County	1,046	1,012	34	3.3	2.9	3.3
Stevens County	2,667	2,563	104	3.9	3.8	4.9
Sumner County	11,193	10,672	521	4.7	4.3	5.1
Thomas County	4,384	4,239	145	3.3	3.1	3.5
Trego County	1,529	1,469	60	3.9	3.4	4.3
Wabaunsee County	3,792	3,657	135	3.6	3.3	4.1
Wallace County	851	822	29	3.4	3.1	3.4
Washington County	2,976	2,867	109	3.7	3.6	4.2
Wichita County	1,188	1,147	41	3.5	3.0	3.1
Wilson County	4,097	3,882	215	5.2	4.8	8.1
Woodson County	1,506	1,424	82	5.4	5.2	7.3
Wyandotte County	78,924	74,297	4,627	5.9	5.3	6.7
City of Dodge City	14,654	14,164	490	3.3	3.2	3.8
City of Emporia	12,728	12,197	531	4.2	4.2	4.5
City of Garden City	14,928	14,426	502	3.4	3.3	3.7
City of Hutchinson	18,872	17,920	952	5.0	4.5	5.6
City of Junction City	8,829	8,322	507	5.7	5.6	6.7
City of Kansas City	72,325	68,021	4,304	6.0	5.3	6.8
City of Lawrence	51,714	49,683	2,031	3.9	3.7	4.5
City of Leavenworth	14,291	13,565	726	5.1	4.8	5.7
City of Leawood	17,937	17,334	603	3.4	3.2	3.5
City of Lenexa	31,523	30,375	1,148	3.6	3.5	3.7
City of Manhattan	29,657	28,626	1,031	3.5	3.2	3.9
City of Olathe	78,529	75,917	2,612	3.3	3.2	3.7
City of Overland Park	109,233	105,351	3,882	3.6	3.4	3.9
City of Salina	26,700	25,699	1,001	3.7	4.0	4.4
City of Shawnee	37,045	35,695	1,350	3.6	3.5	4.0
City of Topeka	65,808	62,824	2,984	4.5	4.2	4.9
City of Wichita	190,641	181,028	9,613	5.0	4.8	5.7
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	29,526	28,496	1,030	3.5	3.2	3.9

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
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