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Labor Market Report March 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 3.4 percent in March. This was unchanged from February and down from 3.7 percent in March 2017.

"Kansas employers added jobs in March," said Secretary Lana Gordon. "This is the tenth consecutive month of job growth, which is good news for Kansas."

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 2,100 from February. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 2,200 from the previous month.

"The survey of Kansas employers this month reported an increase in three key areas. These are the number of jobs, the number of average weekly hours worked, and real hourly earnings compared to one year ago," said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. "This indicates employers are demonstrating a stronger demand for labor compared to last year at this time."

Since March 2017, Kansas gained 10,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 9,400 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	March	February	March	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,416.3	1,414.2	1,405.6	2.1	0.1%	10.7	0.8%
Total Private	1,159.1	1,156.9	1,149.7	2.2	0.2%	9.4	0.8%
Goods-Producing	229.1	228.6	229.2	0.5	0.2%	-0.1	0.0%
Mining and Logging	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	0.0%	0.1	1.4%
Construction	59.1	59.0	61.6	0.1	0.2%	-2.5	-4.1%
Manufacturing	163.0	162.6	160.7	0.4	0.2%	2.3	1.4%
Service-Providing	1,187.2	1,185.6	1,176.4	1.6	0.1%	10.8	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	269.7	268.6	267.8	1.1	0.4%	1.9	0.7%
Information	19.3	19.0	19.7	0.3	1.6%	-0.4	-2.0%
Financial Activities	78.8	78.1	78.4	0.7	0.9%	0.4	0.5%
Professional & Business Services	182.9	181.9	176.8	1.0	0.5%	6.1	3.5%
Education & Health Services	198.6	198.7	197.3	-0.1	-0.1%	1.3	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	130.2	131.2	129.7	-1.0	-0.8%	0.5	0.4%
Other Services	50.5	50.8	50.8	-0.3	-0.6%	-0.3	-0.6%
Government	257.2	257.3	255.9	-0.1	0.0%	1.3	0.5%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for February upward by 1,200 jobs, from 1,413,000 to 1,414,200. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,300 jobs, from 1,155,600 to 1,156,900.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	Current Level	Over the Month	Over the Year
		Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	0.0	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,425,233	-402	1,444
Unemployed Individuals	50,085	-408	-4,547
Labor Force	1,475,318	-810	-3,103
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.2	-0.3
Employed Individuals	1,417,876	-1,241	-1,581
Unemployed Individuals	50,528	-2,533	-4,321
Labor Force	1,468,404	-3,774	-5,902
Labor Force Participation Rate (Seasonally Adj.)	66.3%	-0.1	-0.4
Initial Claims	7,154	-757	-4,738
Continued Claims	47,131	-8,310	-8,985

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 March is available [here](#).

The April 2018 Labor Report will be released on Friday, May 18.

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	March 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	February 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	March 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,475,318	1,425,233	50,085	3.4	3.4	3.7
Kansas	1,468,404	1,417,876	50,528	3.4	3.6	3.7
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	65,899	63,858	2,041	3.1	3.2	3.1
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	304,301	292,563	11,738	3.9	4.1	4.2
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	118,683	114,574	4,109	3.5	3.8	3.7
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	465,578	449,979	15,599	3.4	3.6	3.7
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	48,104	46,762	1,342	2.8	2.8	2.9
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	321,213	308,908	12,305	3.8	4.0	4.1
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	59,643	57,729	1,914	3.2	3.3	3.4
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	16,912	16,345	567	3.4	3.4	3.9
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	6,959	6,649	310	4.5	5.2	5.2
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	14,322	13,684	638	4.5	4.8	5.4
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	17,422	16,984	438	2.5	2.5	2.9
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	16,742	16,131	611	3.6	4.0	4.1
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,209	21,658	551	2.5	2.5	2.7
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,967	13,507	460	3.3	3.6	3.6
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	16,761	16,338	423	2.5	2.6	2.6
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	29,671	28,541	1,130	3.8	3.9	3.9
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,539	10,967	572	5.0	5.0	5.2
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	9,471	9,157	314	3.3	3.4	3.7
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,318	15,889	429	2.6	2.6	2.6
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	14,157	13,646	511	3.6	4.1	4.0
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,195	9,773	422	4.1	4.4	4.7
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	19,081	18,330	751	3.9	4.3	4.1
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	33,570	32,512	1,058	3.2	3.2	3.3
Allen County	6,429	6,006	423	6.6	4.3	5.1
Anderson County	3,986	3,832	154	3.9	3.6	4.2
Atchison County	6,959	6,649	310	4.5	5.2	5.2
Barber County	2,400	2,338	62	2.6	2.6	2.7
Barton County	13,967	13,507	460	3.3	3.6	3.6
Bourbon County	6,793	6,473	320	4.7	4.8	4.6
Brown County	5,261	5,091	170	3.2	3.4	3.3

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Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	March 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	February 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	March 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)
Butler County	31,483	30,347	1,136	3.6	3.9	3.8
Chase County	1,394	1,353	41	2.9	2.9	3.0
Chautauqua County	1,413	1,350	63	4.5	4.8	4.4
Cherokee County	10,253	9,890	363	3.5	3.9	3.6
Cheyenne County	1,299	1,270	29	2.2	2.1	2.9
Clark County	1,073	1,045	28	2.6	2.9	2.6
Clay County	3,742	3,617	125	3.3	3.6	3.9
Cloud County	3,812	3,674	138	3.6	3.6	4.8
Coffey County	4,256	4,062	194	4.6	4.9	5.4
Comanche County	884	863	21	2.4	2.3	2.5
Cowley County	16,912	16,345	567	3.4	3.4	3.9
Crawford County	19,081	18,330	751	3.9	4.3	4.1
Decatur County	1,196	1,161	35	2.9	3.0	3.1
Dickinson County	9,182	8,815	367	4.0	3.8	4.1
Doniphan County	4,242	4,083	159	3.7	3.9	3.3
Douglas County	65,899	63,858	2,041	3.1	3.2	3.1
Edwards County	1,510	1,473	37	2.5	2.2	3.3
Elk County	1,199	1,158	41	3.4	3.8	4.0
Ellis County	16,761	16,338	423	2.5	2.6	2.6
Ellsworth County	2,486	2,413	73	2.9	2.9	3.2
Finney County	20,207	19,707	500	2.5	2.5	2.7
Ford County	17,422	16,984	438	2.5	2.5	2.9
Franklin County	14,157	13,646	511	3.6	4.1	4.0
Geary County	11,539	10,967	572	5.0	5.0	5.2
Gove County	1,417	1,386	31	2.2	2.1	2.3
Graham County	1,106	1,072	34	3.1	3.0	4.1
Grant County	3,419	3,319	100	2.9	2.8	3.2
Gray County	3,375	3,309	66	2.0	1.9	2.1
Greeley County	870	851	19	2.2	2.0	1.8
Greenwood County	3,116	2,997	119	3.8	3.8	4.3
Hamilton County	1,578	1,547	31	2.0	1.6	2.6
Harper County	2,669	2,591	78	2.9	3.1	3.9
Harvey County	16,762	16,199	563	3.4	3.5	3.5
Haskell County	2,128	2,082	46	2.2	2.1	2.2
Hodgeman County	948	922	26	2.7	2.7	2.4
Jackson County	7,106	6,891	215	3.0	3.7	3.2
Jefferson County	10,008	9,667	341	3.4	3.9	3.9
Jewell County	1,275	1,241	34	2.7	2.6	4.6
Johnson County	331,423	321,822	9,601	2.9	3.0	3.1
Kearny County	2,002	1,951	51	2.5	2.3	2.5
Kingman County	3,384	3,269	115	3.4	3.5	3.9
Kiowa County	1,335	1,303	32	2.4	2.6	2.9
Labette County	10,195	9,773	422	4.1	4.4	4.7
Lane County	752	730	22	2.9	2.7	3.7
Leavenworth County	35,959	34,603	1,356	3.8	4.1	4.2
Lincoln County	1,635	1,591	44	2.7	3.0	2.9
Linn County	4,349	4,095	254	5.8	7.0	6.1
Logan County	1,747	1,707	40	2.3	2.1	1.9
Lyon County	16,742	16,131	611	3.6	4.0	4.1

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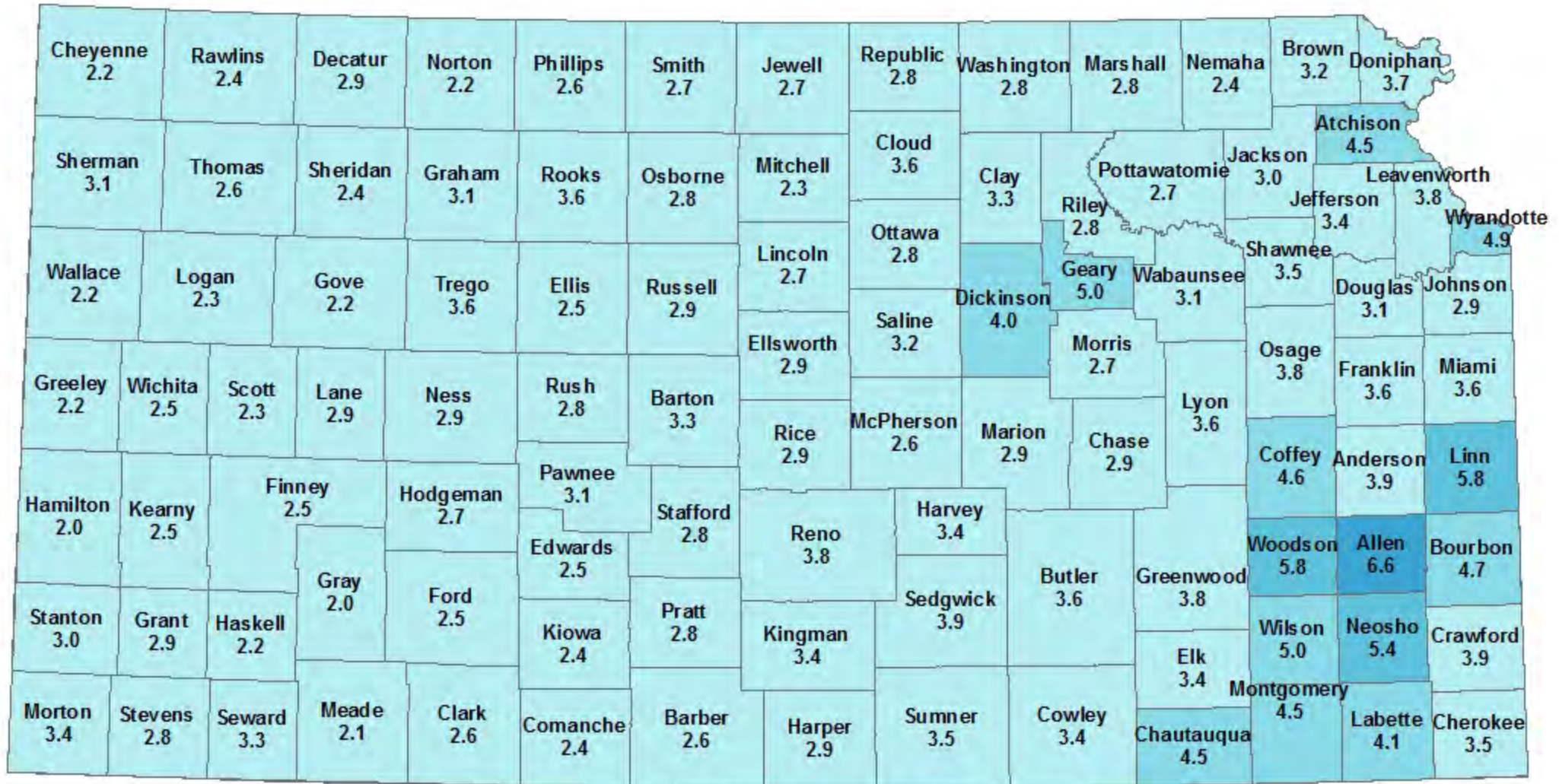
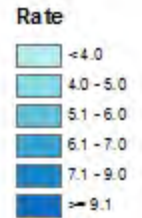
Area	Civilian Labor Force			March 2018	February 2018	March 2017
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
McPherson County	16,318	15,889	429	2.6	2.6	2.6
Marion County	6,354	6,167	187	2.9	3.0	3.3
Marshall County	5,412	5,258	154	2.8	3.0	2.9
Meade County	2,280	2,233	47	2.1	2.0	2.5
Miami County	17,123	16,500	623	3.6	4.3	4.0
Mitchell County	3,342	3,266	76	2.3	2.2	3.8
Montgomery County	14,322	13,684	638	4.5	4.8	5.4
Morris County	3,026	2,944	82	2.7	2.8	3.4
Morton County	1,163	1,123	40	3.4	3.0	4.0
Nemaha County	5,436	5,304	132	2.4	2.4	2.4
Neosho County	5,998	5,676	322	5.4	4.9	5.4
Ness County	1,321	1,283	38	2.9	2.5	2.9
Norton County	2,759	2,699	60	2.2	2.1	2.2
Osage County	7,902	7,604	298	3.8	4.4	4.2
Osborne County	1,959	1,905	54	2.8	2.9	3.0
Ottawa County	2,993	2,908	85	2.8	3.0	3.4
Pawnee County	2,922	2,832	90	3.1	3.2	3.6
Phillips County	2,794	2,722	72	2.6	2.8	3.0
Pottawatomie County	12,382	12,048	334	2.7	2.9	3.1
Pratt County	4,776	4,644	132	2.8	2.8	3.3
Rawlins County	1,419	1,385	34	2.4	2.1	2.0
Reno County	29,671	28,541	1,130	3.8	3.9	3.9
Republic County	2,364	2,298	66	2.8	2.5	3.0
Rice County	5,333	5,176	157	2.9	2.9	3.1
Riley County	35,722	34,714	1,008	2.8	2.8	2.9
Rooks County	2,446	2,359	87	3.6	3.6	4.0
Rush County	1,566	1,522	44	2.8	2.6	3.3
Russell County	3,441	3,340	101	2.9	3.0	3.5
Saline County	30,577	29,604	973	3.2	3.3	3.3
Scott County	2,769	2,706	63	2.3	2.0	2.3
Sedgwick County	242,078	232,524	9,554	3.9	4.2	4.3
Seward County	9,471	9,157	314	3.3	3.4	3.7
Shawnee County	90,093	86,950	3,143	3.5	3.8	3.7
Sheridan County	1,314	1,282	32	2.4	2.6	2.3
Sherman County	2,768	2,683	85	3.1	3.0	2.9
Smith County	1,937	1,884	53	2.7	2.7	3.1
Stafford County	1,954	1,900	54	2.8	2.7	3.5
Stanton County	947	919	28	3.0	2.7	2.9
Stevens County	2,497	2,426	71	2.8	2.7	3.4
Sumner County	10,594	10,224	370	3.5	3.7	3.7
Thomas County	4,172	4,062	110	2.6	2.7	2.6
Trego County	1,397	1,347	50	3.6	3.7	3.6
Wabaunsee County	3,574	3,462	112	3.1	3.7	3.2
Wallace County	848	829	19	2.2	2.2	2.5
Washington County	2,879	2,797	82	2.8	3.2	3.2
Wichita County	1,123	1,095	28	2.5	2.4	2.6
Wilson County	4,026	3,823	203	5.0	4.9	4.9
Woodson County	1,616	1,522	94	5.8	4.3	4.3
Wyandotte County	76,724	72,959	3,765	4.9	5.4	5.8

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City of Dodge City	13,893	13,533	360	2.6	2.6	2.9
City of Emporia	12,450	12,004	446	3.6	3.9	4.1
City of Garden City	14,761	14,403	358	2.4	2.5	2.8
City of Hutchinson	18,855	18,112	743	3.9	4.2	4.2
City of Junction City	8,752	8,333	419	4.8	4.8	5.1
City of Kansas City	70,163	66,784	3,379	4.8	5.4	5.8
City of Lawrence	52,838	51,272	1,566	3.0	3.1	3.1
City of Leavenworth	13,944	13,350	594	4.3	4.4	4.7
City of Leawood	17,433	16,996	437	2.5	2.5	2.6
City of Lenexa	30,943	30,030	913	3.0	3.1	3.0
City of Manhattan	29,808	29,070	738	2.5	2.5	2.6
City of Olathe	77,306	75,115	2,191	2.8	2.9	3.0
City of Overland Park	107,742	104,697	3,045	2.8	2.8	3.1
City of Salina	25,988	25,123	865	3.3	3.4	3.4
City of Shawnee	36,240	35,093	1,147	3.2	3.1	3.3
City of Topeka	62,613	60,261	2,352	3.8	4.1	4.0
City of Wichita	183,523	176,074	7,449	4.1	4.3	4.4
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	29,670	28,933	737	2.5	2.5	2.6

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

MARCH 2018 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



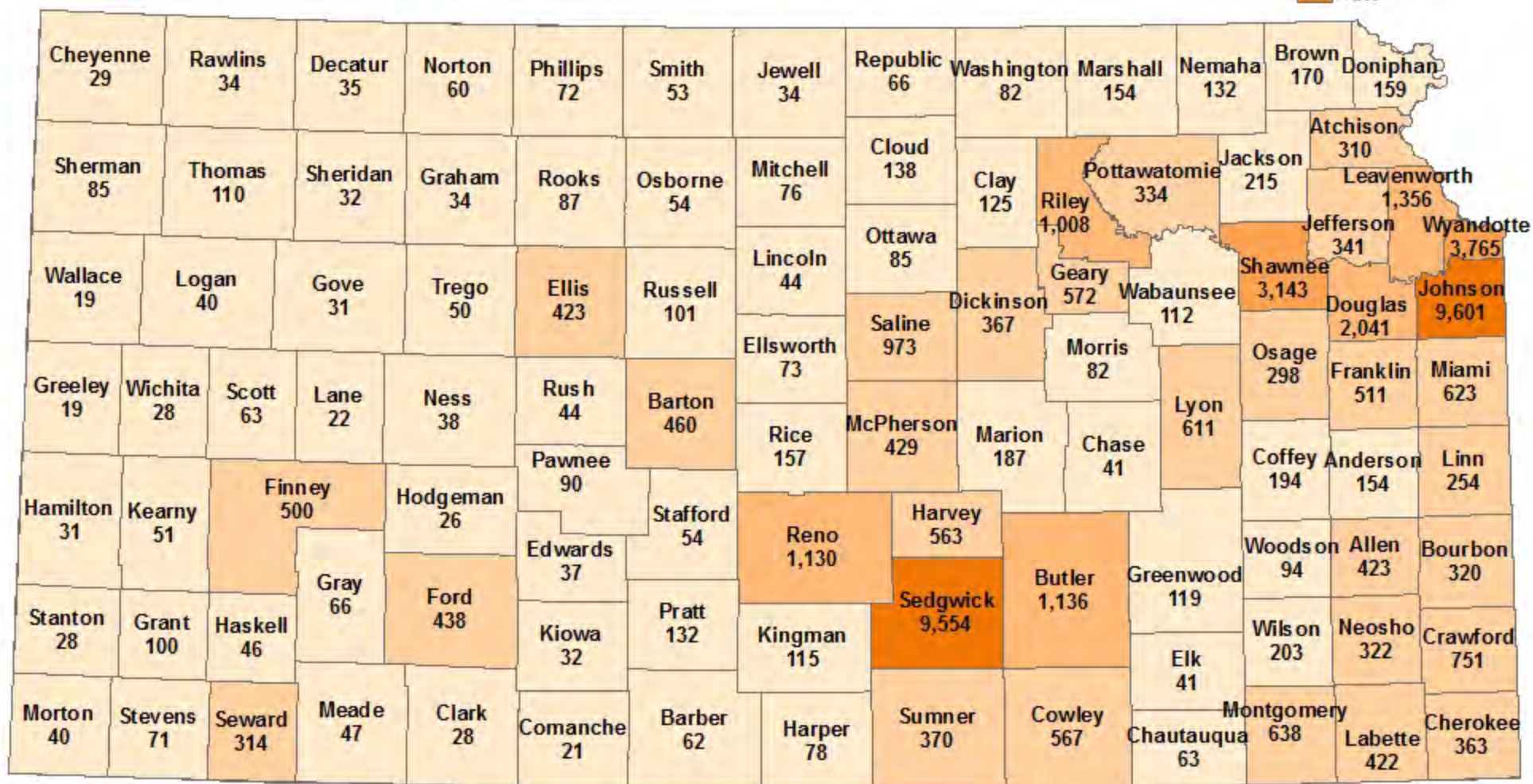
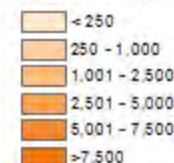
Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

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

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MARCH 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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