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**Labor Market Report
December 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 3.3 percent in December. This was up from 3.2 percent in November and down from 3.5 percent in December 2017.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,100 from November. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 900 from the previous month.

“Kansas posted significant job growth over the last 12 months with 17,200 additional private sector jobs,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “Employers in the state have demonstrated a growing demand for labor as evidenced by upward trends in average weekly hours worked and real hourly earnings in the last 12 months.”

Since December 2017, Kansas gained 20,100 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 17,200 private sector jobs.

December 2018 estimates are not impacted by the partial federal government shutdown. The reference period for nonfarm job estimates is the pay period that includes the 12th of the month and the reference period for the unemployment rate is the calendar week containing the 12th (December 9-15, 2018). Both occurred prior to the partial shutdown which began on December 22, 2018. More information is available on the BLS website [here](#).

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

	December	November	December	Over the Month Change		Over the Year Change	
	2018	2018	2017	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted							
Total Nonfarm	1,431.4	1,430.3	1,411.3	1.1	0.1%	20.1	1.4%
Total Private	1,171.7	1,170.8	1,154.5	0.9	0.1%	17.2	1.5%
Goods-Producing	235.0	234.1	229.3	0.9	0.4%	5.7	2.5%
Mining and Logging	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.0%	0.4	6.0%
Construction	60.9	60.7	60.1	0.2	0.3%	0.8	1.3%
Manufacturing	167.0	166.3	162.5	0.7	0.4%	4.5	2.8%
Service-Providing	1,196.4	1,196.2	1,182.0	0.2	0.0%	14.4	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.2	274.4	268.9	-1.2	-0.4%	4.3	1.6%
Information	17.2	17.4	19.4	-0.2	-1.1%	-2.2	-11.3%
Financial Activities	80.3	80.6	77.8	-0.3	-0.4%	2.5	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	186.5	184.6	179.5	1.9	1.0%	7.0	3.9%
Education & Health Services	198.6	198.5	198.5	0.1	0.1%	0.1	0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	131.3	131.5	131.2	-0.2	-0.2%	0.1	0.1%
Other Services	49.6	49.7	49.9	-0.1	-0.2%	-0.3	-0.6%
Government	259.7	259.5	256.8	0.2	0.1%	2.9	1.1%
*Data in thousands.							

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for November upward by 1,700 jobs, from 1,428,600 to 1,430,300. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,600 jobs, from 1,169,200 to 1,170,800.

HOUSEHOLD AND UNEMPLOYMENT

		Over the Month	Over the Year
	Current Level	Change	Change
Kansas - Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	0.1	-0.2
Employed Individuals	1,440,934	2,134	14,707
Unemployed Individuals	48,972	686	-3,277
Labor Force	1,489,906	2,820	11,430
Kansas - Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	0.2	0.1
Employed Individuals	1,445,819	-3,580	18,609
Unemployed Individuals	45,768	2,290	1,030
Labor Force	1,491,587	-1,290	19,639
Labor Force Participation Rate	(Seasonally Adj.) 66.8%	0.1	0.3
Initial Claims	10,235	1,628	-4,580
Continued Claims	47,468	15,560	-16,137

HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and to leave feedback on other data product requests please email us at KDOL.laborstats@ks.gov.

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 2019 Labor Report will be released on Monday, March 11.

Audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen is 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 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	November 2018 Unemployment Rate (%)	December 2017 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,489,906	1,440,934	48,972	3.3	3.2	3.5
Kansas	1,491,587	1,445,819	45,768	3.1	2.9	3.0
Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i>	65,968	64,167	1,801	2.7	2.6	2.6
Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i>	309,534	299,143	10,391	3.4	3.2	3.5
Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i>	118,696	114,734	3,962	3.3	3.1	3.1
Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i>	474,200	459,981	14,219	3.0	2.9	3.0
Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i>	48,484	47,153	1,331	2.7	2.5	2.5
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i>	326,237	315,331	10,906	3.3	3.2	3.5
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i>	60,059	58,200	1,859	3.1	2.9	2.8
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i>	16,703	16,188	515	3.1	3.0	3.0
Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i>	7,074	6,785	289	4.1	3.9	4.0
Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i>	15,139	14,572	567	3.7	3.6	4.0
Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i>	17,215	16,791	424	2.5	2.3	2.3
Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i>	16,745	16,197	548	3.3	2.9	3.2
Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i>	22,868	22,351	517	2.3	2.2	2.1
Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i>	13,593	13,137	456	3.4	3.0	3.1
Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i>	17,048	16,688	360	2.1	2.1	2.1
Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i>	30,107	29,145	962	3.2	3.1	3.4
Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i>	11,575	11,047	528	4.6	4.4	4.3
Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i>	9,738	9,447	291	3.0	3.0	2.8
McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i>	16,477	16,095	382	2.3	2.3	2.3
Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i>	13,978	13,526	452	3.2	2.9	3.1
Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Labette County)</i>	10,470	10,079	391	3.7	3.5	3.7
Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i>	18,883	18,217	666	3.5	3.4	3.5
Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i>	33,176	32,210	966	2.9	2.7	2.6
Allen County	6,394	6,172	222	3.5	3.0	3.6
Anderson County	4,194	4,048	146	3.5	3.0	3.3
Atchison County	7,074	6,785	289	4.1	3.9	4.0

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Area	Civilian Labor Force			December 2018	November 2018	December 2017
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Barber County	2,473	2,418	55	2.2	2.2	2.2
Barton County	13,593	13,137	456	3.4	3.0	3.1
Bourbon County	7,230	6,939	291	4.0	3.3	3.9
Brown County	5,443	5,300	143	2.6	2.5	2.7
Butler County	32,081	31,094	987	3.1	3.0	3.3
Chase County	1,494	1,459	35	2.3	1.9	2.3
Chautauqua County	1,453	1,398	55	3.8	3.4	3.7
Cherokee County	10,140	9,818	322	3.2	3.2	3.4
Cheyenne County	1,402	1,371	31	2.2	2.2	2.0
Clark County	1,134	1,109	25	2.2	2.1	2.6
Clay County	3,957	3,831	126	3.2	2.9	3.0
Cloud County	3,837	3,716	121	3.2	3.0	3.3
Coffey County	4,034	3,850	184	4.6	4.3	4.3
Comanche County	918	898	20	2.2	2.3	2.6
Cowley County	16,703	16,188	515	3.1	3.0	3.0
Crawford County	18,883	18,217	666	3.5	3.4	3.5
Decatur County	1,326	1,290	36	2.7	2.6	2.5
Dickinson County	9,276	8,970	306	3.3	3.0	3.1
Doniphan County	4,338	4,203	135	3.1	2.8	3.0
Douglas County	65,968	64,167	1,801	2.7	2.6	2.6
Edwards County	1,693	1,655	38	2.2	2.0	2.1
Elk County	1,247	1,208	39	3.1	2.7	2.7
Ellis County	17,048	16,688	360	2.1	2.1	2.1
Ellsworth County	2,845	2,770	75	2.6	2.4	2.4
Finney County	20,693	20,220	473	2.3	2.3	2.2
Ford County	17,215	16,791	424	2.5	2.3	2.3
Franklin County	13,978	13,526	452	3.2	2.9	3.1
Geary County	11,575	11,047	528	4.6	4.4	4.3
Gove County	1,521	1,493	28	1.8	2.0	2.1
Graham County	1,147	1,111	36	3.1	2.9	2.9
Grant County	3,415	3,329	86	2.5	2.6	2.6
Gray County	3,661	3,590	71	1.9	1.8	1.6
Greeley County	891	875	16	1.8	1.6	1.9
Greenwood County	3,366	3,269	97	2.9	3.0	3.5
Hamilton County	1,692	1,661	31	1.8	1.8	1.7
Harper County	2,763	2,694	69	2.5	2.4	2.8
Harvey County	17,088	16,615	473	2.8	2.7	3.4
Haskell County	2,305	2,259	46	2.0	2.0	1.9
Hodgeman County	1,048	1,024	24	2.3	2.4	2.4
Jackson County	7,141	6,934	207	2.9	2.6	2.5
Jefferson County	10,028	9,723	305	3.0	2.8	3.0
Jewell County	1,348	1,313	35	2.6	2.6	2.4
Johnson County	337,571	328,689	8,882	2.6	2.6	2.6
Kearny County	2,175	2,131	44	2.0	2.0	1.9
Kingman County	3,529	3,421	108	3.1	3.0	2.9

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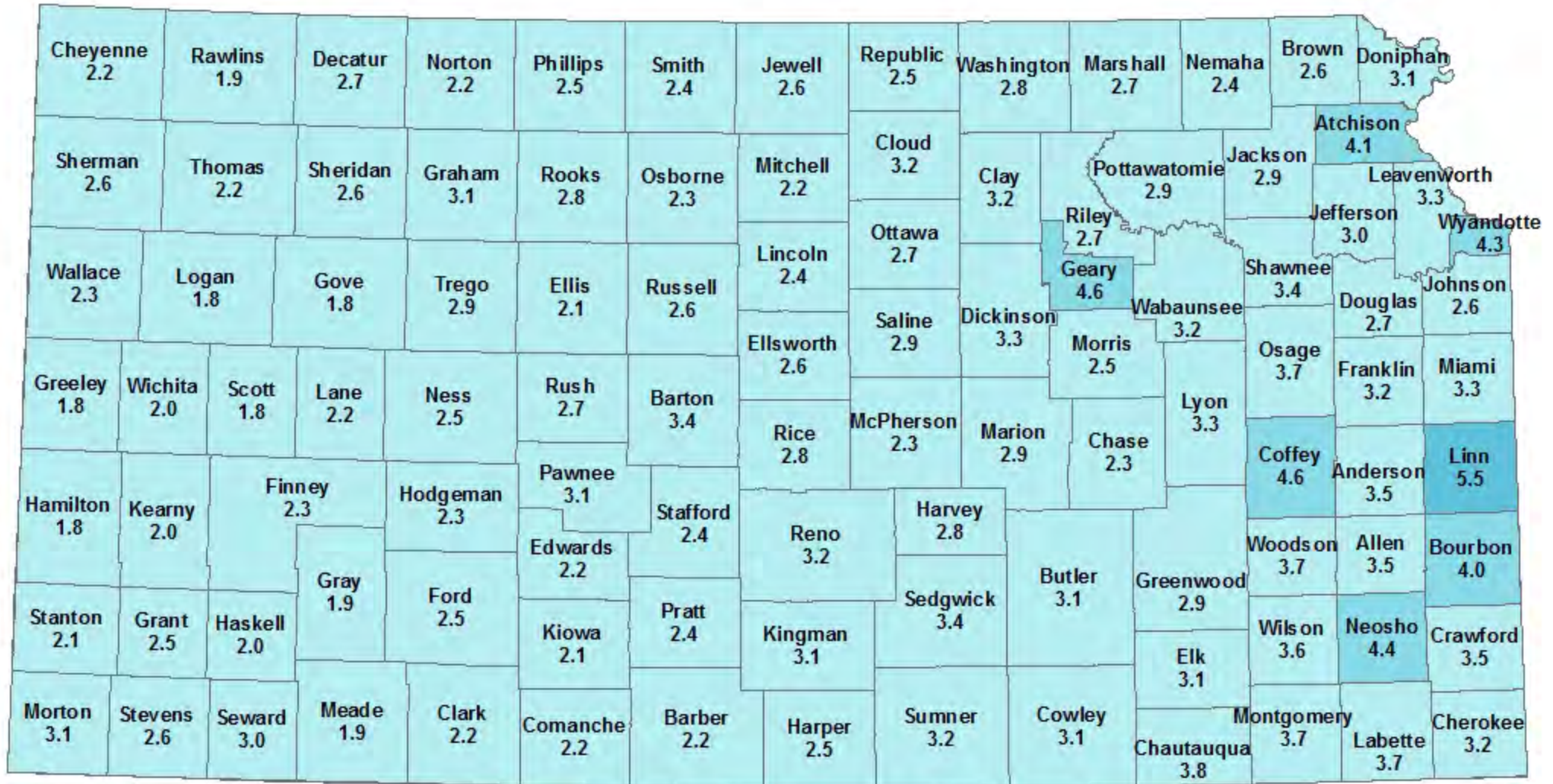
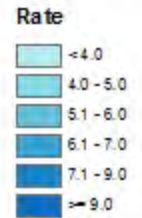
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	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Kiowa County	1,363	1,335	28	2.1	2.1	1.8
Labette County	10,470	10,079	391	3.7	3.5	3.7
Lane County	877	858	19	2.2	2.2	2.6
Leavenworth County	36,654	35,454	1,200	3.3	3.0	3.3
Lincoln County	1,755	1,713	42	2.4	2.1	2.1
Linn County	4,452	4,207	245	5.5	4.6	5.3
Logan County	1,745	1,714	31	1.8	1.8	1.9
Lyon County	16,745	16,197	548	3.3	2.9	3.2
McPherson County	16,477	16,095	382	2.3	2.3	2.3
Marion County	6,190	6,009	181	2.9	2.7	2.9
Marshall County	5,573	5,425	148	2.7	2.2	2.5
Meade County	2,444	2,398	46	1.9	1.9	2.1
Miami County	17,458	16,886	572	3.3	3.0	3.2
Mitchell County	3,483	3,408	75	2.2	2.2	2.2
Montgomery County	15,139	14,572	567	3.7	3.6	4.0
Morris County	3,076	2,999	77	2.5	2.6	2.6
Morton County	1,214	1,176	38	3.1	3.1	2.7
Nemaha County	5,683	5,548	135	2.4	2.2	1.9
Neosho County	6,051	5,782	269	4.4	4.3	4.3
Ness County	1,396	1,361	35	2.5	2.5	2.3
Norton County	2,802	2,739	63	2.2	2.0	1.9
Osage County	7,924	7,630	294	3.7	3.2	3.4
Osborne County	2,049	2,002	47	2.3	2.4	2.2
Ottawa County	3,089	3,006	83	2.7	2.5	2.5
Pawnee County	3,054	2,960	94	3.1	2.9	2.6
Phillips County	2,881	2,810	71	2.5	2.1	2.6
Pottawatomie County	12,539	12,170	369	2.9	2.4	2.6
Pratt County	5,085	4,961	124	2.4	2.4	2.5
Rawlins County	1,554	1,524	30	1.9	1.9	2.1
Reno County	30,107	29,145	962	3.2	3.1	3.4
Republic County	2,471	2,410	61	2.5	2.5	2.1
Rice County	5,395	5,244	151	2.8	2.7	2.8
Riley County	35,945	34,983	962	2.7	2.5	2.4
Rooks County	2,624	2,550	74	2.8	2.5	3.1
Rush County	1,723	1,677	46	2.7	2.7	2.4
Russell County	3,405	3,317	88	2.6	2.4	2.7
Saline County	30,087	29,204	883	2.9	2.7	2.6
Scott County	3,002	2,949	53	1.8	1.8	1.8
Sedgwick County	245,914	237,438	8,476	3.4	3.3	3.6
Seward County	9,738	9,447	291	3.0	3.0	2.8
Shawnee County	89,930	86,890	3,040	3.4	3.2	3.1
Sheridan County	1,479	1,441	38	2.6	2.1	2.1
Sherman County	2,964	2,887	77	2.6	2.6	2.5
Smith County	2,017	1,968	49	2.4	2.3	2.3
Stafford County	2,035	1,986	49	2.4	2.4	2.2

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	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Stanton County	1,066	1,044	22	2.1	2.3	2.4
Stevens County	2,780	2,709	71	2.6	2.4	2.5
Sumner County	10,922	10,575	347	3.2	3.1	3.2
Thomas County	4,320	4,224	96	2.2	2.3	2.2
Trego County	1,400	1,359	41	2.9	2.7	3.5
Wabaunsee County	3,673	3,557	116	3.2	2.7	2.9
Wallace County	840	821	19	2.3	1.9	2.2
Washington County	3,070	2,985	85	2.8	2.4	2.3
Wichita County	1,381	1,354	27	2.0	1.6	2.1
Wilson County	4,048	3,902	146	3.6	3.7	3.9
Woodson County	1,630	1,569	61	3.7	3.6	3.6
Wyandotte County	78,065	74,745	3,320	4.3	4.0	4.4
City of Dodge City	13,721	13,379	342	2.5	2.3	2.3
City of Emporia	12,451	12,053	398	3.2	2.9	3.4
City of Garden City	15,135	14,778	357	2.4	2.4	2.1
City of Hutchinson	19,152	18,496	656	3.4	3.4	3.8
City of Junction City	8,794	8,393	401	4.6	4.3	3.9
City of Kansas City	71,463	68,419	3,044	4.3	4.0	4.4
City of Lawrence	52,937	51,521	1,416	2.7	2.6	2.5
City of Leavenworth	14,230	13,678	552	3.9	3.5	3.8
City of Leawood	17,817	17,359	458	2.6	2.5	2.4
City of Lenexa	31,495	30,671	824	2.6	2.6	2.8
City of Manhattan	30,024	29,295	729	2.4	2.3	2.2
City of Olathe	78,710	76,718	1,992	2.5	2.5	2.5
City of Overland Park	109,830	106,931	2,899	2.6	2.6	2.6
City of Salina	25,565	24,784	781	3.1	2.8	2.7
City of Shawnee	36,880	35,842	1,038	2.8	2.8	2.6
City of Topeka	62,486	60,220	2,266	3.6	3.4	3.3
City of Wichita	186,452	179,795	6,657	3.6	3.4	3.7
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	29,885	29,157	728	2.4	2.3	2.2

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services and the Bureau of Labor Statistics;
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DECEMBER 2018 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



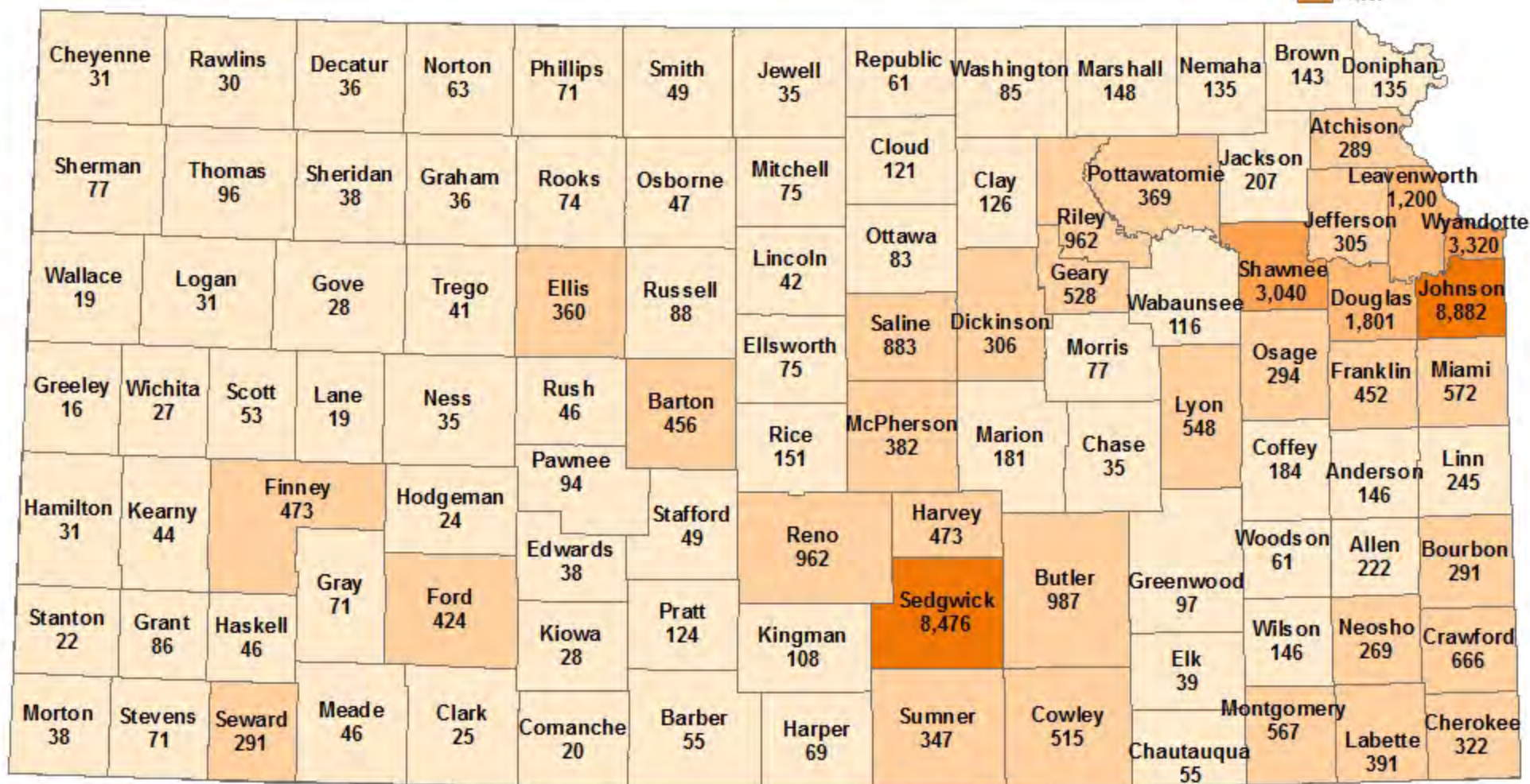
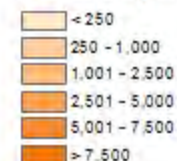
Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

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

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DECEMBER 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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