

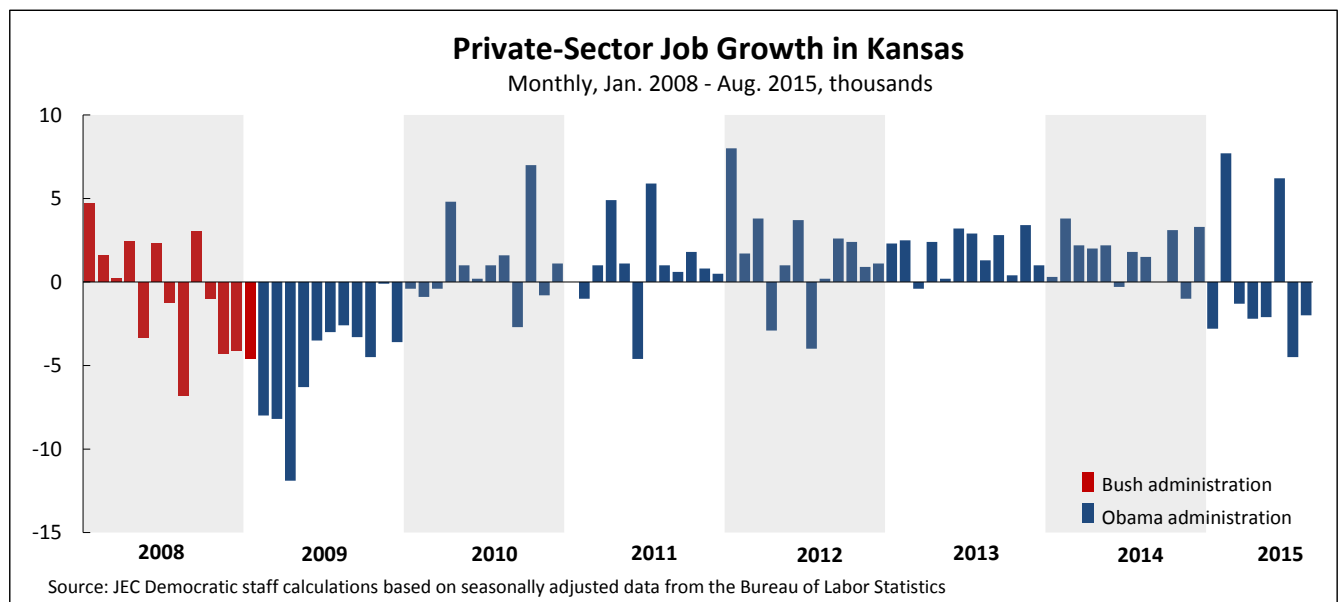


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through August 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on September 18th; Data update next on October 20th\*\**

### JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Kansas fell by 2,000 jobs. Over the past year, Kansas businesses have added 4,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 21,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kansas businesses have added 83,200 jobs (an increase of 7.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.2 percent (12,100 jobs), professional and business services at 19.1 percent (27,300 jobs) and mining and logging at 15.9 percent (1,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.6 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 2.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in September 2009.
- There were 67,500 Kansas residents unemployed in August 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kansas were \$22.63. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$794.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Kansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	4,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	83,200	13.1 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	August 2015	4.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2014 \$)</b> .....	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,400	\$57,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2014	12.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.7%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	12.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 July 2015, builders in Kansas broke ground on 7,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,625 units. That marks an increase of 33.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Kansas, goods exports totaled \$1.0 billion in July and \$11.2 billion over the past year, down 4.8 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 18.6 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>