

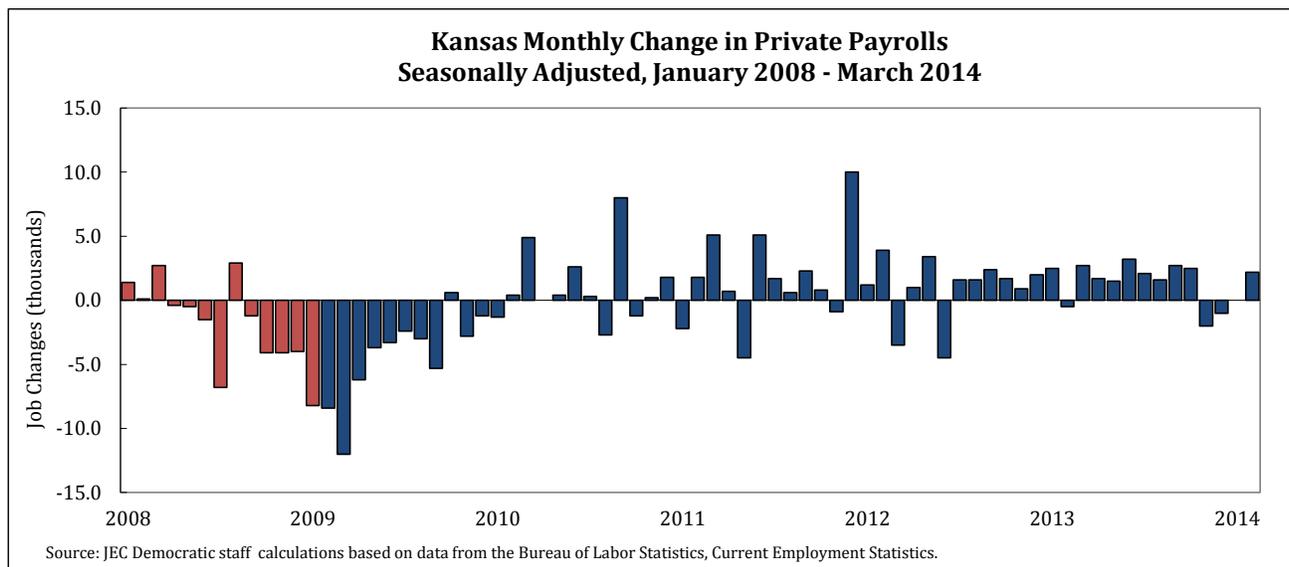


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through March 2014\*\**

### JOBS

- In March, private-sector employment in Kansas grew by 2,200 jobs. Over the past year, the Kansas private sector has added 17,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,600 jobs over the 12 months ending in March 2013.
- Kansas private-sector employers have added 66,100 jobs (an increase of 6.2 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In Kansas, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: professional and business services (25,900 jobs), trade, transportation and utilities (11,800 jobs) and education and health services (9,600 jobs).
- The Kansas sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging (30.9 percent), professional and business services (18.4 percent) and construction (15.0 percent).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.9 percent in March 2014, holding constant from February. The rate is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 7.5 percent in August 2009.
- 73,300 Kansas residents were unemployed during March 2014, down from a recent high of 114,000 in July 2009. There are still 13,600 more people unemployed in Kansas than when the recession began.
- In Kansas, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 10,452 during March, down 13.9 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 9.1 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

### EXPORTS

- In Kansas, exports totaled \$864 million in February and \$12.6 billion over the past year, up 6.3 percent from the 12 months ending in February 2013 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- Kansas exports over the past 12 months are up 24.7 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

### HOUSING

- Home prices in Kansas increased by 1.2 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012 to the fourth quarter of 2013 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 3.4 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011 but remain 1.7 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in Kansas totaled 2,550 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in February 2014, a decrease of 54.7 percent from January.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Kansas, sales of new single-family homes totaled 67,000 units in February 2014, an increase of 36.7 percent from January. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased by 4.1 percent to 930,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from January to February 2014.

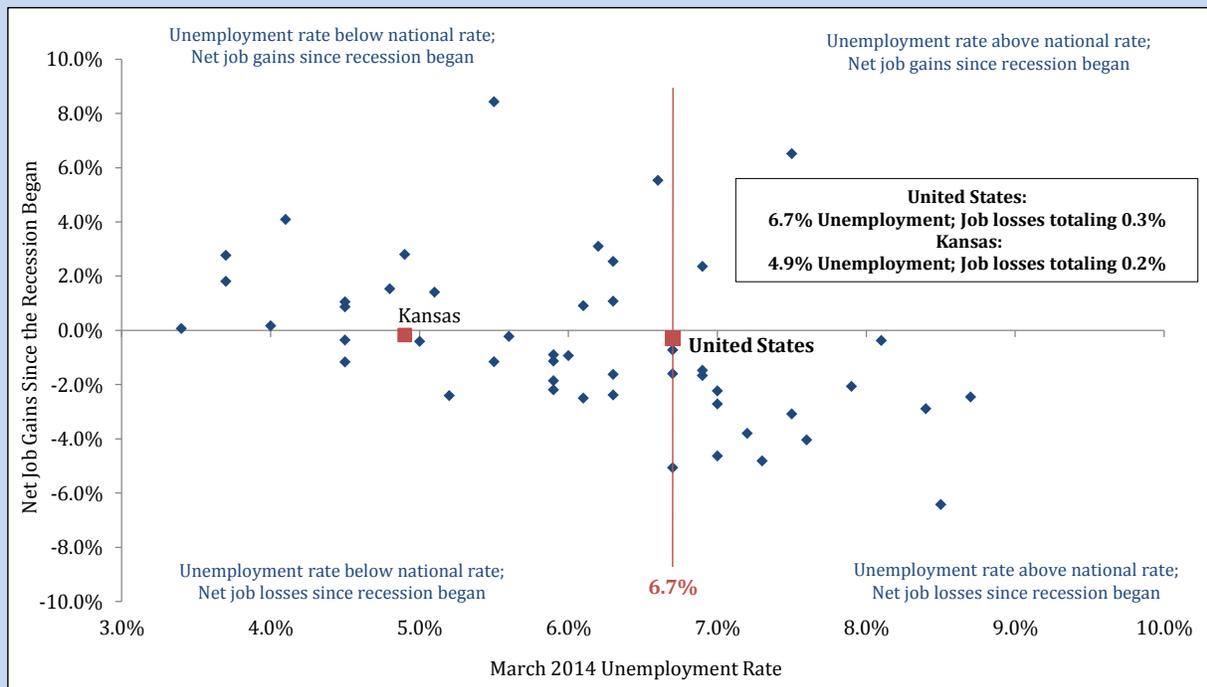
\* For Kansas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kansas office: <http://www.dol.ks.gov/lmis/Default.aspx>

## How Does Kansas Compare to Other States?

Workers across the country were hit hard during the recent recession. Since then, employment in some states has returned to pre-recession levels, while employment in other states remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows for a comparison of Kansas to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in Kansas, while net job gains since the recession began (current nonfarm jobs as a share of jobs prior to the recession) measures progress toward labor-market recovery (vertical axis).

States falling in the upper left quadrant have net job gains since the start of the recession and unemployment rates lower than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower right quadrant have higher unemployment rates than the United States overall and are still experiencing net job losses relative to pre-recession levels.



Note: The figure above excludes North Dakota, which has a current unemployment rate of 2.6% and net job gains totaling 26.9% since the start of the recession.

### STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Kansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Unemployment Rates</b> .....	March 2014	4.9%	6.7%
	March 2013	5.5%	7.5%
	March 2012	5.8%	8.2%
	March 2011	6.7%	9.0%
<b>Percent of Population Who Are Veterans</b> .....	2013	10.4%	9.0%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2013	5.5%	6.6%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2013	11.0%	9.0%
<b>Median Household Income</b> .....	2012	\$ 50,003	\$ 51,017
	(2012 \$) 2007	\$ 53,705	\$ 55,627
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2012	14.0%	15.0%
	2007	11.7%	12.5%
<b>No Health Insurance</b> .....	2012	12.6%	15.4%
	2007	12.4%	14.7%