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**Labor Market Report
April 2021**

IMPORTANT NOTE: This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for April 2021. Data collected for this report references the week including April 12th. Additional resources for affected workers and employers may be found at the Kansas Department of Labor’s website: www.dol.ks.gov and www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.5 percent in April. This was a decrease from 3.7 percent in March and a decrease from 12.6 percent in April 2020.

“We’ve seen significant improvement in the unemployment rate throughout the past year, from a historic high of 12.6 percent in April 2020, down to 3.5 percent just twelve months later,” said Secretary Amber Shultz. “Great progress is being made as we are approaching pre-pandemic unemployment rates.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs decreased by 1,400 from March. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, decreased by 1,300 from the previous month, while government decreased by 100.

“Over the past year Kansas has recovered more than 64 percent of the 158,000 jobs lost in March and April of 2020,” said Labor Economist Todd Rilinger. “The leisure and hospitality industry, which saw the largest losses last year, added 500 jobs in April 2021. This brings the total jobs recovered for the industry to more than 73 percent.”

Since April 2020, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have increased by 101,600. This change is due to an increase of 103,800 private sector jobs and a decrease of 2,200 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for March upward by 800 jobs, from 1,373,000 to 1,373,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were also revised upward by 600 jobs, from 1,126,200 to 1,126,800.

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

The May 2021 Labor Report will be released on Friday, June 18.

Technical Notes: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=760>

The Kansas unemployment rate is based on data collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS) and estimates produced by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS data is produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which means that the same methodology is used for all states (<https://www.bls.gov/lau/laumthd.htm>). Data for the number of individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits is based on administrative data from claimants filing unemployment insurance claims with the Kansas Department of Labor. These two measures offer distinct but related measures of trends in joblessness.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Amber Shultz and Labor Economist, Todd Riling are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

Since March 15, KDOL has paid out over 4.5 million weekly claims totaling over \$2.9 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

| Area | Civilian Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | April 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | March 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | April 2020 Unemployment Rate (%) |
|---|----------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i> | 1,508,429 | 1,455,712 | 52,717 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 12.6 |
| Kansas | 1,498,390 | 1,447,748 | 50,642 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 12.5 |
| Lawrence MSA <i>(Douglas County)</i> | 65,352 | 63,258 | 2,094 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 12.6 |
| Wichita MSA <i>(Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties)</i> | 318,668 | 303,196 | 15,472 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 19.0 |
| Topeka MSA <i>(Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties)</i> | 121,267 | 117,586 | 3,681 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 12.4 |
| Kansas City Area <i>(Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties)</i> | 488,278 | 472,807 | 15,471 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 12.1 |
| Manhattan MSA <i>(Pottawatomie and Riley Counties)</i> | 46,495 | 45,290 | 1,205 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 8.8 |
| Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area <i>(Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area)</i> | 335,133 | 319,027 | 16,106 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 18.8 |
| Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area <i>(Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area)</i> | 58,102 | 56,379 | 1,723 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 9.3 |
| Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area <i>(Cowley County)</i> | 16,465 | 15,831 | 634 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 14.9 |
| Atchison Micro-Area <i>(Atchison County)</i> | 6,645 | 6,395 | 250 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| Coffeyville Micro-Area <i>(Montgomery County)</i> | 14,667 | 14,043 | 624 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 14.1 |
| Dodge City Micro-Area <i>(Ford County)</i> | 17,121 | 16,754 | 367 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 4.8 |
| Emporia Micro-Area <i>(Lyon County)</i> | 16,519 | 16,046 | 473 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 8.5 |
| Garden City Micro-Area <i>(Finney and Kearny Counties)</i> | 22,430 | 22,000 | 430 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 6.3 |
| Great Bend Micro-Area <i>(Barton County)</i> | 13,213 | 12,840 | 373 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 8.1 |
| Hays Micro-Area <i>(Ellis County)</i> | 17,131 | 16,806 | 325 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 7.9 |
| Hutchinson Micro-Area <i>(Reno County)</i> | 29,627 | 28,667 | 960 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 11.1 |
| Junction City Micro-Area <i>(Geary County)</i> | 11,607 | 11,089 | 518 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 11.5 |
| Liberal Micro-Area <i>(Seward County)</i> | 9,811 | 9,533 | 278 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 6.2 |
| McPherson Micro-Area <i>(McPherson County)</i> | 17,123 | 16,738 | 385 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 6.3 |
| Ottawa Micro-Area <i>(Franklin County)</i> | 14,162 | 13,708 | 454 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 10.3 |
| Parsons Micro-Area <i>(Laporte County)</i> | 9,370 | 9,044 | 326 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 8.9 |
| Pittsburg Micro-Area <i>(Crawford County)</i> | 18,936 | 18,335 | 601 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 9.8 |
| Salina Micro-Area <i>(Ottawa and Saline Counties)</i> | 32,071 | 31,118 | 953 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 10.4 |
| Allen County | 6,441 | 6,248 | 193 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 9.3 |
| Anderson County | 4,461 | 4,349 | 112 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 6.8 |
| Atchison County | 6,645 | 6,395 | 250 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| Barber County | 2,247 | 2,200 | 47 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 5.1 |

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

| Area | Civilian Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | April 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | March 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | April 2020 Unemployment Rate (%) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Barton County | 13,213 | 12,840 | 373 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 8.1 |
| Bourbon County | 6,550 | 6,309 | 241 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 9.4 |
| Brown County | 5,041 | 4,912 | 129 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 9.8 |
| Butler County | 32,455 | 31,234 | 1,221 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 15.5 |
| Chase County | 1,372 | 1,343 | 29 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 12.2 |
| Chautauqua County | 1,460 | 1,393 | 67 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 10.1 |
| Cherokee County | 9,941 | 9,648 | 293 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 11.1 |
| Cheyenne County | 1,251 | 1,230 | 21 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 3.3 |
| Clark County | 1,090 | 1,071 | 19 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Clay County | 3,644 | 3,552 | 92 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 8.4 |
| Cloud County | 3,761 | 3,654 | 107 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 6.1 |
| Coffey County | 4,072 | 3,951 | 121 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 8.8 |
| Comanche County | 870 | 853 | 17 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 4.7 |
| Cowley County | 16,465 | 15,831 | 634 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 14.9 |
| Crawford County | 18,936 | 18,335 | 601 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 9.8 |
| Decatur County | 1,120 | 1,089 | 31 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 5.8 |
| Dickinson County | 8,826 | 8,556 | 270 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 8.6 |
| Doniphan County | 4,135 | 4,023 | 112 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 9.5 |
| Douglas County | 65,352 | 63,258 | 2,094 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 12.6 |
| Edwards County | 1,452 | 1,421 | 31 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 4.0 |
| Elk County | 1,144 | 1,104 | 40 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 9.7 |
| Ellis County | 17,131 | 16,806 | 325 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 7.9 |
| Ellsworth County | 2,686 | 2,626 | 60 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 4.7 |
| Finney County | 20,469 | 20,068 | 401 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 6.4 |
| Ford County | 17,121 | 16,754 | 367 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 4.8 |
| Franklin County | 14,162 | 13,708 | 454 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 10.3 |
| Geary County | 11,607 | 11,089 | 518 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 11.5 |
| Gove County | 1,409 | 1,382 | 27 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| Graham County | 1,117 | 1,088 | 29 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 5.4 |
| Grant County | 2,856 | 2,768 | 88 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| Gray County | 3,108 | 3,055 | 53 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Greeley County | 792 | 781 | 11 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.1 |
| Greenwood County | 3,081 | 2,984 | 97 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 10.3 |
| Hamilton County | 1,571 | 1,551 | 20 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Harper County | 2,821 | 2,741 | 80 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 6.7 |
| Harvey County | 16,942 | 16,437 | 505 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 12.2 |
| Haskell County | 2,141 | 2,106 | 35 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.1 |
| Hodgeman County | 990 | 971 | 19 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 3.9 |
| Jackson County | 7,213 | 7,032 | 181 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 13.2 |
| Jefferson County | 10,299 | 9,998 | 301 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 10.6 |
| Jewell County | 1,235 | 1,208 | 27 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 4.5 |
| Johnson County | 348,917 | 339,407 | 9,510 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 11.3 |
| Kearny County | 1,961 | 1,932 | 29 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 5.0 |
| Kingman County | 3,266 | 3,170 | 96 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 10.8 |
| Kiowa County | 1,145 | 1,121 | 24 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 4.9 |

Kansas Labor Force Estimates (preliminary)

| Area | Civilian Labor Force | | | April 2021 | March 2021 | April 2020 |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemployment Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
| Labette County | 9,370 | 9,044 | 326 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 8.9 |
| Lane County | 723 | 708 | 15 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| Leavenworth County | 37,360 | 36,130 | 1,230 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 12.4 |
| Lincoln County | 1,685 | 1,650 | 35 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Linn County | 4,384 | 4,211 | 173 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 10.8 |
| Logan County | 1,587 | 1,562 | 25 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 4.7 |
| Lyon County | 16,519 | 16,046 | 473 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 8.5 |
| McPherson County | 17,123 | 16,738 | 385 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 6.3 |
| Marion County | 5,804 | 5,656 | 148 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 8.3 |
| Marshall County | 5,304 | 5,204 | 100 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 5.3 |
| Meade County | 2,023 | 1,976 | 47 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 4.4 |
| Miami County | 18,064 | 17,531 | 533 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 9.8 |
| Mitchell County | 3,355 | 3,296 | 59 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.6 |
| Montgomery County | 14,667 | 14,043 | 624 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 14.1 |
| Morris County | 3,050 | 2,982 | 68 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 7.1 |
| Morton County | 1,070 | 1,043 | 27 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| Nemaha County | 5,207 | 5,116 | 91 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 5.2 |
| Neosho County | 6,151 | 5,886 | 265 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 10.4 |
| Ness County | 1,292 | 1,265 | 27 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 5.4 |
| Norton County | 2,571 | 2,528 | 43 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 |
| Osage County | 8,052 | 7,828 | 224 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 10.5 |
| Osborne County | 1,893 | 1,864 | 29 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 4.8 |
| Ottawa County | 2,928 | 2,843 | 85 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 6.8 |
| Pawnee County | 2,739 | 2,680 | 59 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 5.3 |
| Phillips County | 2,543 | 2,496 | 47 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 6.9 |
| Pottawatomie County | 12,086 | 11,801 | 285 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 8.0 |
| Pratt County | 4,871 | 4,763 | 108 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 6.2 |
| Rawlins County | 1,473 | 1,449 | 24 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 3.7 |
| Reno County | 29,627 | 28,667 | 960 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 11.1 |
| Republic County | 2,214 | 2,159 | 55 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.5 |
| Rice County | 4,963 | 4,846 | 117 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 8.2 |
| Riley County | 34,409 | 33,489 | 920 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 9.0 |
| Rooks County | 2,401 | 2,340 | 61 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 6.1 |
| Rush County | 1,508 | 1,475 | 33 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 9.7 |
| Russell County | 3,162 | 3,085 | 77 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 7.8 |
| Saline County | 29,143 | 28,275 | 868 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 10.7 |
| Scott County | 2,680 | 2,643 | 37 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 3.9 |
| Sedgwick County | 255,202 | 242,047 | 13,155 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 20.0 |
| Seward County | 9,811 | 9,533 | 278 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 6.2 |
| Shawnee County | 92,055 | 89,167 | 2,888 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 12.9 |
| Sheridan County | 1,373 | 1,349 | 24 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| Sherman County | 2,751 | 2,674 | 77 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 4.9 |
| Smith County | 1,924 | 1,889 | 35 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 3.7 |
| Stafford County | 1,961 | 1,916 | 45 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 5.4 |
| Stanton County | 1,039 | 1,020 | 19 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 |

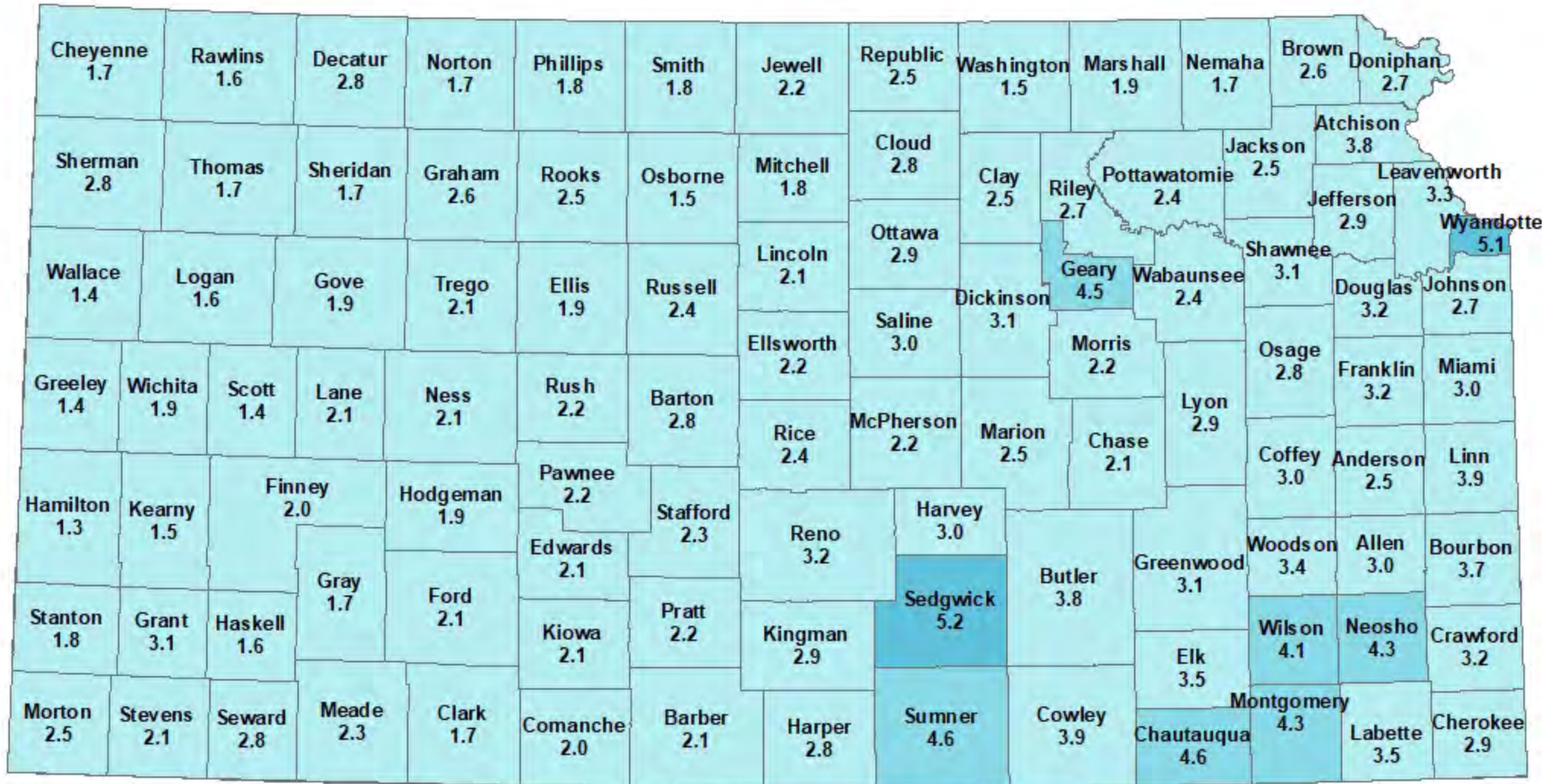
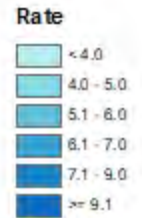
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| Area | Civilian Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | April 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | March 2021 Unemployment Rate (%) | April 2020 Unemployment Rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Stevens County | 2,723 | 2,666 | 57 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 3.3 |
| Sumner County | 10,803 | 10,308 | 495 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 18.8 |
| Thomas County | 4,138 | 4,067 | 71 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 4.6 |
| Trego County | 1,299 | 1,272 | 27 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 6.4 |
| Wabaunsee County | 3,648 | 3,561 | 87 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 7.9 |
| Wallace County | 809 | 798 | 11 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.7 |
| Washington County | 2,984 | 2,939 | 45 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 4.1 |
| Wichita County | 1,121 | 1,100 | 21 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| Wilson County | 3,697 | 3,545 | 152 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 22.1 |
| Woodson County | 1,521 | 1,469 | 52 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 9.6 |
| Wyandotte County | 79,553 | 75,528 | 4,025 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 16.0 |
| City of Dodge City | 13,608 | 13,318 | 290 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 5.0 |
| City of Emporia | 12,315 | 11,949 | 366 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 8.7 |
| City of Garden City | 14,880 | 14,583 | 297 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 6.7 |
| City of Hutchinson | 18,809 | 18,135 | 674 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 12.0 |
| City of Junction City | 8,802 | 8,411 | 391 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 11.4 |
| City of Kansas City | 72,758 | 69,033 | 3,725 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 16.1 |
| City of Lawrence | 52,801 | 51,094 | 1,707 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 13.0 |
| City of Leavenworth | 14,115 | 13,599 | 516 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 13.8 |
| City of Leawood | 17,850 | 17,472 | 378 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 8.3 |
| City of Lenexa | 33,207 | 32,308 | 899 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 11.8 |
| City of Manhattan | 28,175 | 27,469 | 706 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 8.9 |
| City of Olathe | 81,826 | 79,738 | 2,088 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 11.0 |
| City of Overland Park | 113,964 | 110,829 | 3,135 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 11.4 |
| City of Salina | 24,772 | 23,997 | 775 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 11.2 |
| City of Shawnee | 37,408 | 36,246 | 1,162 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 12.5 |
| City of Topeka | 63,719 | 61,507 | 2,212 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 13.8 |
| City of Wichita | 192,318 | 181,864 | 10,454 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 20.6 |
| City of Manhattan, Riley County part | 28,171 | 27,465 | 706 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 8.9 |

Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services and the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

APRIL 2021 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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