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**Labor Market Report
May 2017**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported today by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the May [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) was 3.7 percent. This was unchanged from April and down from 4.1 percent in May 2016.

“Unemployment remains low in Kansas with the rate staying at 3.7 percent for another month,” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 5,000 from April. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 5,300 from the previous month.

Over the year, Kansas lost 3,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). Kansas lost 4,000 private sector jobs since May 2016.

“The number of unemployed individuals continued to decrease in May, an indication of a tightening labor market,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “The establishment survey however has not shown signs of increased demand for labor, with relatively small changes in average weekly hours worked and nominal hourly earnings compared to May 2016.”

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
				Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,404.6	1,409.6	1,408.3	-5.0	-0.4%	-3.7	-0.3%
Total Private	1,148.9	1,154.2	1,152.9	-5.3	-0.5%	-4.0	-0.3%
Goods-Producing	225.1	227.0	227.5	-1.9	-0.8%	-2.4	-1.1%
Mining and Logging	6.8	6.7	7.0	0.1	1.5%	-0.2	-2.9%
Construction	60.5	61.2	60.6	-0.7	-1.1%	-0.1	-0.2%
Manufacturing	157.8	159.1	159.9	-1.3	-0.8%	-2.1	-1.3%
Service-Providing	1,179.5	1,182.6	1,180.8	-3.1	-0.3%	-1.3	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	266.3	268.1	267.3	-1.8	-0.7%	-1.0	-0.4%
Information	19.8	19.7	20.8	0.1	0.5%	-1.0	-4.8%
Financial Activities	85.6	85.8	85.8	-0.2	-0.2%	-0.2	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	177.7	177.8	177.7	-0.1	-0.1%	0.0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	197.6	198.2	195.8	-0.6	-0.3%	1.8	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	127.2	127.8	127.3	-0.6	-0.5%	-0.1	-0.1%
Other Services	49.6	49.8	50.7	-0.2	-0.4%	-1.1	-2.2%
Government	255.7	255.4	255.4	0.3	0.1%	0.3	0.1%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for April upward by 800 jobs, from 1,408,800 to 1,409,600. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 600 jobs, from 1,153,600 to 1,154,200.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	0.0	-0.4
Employed Individuals	1,430,726	-1,868	10,048
Unemployed Individuals	54,537	-187	-6,780
Labor Force	1,485,263	-2,055	3,268
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	0.2	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,413,873	-12,722	-4,317
Unemployed Individuals	54,682	3,083	-2,364
Labor Force	1,468,555	-9,639	-6,681
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 67.0%	-0.1	-0.1
Initial Claims	11,722	4,588	748
Continued Claims	51,976	1,577	-19,668

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](#).

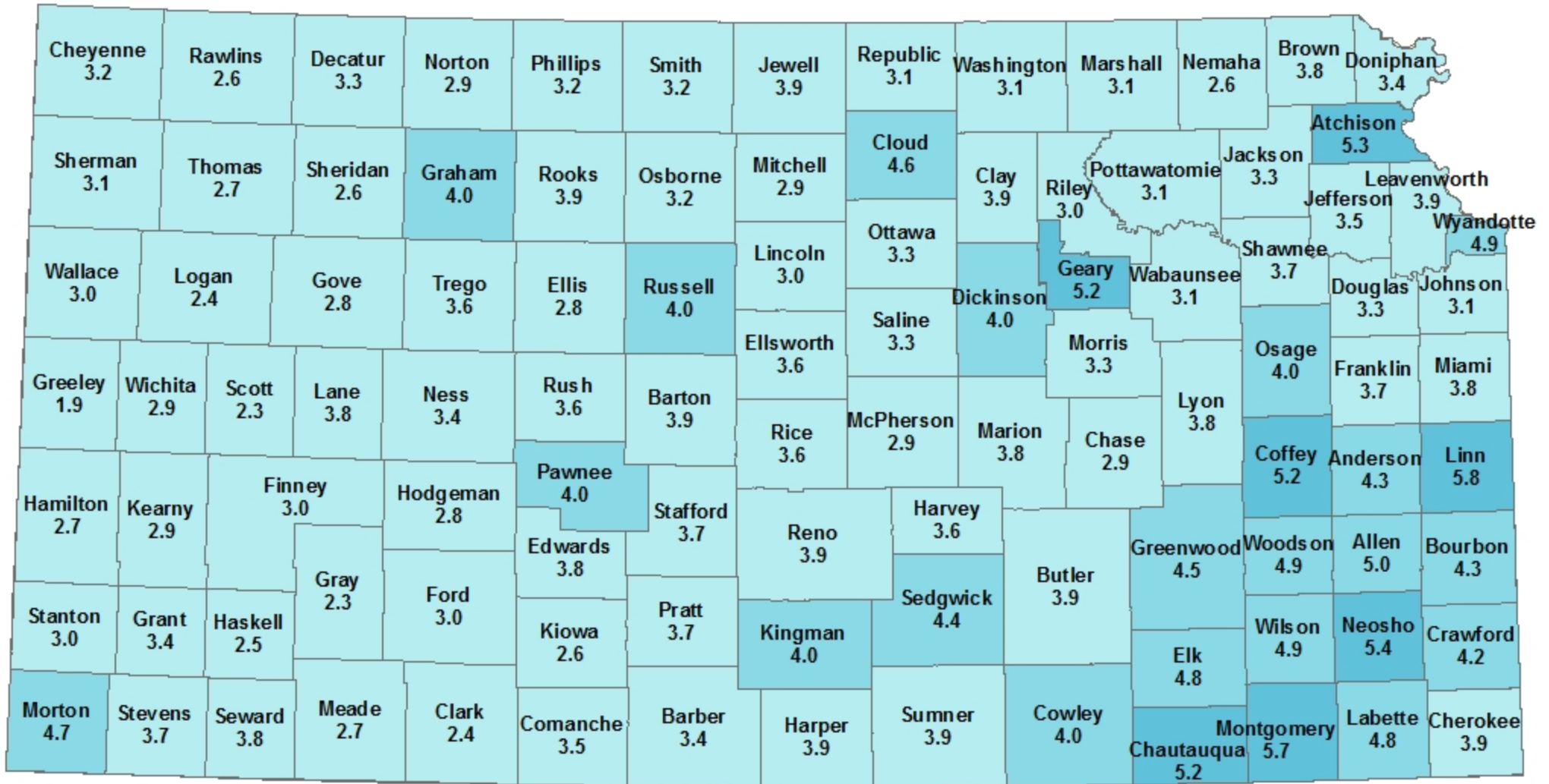
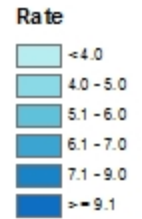
Complete Kansas labor market information for May is available [here](#).

The June 2017 Labor Report will be released on Friday, July 21.

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

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MAY 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)

Created: June 2017

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	May 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	April 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	May 2016 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,485,263	1,430,726	54,537	3.7	3.7	4.1
Kansas	1,468,555	1,413,873	54,682	3.7	3.5	3.9
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	65,766	63,618	2,148	3.3	3.0	3.3
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	306,809	293,763	13,046	4.3	4.0	4.3
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	121,163	116,725	4,438	3.7	3.5	3.8
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	455,915	439,906	16,009	3.5	3.3	3.6
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	50,189	48,665	1,524	3.0	2.8	3.1
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	324,058	310,315	13,743	4.2	4.0	4.3
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	62,471	60,309	2,162	3.5	3.2	3.6
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	17,249	16,552	697	4.0	3.8	4.4
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	6,891	6,529	362	5.3	5.1	5.8
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	14,590	13,758	832	5.7	5.3	5.8
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	18,090	17,552	538	3.0	2.8	3.1
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	16,931	16,292	639	3.8	3.7	3.8
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,125	21,471	654	3.0	2.8	3.1
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,534	13,005	529	3.9	3.8	4.4
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	16,732	16,270	462	2.8	2.6	3.0
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	29,433	28,272	1,161	3.9	3.7	4.1
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	12,282	11,644	638	5.2	4.8	5.5
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	9,970	9,589	381	3.8	3.8	4.5
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,255	15,786	469	2.9	2.7	2.9
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	14,232	13,707	525	3.7	3.5	4.0
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,561	10,056	505	4.8	4.5	5.5
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	18,826	18,043	783	4.2	4.0	4.8
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	34,029	32,913	1,116	3.3	3.1	3.5
Allen County	6,288	5,975	313	5.0	4.9	5.3
Anderson County	4,128	3,949	179	4.3	4.1	4.4
Atchison County	6,891	6,529	362	5.3	5.1	5.8

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force			May 2017	April 2017	May 2016
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Barber County	2,316	2,238	78	3.4	2.9	3.9
Barton County	13,534	13,005	529	3.9	3.8	4.4
Bourbon County	7,112	6,803	309	4.3	4.4	4.9
Brown County	5,033	4,844	189	3.8	3.2	3.8
Butler County	31,571	30,339	1,232	3.9	3.7	4.0
Chase County	1,402	1,362	40	2.9	2.5	3.5
Chautauqua County	1,448	1,372	76	5.2	5.0	5.2
Cherokee County	9,997	9,612	385	3.9	3.5	4.2
Cheyenne County	1,237	1,197	40	3.2	3.0	3.0
Clark County	1,148	1,121	27	2.4	2.6	3.2
Clay County	3,876	3,723	153	3.9	3.7	4.4
Cloud County	3,861	3,685	176	4.6	4.2	3.6
Coffey County	4,201	3,983	218	5.2	4.9	6.1
Comanche County	942	909	33	3.5	2.6	2.9
Cowley County	17,249	16,552	697	4.0	3.8	4.4
Crawford County	18,826	18,043	783	4.2	4.0	4.8
Decatur County	1,268	1,226	42	3.3	3.3	4.0
Dickinson County	9,108	8,747	361	4.0	3.9	4.3
Doniphan County	4,196	4,053	143	3.4	3.3	3.5
Douglas County	65,766	63,618	2,148	3.3	3.0	3.3
Edwards County	1,372	1,320	52	3.8	3.7	3.3
Elk County	1,172	1,116	56	4.8	4.2	4.5
Ellis County	16,732	16,270	462	2.8	2.6	3.0
Ellsworth County	2,547	2,456	91	3.6	3.5	4.0
Finney County	20,116	19,520	596	3.0	2.8	3.1
Ford County	18,090	17,552	538	3.0	2.8	3.1
Franklin County	14,232	13,707	525	3.7	3.5	4.0
Geary County	12,282	11,644	638	5.2	4.8	5.5
Gove County	1,374	1,335	39	2.8	2.3	2.5
Graham County	1,112	1,067	45	4.0	3.7	4.7
Grant County	3,438	3,320	118	3.4	3.6	3.6
Gray County	3,281	3,206	75	2.3	2.1	2.1
Greeley County	873	856	17	1.9	1.9	1.7
Greenwood County	3,119	2,978	141	4.5	4.3	4.9
Hamilton County	1,460	1,421	39	2.7	2.7	2.7
Harper County	2,688	2,583	105	3.9	3.7	3.6
Harvey County	16,926	16,310	616	3.6	3.4	3.5
Haskell County	2,200	2,145	55	2.5	2.3	2.6
Hodgeman County	973	946	27	2.8	2.6	2.7
Jackson County	7,263	7,024	239	3.3	3.0	3.4
Jefferson County	10,151	9,795	356	3.5	3.6	3.8
Jewell County	1,280	1,230	50	3.9	3.8	3.9
Johnson County	324,368	314,296	10,072	3.1	2.8	3.1
Kearny County	2,009	1,951	58	2.9	2.6	3.4
Kingman County	3,483	3,344	139	4.0	3.8	4.3

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Kiowa County	1,391	1,355	36	2.6	2.5	2.5
Labette County	10,561	10,056	505	4.8	4.5	5.5
Lane County	789	759	30	3.8	3.4	3.4
Leavenworth County	35,132	33,753	1,379	3.9	3.7	4.1
Lincoln County	1,664	1,614	50	3.0	2.9	3.1
Linn County	4,235	3,988	247	5.8	5.6	6.3
Logan County	1,597	1,558	39	2.4	2.1	2.6
Lyon County	16,931	16,292	639	3.8	3.7	3.8
McPherson County	16,255	15,786	469	2.9	2.7	2.9
Marion County	5,936	5,709	227	3.8	3.5	3.4
Marshall County	5,336	5,173	163	3.1	2.8	2.8
Meade County	2,255	2,194	61	2.7	2.8	2.8
Miami County	16,670	16,042	628	3.8	3.6	3.9
Mitchell County	3,451	3,351	100	2.9	2.7	2.7
Montgomery County	14,590	13,758	832	5.7	5.3	5.8
Morris County	3,073	2,971	102	3.3	3.1	3.5
Morton County	1,289	1,228	61	4.7	3.7	4.1
Nemaha County	5,727	5,576	151	2.6	2.4	2.7
Neosho County	5,864	5,548	316	5.4	5.3	7.0
Ness County	1,322	1,277	45	3.4	3.2	3.5
Norton County	2,744	2,665	79	2.9	2.4	2.4
Osage County	7,965	7,650	315	4.0	3.8	4.3
Osborne County	2,044	1,978	66	3.2	2.9	3.7
Ottawa County	3,117	3,015	102	3.3	3.1	3.7
Pawnee County	3,007	2,887	120	4.0	3.9	3.2
Phillips County	2,788	2,700	88	3.2	2.8	3.0
Pottawatomie County	12,487	12,100	387	3.1	2.8	3.0
Pratt County	4,892	4,712	180	3.7	3.5	4.1
Rawlins County	1,399	1,363	36	2.6	2.3	2.6
Reno County	29,433	28,272	1,161	3.9	3.7	4.1
Republic County	2,429	2,354	75	3.1	2.7	2.5
Rice County	5,191	5,003	188	3.6	3.3	3.8
Riley County	37,702	36,565	1,137	3.0	2.8	3.1
Rooks County	2,560	2,459	101	3.9	3.9	4.8
Rush County	1,620	1,561	59	3.6	3.2	4.1
Russell County	3,467	3,330	137	4.0	3.7	4.3
Saline County	30,912	29,898	1,014	3.3	3.1	3.5
Scott County	2,813	2,747	66	2.3	2.2	2.6
Sedgwick County	244,017	233,384	10,633	4.4	4.1	4.4
Seward County	9,970	9,589	381	3.8	3.8	4.5
Shawnee County	92,122	88,707	3,415	3.7	3.5	3.8
Sheridan County	1,376	1,340	36	2.6	2.3	2.6
Sherman County	2,835	2,747	88	3.1	3.0	3.0
Smith County	1,956	1,893	63	3.2	3.2	3.3
Stafford County	2,011	1,936	75	3.7	3.5	3.6

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Stanton County	995	965	30	3.0	3.0	2.8
Stevens County	2,574	2,480	94	3.7	3.8	4.4
Sumner County	10,812	10,386	426	3.9	3.6	4.3
Thomas County	4,205	4,092	113	2.7	2.6	2.7
Trego County	1,458	1,405	53	3.6	2.9	4.3
Wabaunsee County	3,662	3,549	113	3.1	2.9	3.3
Wallace County	842	817	25	3.0	2.7	3.0
Washington County	2,894	2,803	91	3.1	2.9	3.2
Wichita County	1,135	1,102	33	2.9	2.8	2.5
Wilson County	4,066	3,868	198	4.9	4.7	5.6
Woodson County	1,536	1,461	75	4.9	4.3	5.5
Wyandotte County	75,510	71,827	3,683	4.9	4.6	5.3
City of Dodge City	14,424	13,987	437	3.0	2.9	3.3
City of Emporia	12,602	12,104	498	4.0	3.8	3.7
City of Garden City	14,698	14,251	447	3.0	2.9	3.1
City of Hutchinson	18,682	17,913	769	4.1	4.0	4.3
City of Junction City	9,125	8,657	468	5.1	4.7	5.0
City of Kansas City	69,142	65,759	3,383	4.9	4.6	5.4
City of Lawrence	52,595	50,899	1,696	3.2	3.0	3.4
City of Leavenworth	13,705	13,104	601	4.4	4.3	4.7
City of Leawood	17,250	16,728	522	3.0	2.8	2.8
City of Lenexa	30,268	29,313	955	3.2	2.9	3.1
City of Manhattan	31,417	30,560	857	2.7	2.6	2.9
City of Olathe	75,543	73,264	2,279	3.0	2.8	3.0
City of Overland Park	105,047	101,669	3,378	3.2	3.0	3.2
City of Salina	26,242	25,377	865	3.3	3.1	3.6
City of Shawnee	35,560	34,448	1,112	3.1	2.8	3.2
City of Topeka	64,067	61,501	2,566	4.0	3.7	4.1
City of Wichita	185,301	176,900	8,401	4.5	4.3	4.6
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	31,279	30,423	856	2.7	2.6	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.