

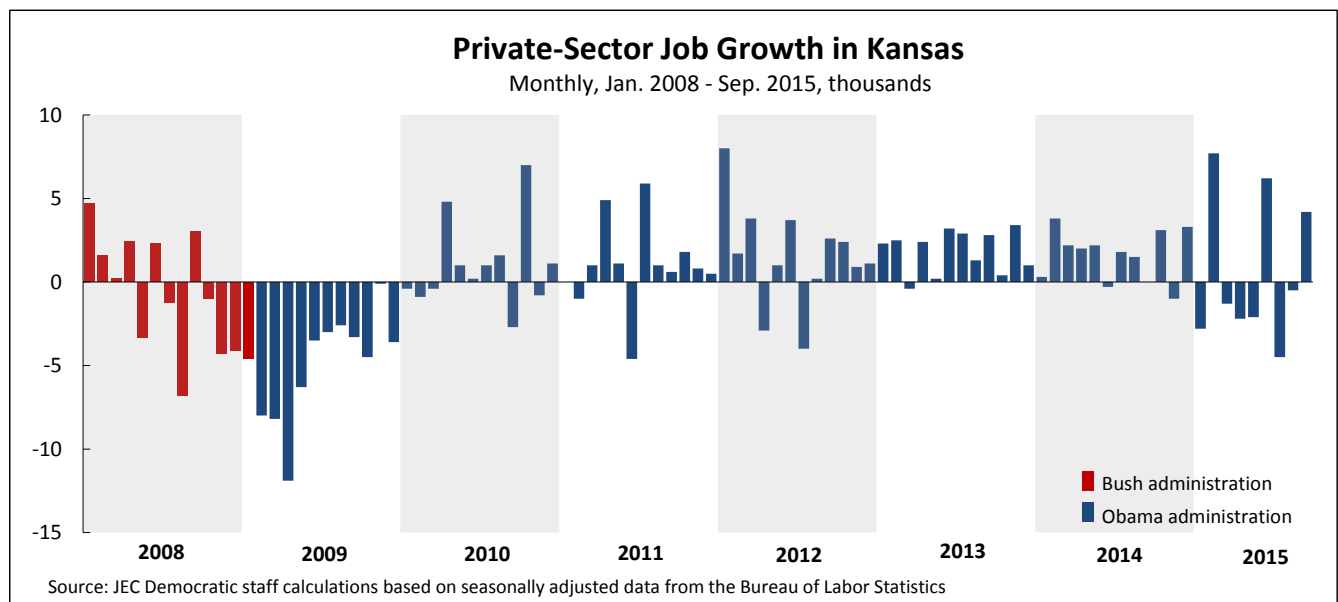


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through September 2015**
Last updated on October 20th; Data update next on November 20th*

JOBS

- In September, private-sector employment in Kansas grew by 4,200 jobs. Over the past year, Kansas businesses have added 10,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 18,300 jobs over the 12 months through September 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kansas businesses have added 88,900 jobs (an increase of 8.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.3 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 24.1 percent (12,600 jobs), professional and business services at 22.4 percent (32,000 jobs) and mining and logging at 15.9 percent (1,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.4 percent in September 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from August. The rate was 0.7 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 2.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in September 2009.
- There were 64,600 Kansas residents unemployed in September 2015.

EARNINGS

- In September 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kansas were \$22.64. The average workweek was 33.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$767.50.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kansas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	10,100	2.6 million
	Since Feb. 2010	88,900	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate	September 2015	4.4%	5.1%
	September 2014	4.3%	5.9%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.2%	11.7%
	2013	12.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Kansas grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Kansas GDP growth has averaged 1.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Kansas increased by 2.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In August 2015, builders in Kansas broke ground on 5,650 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,568 units. That marks an increase of 33.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Kansas, goods exports totaled \$772 million in August and \$10.9 billion over the past year, down 6.6 percent from the 12 months ending in August 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 16.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Kansas economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Kansas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kansas office: <http://www.dol.ks.gov/lmis/Default.aspx>