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**Labor Market Report
December 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 3.4 percent in December. This was down from 3.5 percent in November and down from 4.3 percent in December 2016.

“Employers continue to demand valuable Kansas labor as jobs, hours worked, and real earnings increased over the year,” said Secretary Lana Gordon.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 5,300 from November. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,200 from the previous month.

“Kansas ended the year with significant job growth, adding 5,300 jobs in December,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Most of this growth was in the private sector, including 3,200 jobs added in the leisure and hospitality industry.”

Since December 2016, Kansas gained 6,300 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 8,000 private sector jobs.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	December 2017	November 2017	December 2016	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
				Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,416.8	1,411.5	1,410.5	5.3	0.4%	6.3	0.4%
Total Private	1,161.2	1,156.0	1,153.2	5.2	0.4%	8.0	0.7%
Goods-Producing	229.7	229.0	227.7	0.7	0.3%	2.0	0.9%
Mining and Logging	7.2	7.1	6.6	0.1	1.4%	0.6	9.1%
Construction	63.9	62.3	60.9	1.6	2.6%	3.0	4.9%
Manufacturing	158.6	159.6	160.2	-1.0	-0.6%	-1.6	-1.0%
Service-Providing	1,187.1	1,182.5	1,182.8	4.6	0.4%	4.3	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	265.1	264.2	266.0	0.9	0.3%	-0.9	-0.3%
Information	19.5	19.5	20.5	0.0	0.0%	-1.0	-4.9%
Financial Activities	86.3	86.7	86.0	-0.4	-0.5%	0.3	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	183.4	182.3	179.0	1.1	0.6%	4.4	2.5%
Education & Health Services	198.3	198.9	197.0	-0.6	-0.3%	1.3	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	128.3	125.1	127.0	3.2	2.6%	1.3	1.0%
Other Services	50.6	50.3	50.0	0.3	0.6%	0.6	1.2%
Government	255.6	255.5	257.3	0.1	0.0%	-1.7	-0.7%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm job estimates for November downward by 100 jobs, from 1,411,600 to 1,411,500. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised downward by 200 jobs, from 1,156,200 to 1,156,000.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	-0.1	-0.9
Employed Individuals	1,431,994	-3,090	16,707
Unemployed Individuals	50,450	-1,809	-13,048
Labor Force	1,482,444	-4,899	3,659
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed Individuals	1,426,847	-15,557	8,554
Unemployed Individuals	43,994	-3,966	-12,528
Labor Force	1,470,841	-19,523	-3,974
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.7%	-0.3	-0.1
Initial Claims	10,161	1,877	-4,111
Continued Claims	35,300	-4,873	-18,169

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 December is available [here](#).

The January 2018 Labor Report will be released on Monday, March 12.

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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Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	December 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	November 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)	December 2016 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,482,444	1,431,994	50,450	3.4	3.5	4.3
Kansas	1,470,841	1,426,847	43,994	3.0	3.2	3.8
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	65,642	64,007	1,635	2.5	2.8	3.2
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	307,987	297,521	10,466	3.4	3.7	4.4
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	119,659	116,099	3,560	3.0	3.2	3.8
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	460,673	447,163	13,510	2.9	3.1	3.6
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	48,478	47,327	1,151	2.4	2.6	3.1
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	324,563	313,596	10,967	3.4	3.6	4.4
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	60,014	58,364	1,650	2.7	3.0	3.5
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	16,576	16,075	501	3.0	3.3	4.2
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	6,954	6,677	277	4.0	4.4	5.4
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	14,813	14,222	591	4.0	4.4	5.8
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	17,546	17,140	406	2.3	2.5	3.4
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	16,673	16,151	522	3.1	3.2	4.0
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,014	21,537	477	2.2	2.4	2.9
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,809	13,368	441	3.2	3.3	4.5
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	16,833	16,478	355	2.1	2.3	2.8
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	29,838	28,823	1,015	3.4	3.6	4.3
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,536	11,037	499	4.3	4.6	5.2
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	9,922	9,646	276	2.8	2.9	3.9
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,073	15,702	371	2.3	2.7	3.0
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	13,883	13,458	425	3.1	3.2	3.8
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,335	9,948	387	3.7	3.8	4.9
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	19,068	18,406	662	3.5	3.7	4.4
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	33,094	32,234	860	2.6	2.8	3.5
Allen County	6,200	5,977	223	3.6	3.8	5.2
Anderson County	4,042	3,908	134	3.3	3.5	3.9
Atchison County	6,954	6,677	277	4.0	4.4	5.4
Barber County	2,498	2,440	58	2.3	2.6	3.5
Barton County	13,809	13,368	441	3.2	3.3	4.5
Bourbon County	6,979	6,723	256	3.7	3.9	4.5
Brown County	5,318	5,177	141	2.7	3.0	3.6

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force			December 2017	November 2017	December 2016
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Butler County	31,774	30,758	1,016	3.2	3.4	4.1
Chase County	1,397	1,366	31	2.2	2.4	3.3
Chautauqua County	1,435	1,381	54	3.8	4.1	5.1
Cherokee County	10,133	9,789	344	3.4	3.6	3.9
Cheyenne County	1,365	1,339	26	1.9	2.2	3.0
Clark County	1,101	1,071	30	2.7	2.3	2.8
Clay County	3,854	3,731	123	3.2	3.4	4.2
Cloud County	3,786	3,660	126	3.3	3.8	5.1
Coffey County	4,086	3,910	176	4.3	4.3	6.0
Comanche County	915	891	24	2.6	2.6	3.6
Cowley County	16,576	16,075	501	3.0	3.3	4.2
Crawford County	19,068	18,406	662	3.5	3.7	4.4
Decatur County	1,314	1,282	32	2.4	2.9	3.4
Dickinson County	9,095	8,805	290	3.2	3.3	4.2
Doniphan County	4,203	4,074	129	3.1	3.3	3.5
Douglas County	65,642	64,007	1,635	2.5	2.8	3.2
Edwards County	1,658	1,621	37	2.2	2.3	3.2
Elk County	1,219	1,181	38	3.1	3.5	4.5
Ellis County	16,833	16,478	355	2.1	2.3	2.8
Ellsworth County	2,667	2,601	66	2.5	2.7	3.7
Finney County	19,899	19,460	439	2.2	2.5	2.9
Ford County	17,546	17,140	406	2.3	2.5	3.4
Franklin County	13,883	13,458	425	3.1	3.2	3.8
Geary County	11,536	11,037	499	4.3	4.6	5.2
Gove County	1,451	1,420	31	2.1	2.3	2.4
Graham County	1,099	1,065	34	3.1	3.3	3.7
Grant County	3,364	3,272	92	2.7	3.1	3.6
Gray County	3,476	3,422	54	1.6	1.8	2.4
Greeley County	885	867	18	2.0	1.7	2.1
Greenwood County	3,280	3,166	114	3.5	3.9	4.8
Hamilton County	1,626	1,599	27	1.7	1.9	2.7
Harper County	2,596	2,520	76	2.9	3.5	4.0
Harvey County	17,139	16,564	575	3.4	3.7	4.2
Haskell County	2,252	2,211	41	1.8	2.0	2.3
Hodgeman County	1,021	995	26	2.5	2.5	3.3
Jackson County	7,177	7,000	177	2.5	2.8	3.3
Jefferson County	10,085	9,790	295	2.9	3.1	3.8
Jewell County	1,296	1,264	32	2.5	2.9	4.0
Johnson County	327,862	319,565	8,297	2.5	2.8	3.1
Kearny County	2,115	2,077	38	1.8	2.1	2.8
Kingman County	3,548	3,446	102	2.9	3.1	4.2
Kiowa County	1,362	1,336	26	1.9	2.3	3.0
Labette County	10,335	9,948	387	3.7	3.8	4.9
Lane County	828	806	22	2.7	3.1	3.0
Leavenworth County	35,430	34,288	1,142	3.2	3.5	4.1
Lincoln County	1,700	1,662	38	2.2	2.6	3.6
Linn County	4,323	4,093	230	5.3	5.0	6.2
Logan County	1,738	1,704	34	2.0	2.0	2.5
Lyon County	16,673	16,151	522	3.1	3.2	4.0

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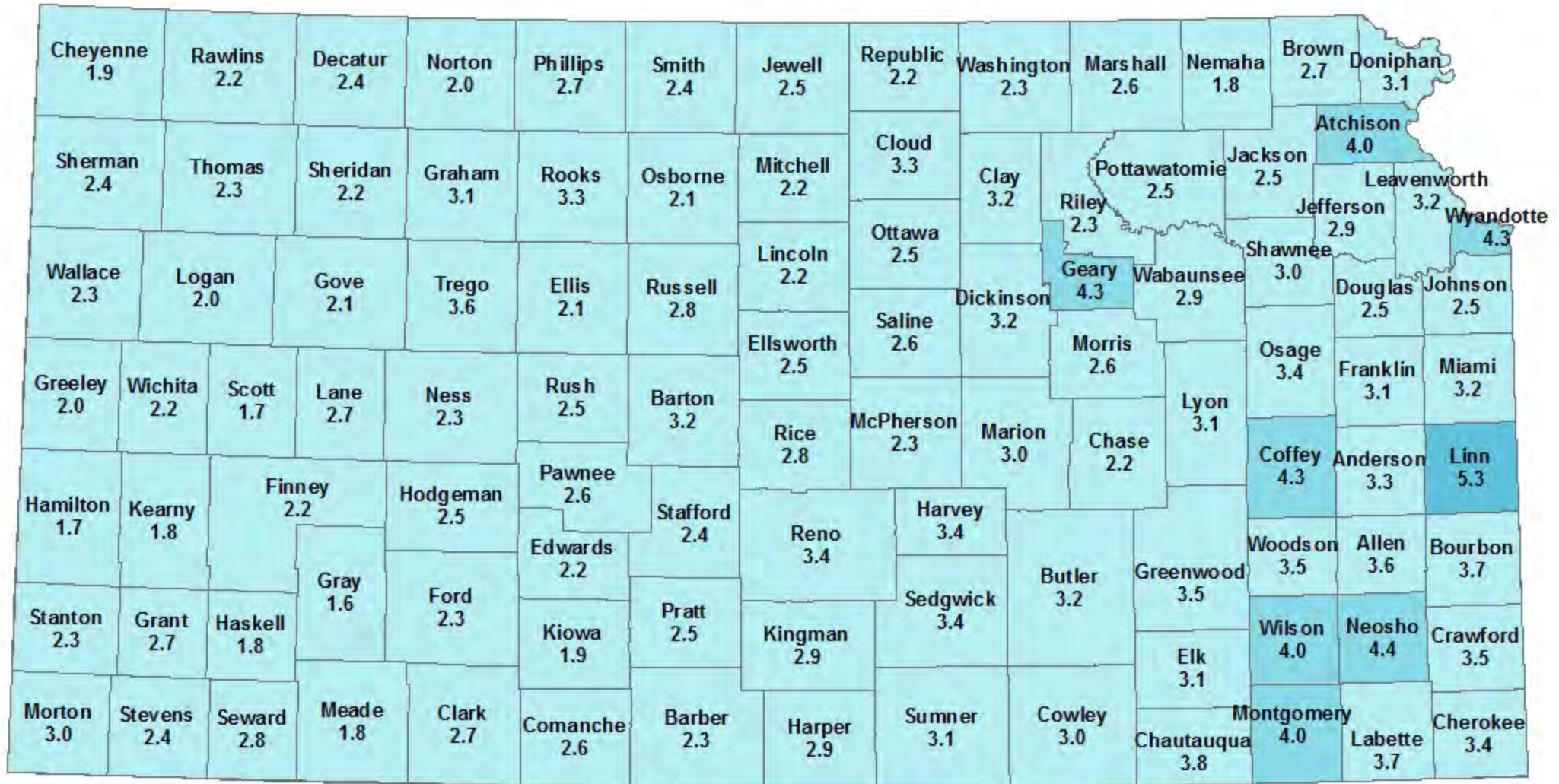
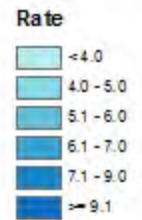
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McPherson County	16,073	15,702	371	2.3	2.7	3.0
Marion County	6,326	6,134	192	3.0	3.3	4.4
Marshall County	5,393	5,255	138	2.6	2.5	3.1
Meade County	2,717	2,667	50	1.8	1.9	2.6
Miami County	16,849	16,316	533	3.2	3.2	3.9
Mitchell County	3,385	3,312	73	2.2	2.4	3.1
Montgomery County	14,813	14,222	591	4.0	4.4	5.8
Morris County	2,941	2,864	77	2.6	2.9	3.7
Morton County	1,178	1,143	35	3.0	3.2	4.0
Nemaha County	5,565	5,463	102	1.8	2.1	2.6
Neosho County	5,917	5,658	259	4.4	4.7	6.5
Ness County	1,334	1,303	31	2.3	2.8	3.6
Norton County	2,769	2,715	54	2.0	2.1	2.3
Osage County	7,943	7,675	268	3.4	3.4	4.4
Osborne County	2,044	2,001	43	2.1	2.3	3.1
Ottawa County	3,077	3,001	76	2.5	2.6	3.4
Pawnee County	3,057	2,977	80	2.6	3.0	3.5
Phillips County	2,755	2,681	74	2.7	2.8	3.1
Pottawatomie County	12,134	11,828	306	2.5	2.5	3.3
Pratt County	4,908	4,783	125	2.5	2.9	3.6
Rawlins County	1,477	1,445	32	2.2	2.1	2.5
Reno County	29,838	28,823	1,015	3.4	3.6	4.3
Republic County	2,467	2,412	55	2.2	2.5	3.0
Rice County	5,372	5,222	150	2.8	2.8	3.8
Riley County	36,344	35,499	845	2.3	2.7	3.0
Rooks County	2,482	2,401	81	3.3	3.6	4.5
Rush County	1,648	1,607	41	2.5	2.6	3.4
Russell County	3,461	3,364	97	2.8	3.0	4.1
Saline County	30,017	29,233	784	2.6	2.9	3.5
Scott County	2,862	2,812	50	1.7	2.0	2.2
Sedgwick County	244,622	236,190	8,432	3.4	3.7	4.5
Seward County	9,922	9,646	276	2.8	2.9	3.9
Shawnee County	90,784	88,070	2,714	3.0	3.2	3.8
Sheridan County	1,370	1,340	30	2.2	2.3	2.6
Sherman County	2,837	2,768	69	2.4	2.6	3.4
Smith County	1,953	1,906	47	2.4	2.7	3.3
Stafford County	1,992	1,945	47	2.4	2.7	3.7
Stanton County	1,028	1,004	24	2.3	2.7	3.0
Stevens County	2,695	2,629	66	2.4	3.1	3.6
Sumner County	10,904	10,563	341	3.1	3.4	4.1
Thomas County	4,226	4,129	97	2.3	2.5	3.0
Trego County	1,470	1,417	53	3.6	3.3	3.3
Wabaunsee County	3,670	3,564	106	2.9	2.8	3.7
Wallace County	837	818	19	2.3	2.5	2.7
Washington County	2,972	2,903	69	2.3	2.6	3.4
Wichita County	1,179	1,153	26	2.2	2.2	2.6
Wilson County	3,972	3,812	160	4.0	4.4	6.4
Woodson County	1,608	1,551	57	3.5	3.8	5.5
Wyandotte County	76,209	72,901	3,308	4.3	4.5	5.2

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City of Dodge City	13,989	13,658	331	2.4	2.5	3.4
City of Emporia	12,405	12,000	405	3.3	3.3	4.0
City of Garden City	14,524	14,207	317	2.2	2.5	3.0
City of Hutchinson	18,967	18,262	705	3.7	3.9	4.7
City of Junction City	8,540	8,206	334	3.9	4.1	5.1
City of Kansas City	69,799	66,743	3,056	4.4	4.5	5.2
City of Lawrence	52,489	51,210	1,279	2.4	2.8	3.2
City of Leavenworth	13,831	13,312	519	3.8	4.0	4.5
City of Leawood	17,407	17,009	398	2.3	2.7	3.0
City of Lenexa	30,642	29,805	837	2.7	3.1	3.1
City of Manhattan	30,318	29,671	647	2.1	2.5	2.7
City of Olathe	76,342	74,493	1,849	2.4	2.6	2.9
City of Overland Park	106,037	103,373	2,664	2.5	2.8	3.0
City of Salina	25,487	24,812	675	2.6	3.0	3.7
City of Shawnee	35,944	35,025	919	2.6	2.8	3.4
City of Topeka	63,088	61,059	2,029	3.2	3.4	4.0
City of Wichita	185,702	179,026	6,676	3.6	3.8	4.6
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	30,183	29,537	646	2.1	2.5	2.7

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

DECEMBER 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



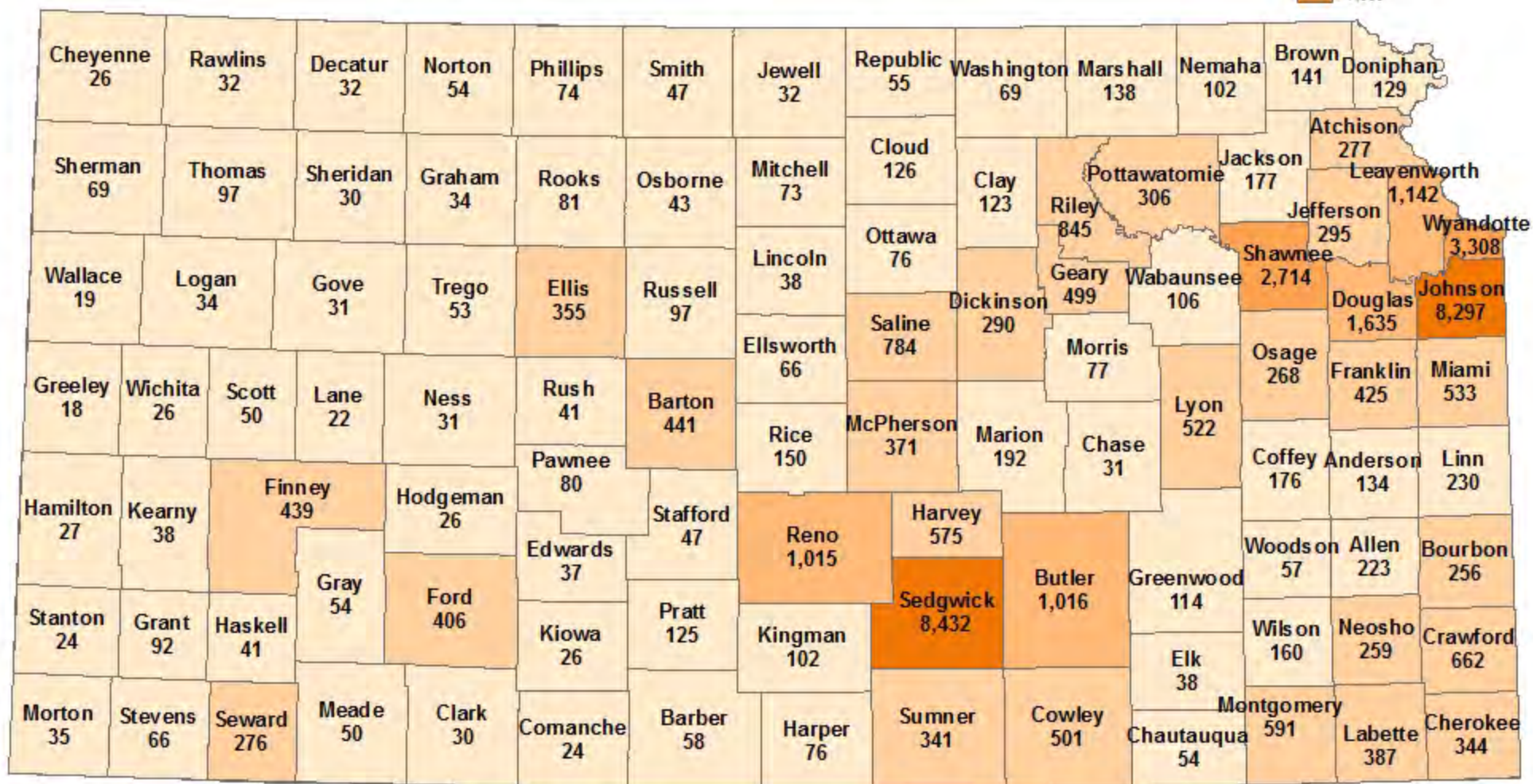
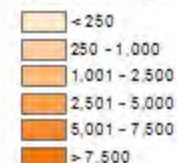
Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

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

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

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