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**Labor Market Report
October 2020**

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for October 2020. Data collected for this report references the week including October 12th. Reopening decisions were transferred to local officials on May 26, 2020. Counties following the 'Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas' moved to Phase 3 on June 8, 2020, with recommendations to remain in Phase 3 issued on July 6, 2020. 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 5.3 percent in October. This was a decrease from 5.9 percent in September and an increase from 3.1 percent in October 2019.

“The October report shows that Kansas has continued to make an economic recovery during the pandemic,” said Acting Secretary Ryan Wright. “We have seen an increase in the number of jobs and those employed in the labor force, along with another drop in the unemployment rate which decreased to 5.3 percent in October.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,200 from September. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,900 from the previous month, while government increased by 1,300.

“October estimates show Kansas added jobs over-the-month and the state has now recovered 54.6 percent of nonfarm jobs lost in March and April,” said Labor Economist Emilie Doerksen. “The professional and business services and leisure and hospitality industries saw the largest increases in October, with each industry adding more than 2,500 jobs.”

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Since October 2019, Kansas [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) have declined by 53,000. This change is due to a decrease of 41,300 private sector jobs and 11,700 government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for September upward by 1,300 jobs, from 1,360,400 to 1,361,700. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 1,500 jobs, from 1,113,100 to 1,114,600.

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

The November 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, December 18.

[Technical Notes](#)

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

Since March 15, KDOL has paid out more than 3.1 million weekly claims totaling over \$2.3 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	October 2020 Unemployment Rate (%)	September 2020 Unemployment Rate (%)	October 2019 Unemployment Rate (%)
Kansas - <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	1,517,304	1,437,267	80,037	5.3	5.9	3.1
Kansas	1,519,494	1,444,851	74,643	4.9	5.6	2.8
Lawrence MSA (<i>Douglas County</i>)	66,096	62,705	3,391	5.1	5.6	2.6
Wichita MSA (<i>Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties</i>)	322,471	300,467	22,004	6.8	8.0	3.1
Topeka MSA (<i>Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties</i>)	120,367	114,553	5,814	4.8	5.3	2.9
Kansas City Area (<i>Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte Counties</i>)	479,167	456,699	22,468	4.7	5.3	2.8
Manhattan MSA (<i>Pottawatomie and Riley Counties</i>)	46,913	45,003	1,910	4.1	4.3	2.4
Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield Combined Statistical Area (<i>Wichita MSA and Arkansas City-Winfield Micropolitan area</i>)	339,977	317,040	22,937	6.7	7.9	3.1
Manhattan-Junction City Combined Statistical Area (<i>Manhattan MSA and Junction City Micropolitan area</i>)	58,942	56,324	2,618	4.4	4.9	2.7
Arkansas City-Winfield Micro-Area (<i>Cowley County</i>)	17,506	16,573	933	5.3	6.0	3.0
Atchison Micro-Area (<i>Atchison County</i>)	6,994	6,610	384	5.5	6.2	5.3
Coffeyville Micro-Area (<i>Montgomery County</i>)	15,190	14,302	888	5.8	7.6	4.1
Dodge City Micro-Area (<i>Ford County</i>)	17,747	17,175	572	3.2	3.5	2.3
Emporia Micro-Area (<i>Lyon County</i>)	17,275	16,552	723	4.2	4.3	2.9
Garden City Micro-Area (<i>Finney and Kearny Counties</i>)	23,796	23,080	716	3.0	3.1	2.1
Great Bend Micro-Area (<i>Barton County</i>)	14,339	13,753	586	4.1	4.4	2.7
Hays Micro-Area (<i>Ellis County</i>)	17,797	17,281	516	2.9	3.0	2.0
Hutchinson Micro-Area (<i>Reno County</i>)	30,970	29,515	1,455	4.7	5.2	2.9
Junction City Micro-Area (<i>Geary County</i>)	12,029	11,321	708	5.9	6.9	4.0
Liberal Micro-Area (<i>Seward County</i>)	10,137	9,729	408	4.0	4.2	2.9
McPherson Micro-Area (<i>McPherson County</i>)	17,805	17,240	565	3.2	3.2	2.0
Ottawa Micro-Area (<i>Franklin County</i>)	14,687	14,030	657	4.5	5.2	2.8
Parsons Micro-Area (<i>Labette County</i>)	10,024	9,558	466	4.6	5.6	3.3
Pittsburg Micro-Area (<i>Crawford County</i>)	19,524	18,611	913	4.7	5.4	3.6
Salina Micro-Area (<i>Ottawa and Saline Counties</i>)	33,377	31,838	1,539	4.6	5.0	2.6
Allen County	6,632	6,336	296	4.5	5.0	3.0
Anderson County	4,390	4,238	152	3.5	4.1	2.7
Atchison County	6,994	6,610	384	5.5	6.2	5.3
Barber County	2,399	2,329	70	2.9	3.0	2.6

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Area	Civilian Labor Force			October 2020	September 2020	October 2019
	Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Barton County	14,339	13,753	586	4.1	4.4	2.7
Bourbon County	6,868	6,531	337	4.9	5.8	3.6
Brown County	5,361	5,170	191	3.6	3.8	2.6
Butler County	32,847	31,100	1,747	5.3	6.0	2.9
Chase County	1,460	1,389	71	4.9	6.8	2.0
Chautauqua County	1,479	1,398	81	5.5	6.7	3.4
Cherokee County	10,307	9,907	400	3.9	4.8	3.1
Cheyenne County	1,392	1,365	27	1.9	2.0	2.3
Clark County	1,187	1,165	22	1.9	1.7	2.1
Clay County	4,000	3,837	163	4.1	4.1	2.6
Cloud County	3,927	3,770	157	4.0	4.3	3.0
Coffey County	4,133	3,979	154	3.7	4.6	3.3
Comanche County	898	875	23	2.6	4.1	2.7
Cowley County	17,506	16,573	933	5.3	6.0	3.0
Crawford County	19,524	18,611	913	4.7	5.4	3.6
Decatur County	1,297	1,252	45	3.5	3.1	2.6
Dickinson County	9,290	8,939	351	3.8	4.1	2.9
Doniphan County	4,169	4,042	127	3.0	4.0	2.8
Douglas County	66,096	62,705	3,391	5.1	5.6	2.6
Edwards County	1,606	1,564	42	2.6	2.9	2.6
Elk County	1,207	1,163	44	3.6	4.5	3.5
Ellis County	17,797	17,281	516	2.9	3.0	2.0
Ellsworth County	2,848	2,756	92	3.2	3.1	2.5
Finney County	21,656	20,991	665	3.1	3.1	2.1
Ford County	17,747	17,175	572	3.2	3.5	2.3
Franklin County	14,687	14,030	657	4.5	5.2	2.8
Geary County	12,029	11,321	708	5.9	6.9	4.0
Gove County	1,533	1,501	32	2.1	2.3	1.8
Graham County	1,193	1,139	54	4.5	5.1	2.9
Grant County	3,314	3,179	135	4.1	4.4	2.3
Gray County	3,501	3,435	66	1.9	2.0	1.8
Greeley County	914	900	14	1.5	1.5	2.0
Greenwood County	3,259	3,120	139	4.3	4.9	2.5
Hamilton County	1,768	1,733	35	2.0	1.5	1.6
Harper County	2,831	2,701	130	4.6	4.9	2.3
Harvey County	17,098	16,342	756	4.4	4.6	2.7
Haskell County	2,310	2,258	52	2.3	2.2	1.8
Hodgeman County	1,075	1,051	24	2.2	2.1	2.5
Jackson County	7,197	6,934	263	3.7	4.2	2.4
Jefferson County	10,161	9,759	402	4.0	4.3	2.7
Jewell County	1,310	1,281	29	2.2	2.8	2.7
Johnson County	342,200	327,199	15,001	4.4	4.8	2.5
Kearny County	2,140	2,089	51	2.4	2.5	2.3
Kingman County	3,512	3,357	155	4.4	4.4	2.9
Kiowa County	1,345	1,308	37	2.8	3.1	2.1
Labette County	10,024	9,558	466	4.6	5.6	3.3

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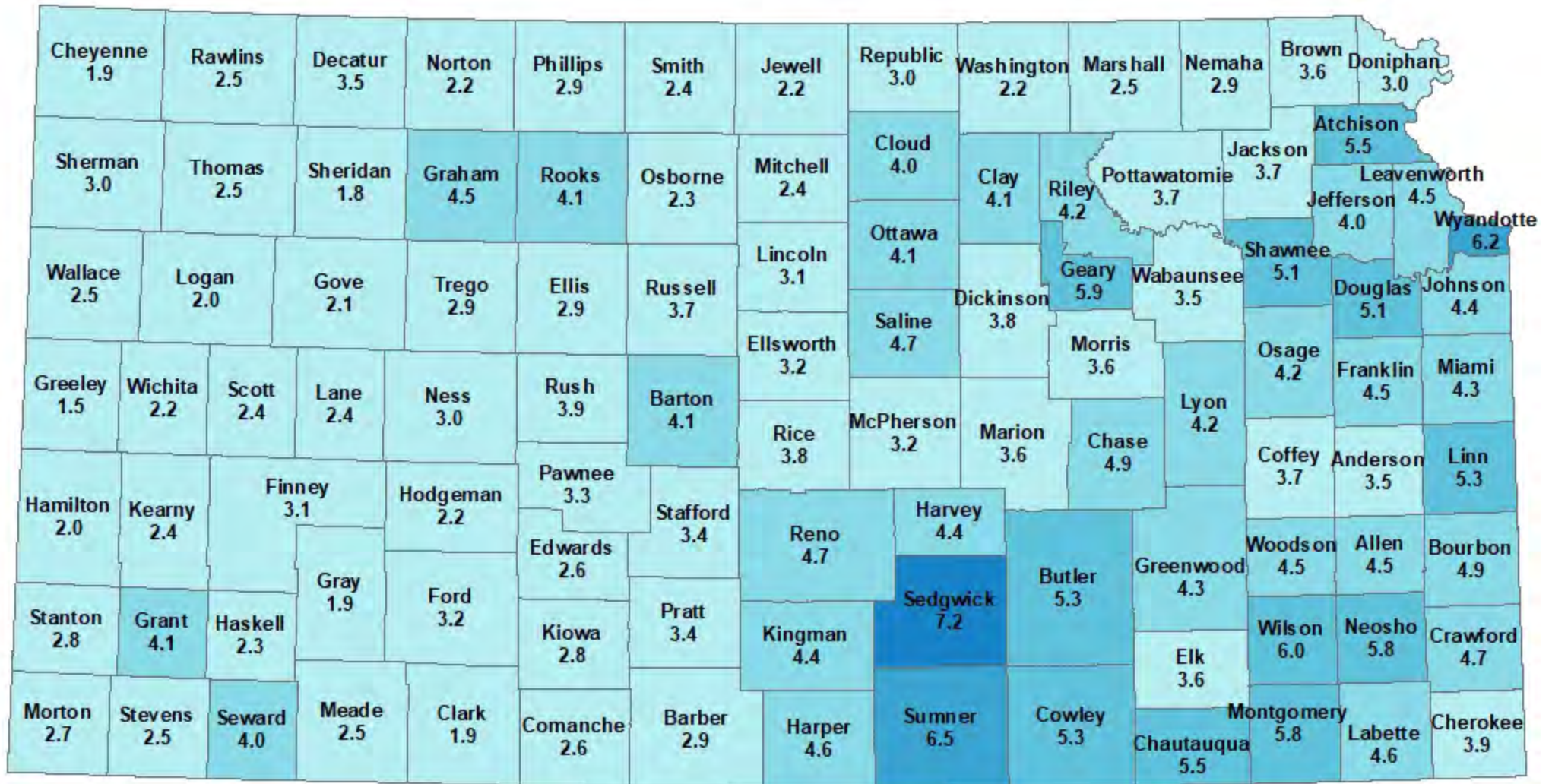
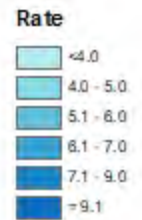
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Lane County	828	808	20	2.4	3.1	2.3
Leavenworth County	36,672	35,034	1,638	4.5	5.2	3.1
Lincoln County	1,778	1,723	55	3.1	3.0	1.7
Linn County	4,415	4,181	234	5.3	6.9	4.9
Logan County	1,721	1,687	34	2.0	2.1	1.7
Lyon County	17,275	16,552	723	4.2	4.3	2.9
McPherson County	17,805	17,240	565	3.2	3.2	2.0
Marion County	6,125	5,904	221	3.6	3.8	2.6
Marshall County	5,768	5,624	144	2.5	2.7	2.3
Meade County	2,246	2,190	56	2.5	2.7	1.9
Miami County	17,552	16,804	748	4.3	4.7	2.9
Mitchell County	3,637	3,548	89	2.4	2.5	2.0
Montgomery County	15,190	14,302	888	5.8	7.6	4.1
Morris County	3,187	3,072	115	3.6	4.3	2.4
Morton County	1,241	1,208	33	2.7	3.6	2.4
Nemaha County	5,877	5,708	169	2.9	2.4	2.7
Neosho County	6,494	6,116	378	5.8	6.3	4.2
Ness County	1,392	1,350	42	3.0	3.5	2.4
Norton County	2,751	2,691	60	2.2	2.9	1.9
Osage County	8,005	7,667	338	4.2	4.9	3.0
Osborne County	2,079	2,031	48	2.3	2.6	1.7
Ottawa County	3,073	2,948	125	4.1	3.9	2.4
Pawnee County	3,004	2,904	100	3.3	3.4	2.4
Phillips County	2,751	2,672	79	2.9	3.0	2.3
Pottawatomie County	12,261	11,809	452	3.7	3.7	2.3
Pratt County	5,143	4,970	173	3.4	3.3	2.1
Rawlins County	1,622	1,582	40	2.5	2.5	1.9
Reno County	30,970	29,515	1,455	4.7	5.2	2.9
Republic County	2,506	2,431	75	3.0	3.3	2.1
Rice County	5,242	5,045	197	3.8	3.7	2.3
Riley County	34,652	33,194	1,458	4.2	4.6	2.5
Rooks County	2,614	2,508	106	4.1	4.1	2.8
Rush County	1,638	1,574	64	3.9	4.4	2.1
Russell County	3,435	3,309	126	3.7	3.7	2.4
Saline County	30,304	28,890	1,414	4.7	5.1	2.6
Scott County	2,997	2,926	71	2.4	2.3	1.6
Sedgwick County	257,794	239,173	18,621	7.2	8.6	3.1
Seward County	10,137	9,729	408	4.0	4.2	2.9
Shawnee County	91,307	86,626	4,681	5.1	5.6	3.0
Sheridan County	1,574	1,545	29	1.8	2.1	2.0
Sherman County	3,023	2,932	91	3.0	3.1	2.8
Smith County	2,111	2,061	50	2.4	2.1	2.1
Stafford County	2,179	2,104	75	3.4	4.0	2.2
Stanton County	1,136	1,104	32	2.8	1.8	2.5
Stevens County	2,972	2,897	75	2.5	2.9	2.4
Sumner County	11,220	10,495	725	6.5	7.8	2.9

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Thomas County	4,386	4,275	111	2.5	2.7	2.0
Trego County	1,524	1,480	44	2.9	2.9	2.0
Wabaunsee County	3,697	3,567	130	3.5	3.6	3.0
Wallace County	887	865	22	2.5	1.7	2.0
Washington County	3,214	3,143	71	2.2	2.0	1.9
Wichita County	1,274	1,246	28	2.2	2.0	1.8
Wilson County	4,037	3,796	241	6.0	7.4	3.6
Woodson County	1,692	1,616	76	4.5	5.8	3.5
Wyandotte County	78,328	73,481	4,847	6.2	7.5	4.1
City of Dodge City	14,145	13,656	489	3.5	3.7	2.4
City of Emporia	12,875	12,330	545	4.2	4.3	2.9
City of Garden City	15,771	15,272	499	3.2	3.3	2.0
City of Hutchinson	19,702	18,678	1,024	5.2	5.9	3.0
City of Junction City	9,132	8,591	541	5.9	7.0	4.0
City of Kansas City	71,682	67,203	4,479	6.2	7.6	4.2
City of Lawrence	53,293	50,520	2,773	5.2	5.7	2.6
City of Leavenworth	13,981	13,292	689	4.9	5.9	3.3
City of Leawood	17,772	16,961	811	4.6	4.0	2.4
City of Lenexa	32,719	31,212	1,507	4.6	5.1	2.7
City of Manhattan	28,735	27,602	1,133	3.9	4.3	2.3
City of Olathe	80,346	76,974	3,372	4.2	4.5	2.3
City of Overland Park	110,935	106,079	4,856	4.4	4.9	2.4
City of Salina	25,761	24,526	1,235	4.8	5.3	2.7
City of Shawnee	37,011	35,246	1,765	4.8	4.9	2.8
City of Topeka	63,295	59,826	3,469	5.5	6.2	3.2
City of Wichita	195,066	180,241	14,825	7.6	9.1	3.3
City of Manhattan, Riley County part	28,731	27,598	1,133	3.9	4.3	2.3

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

OCTOBER 2020 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted

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