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Kansas

Employment Update



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United States Employment Snapshot

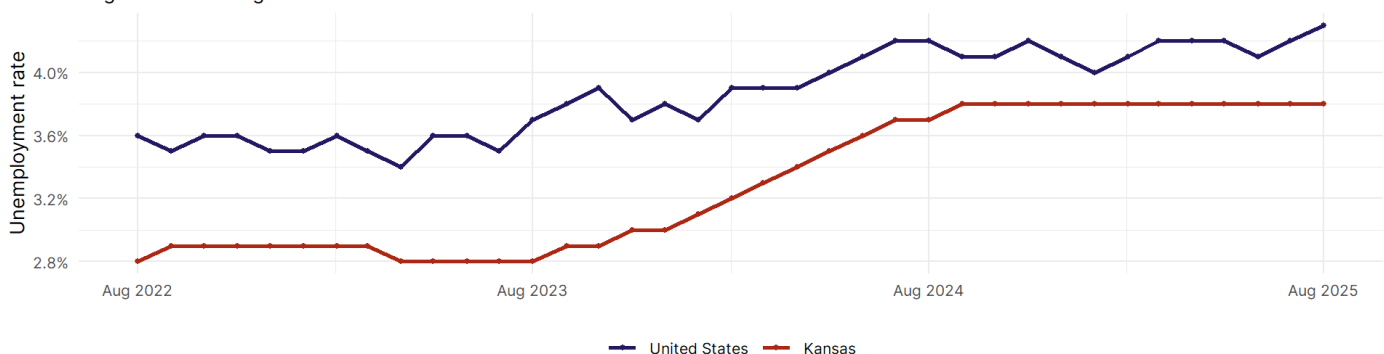
- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Kansas Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Kansas lost 4,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.8 percent.** In the prior month, Kansas lost 6,400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Kansas lost 10,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 3.7 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Kansas **ranks 50th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Kansas's private sector lost 1,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 200 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Kansas lost 900 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Kansas **rose by 2,277**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 2,125.
- **Kansas's labor force participation rate rose to 67 percent** in August from 66.9 percent and **ranks 9th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.3 percentage points.

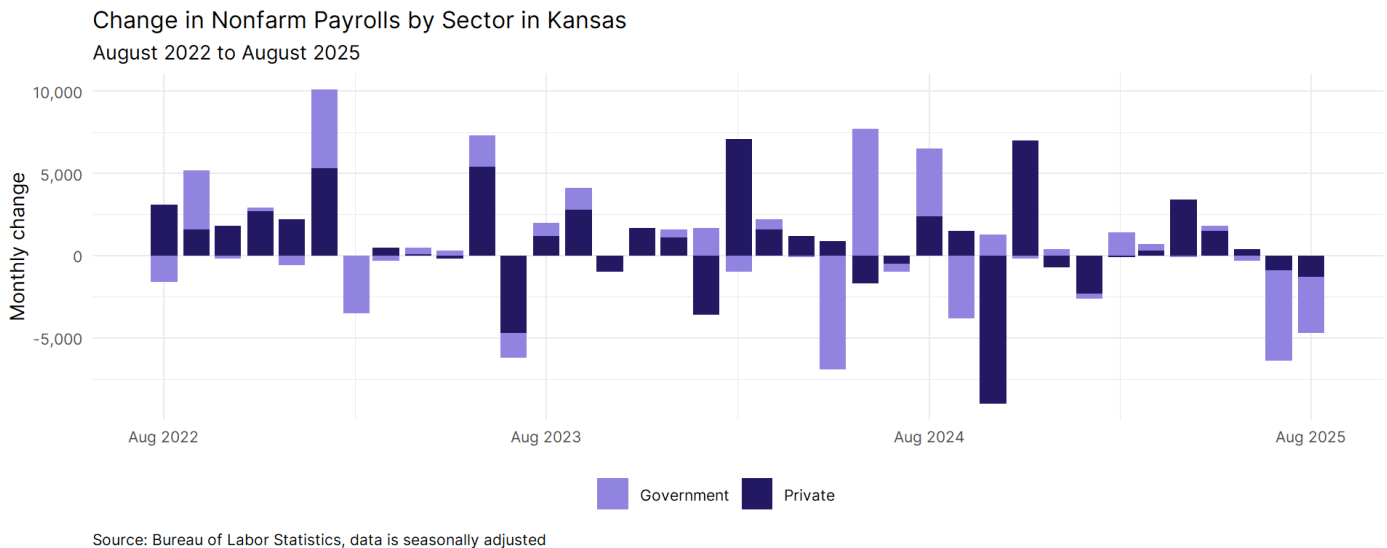
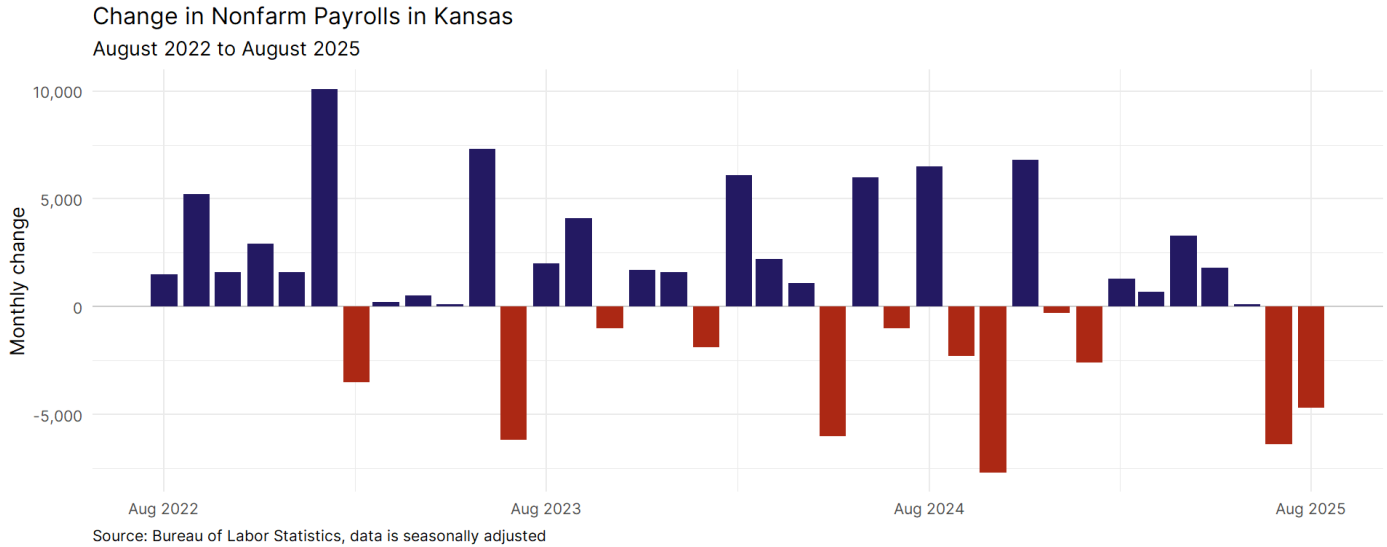
Unemployment Rate in Kansas

August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

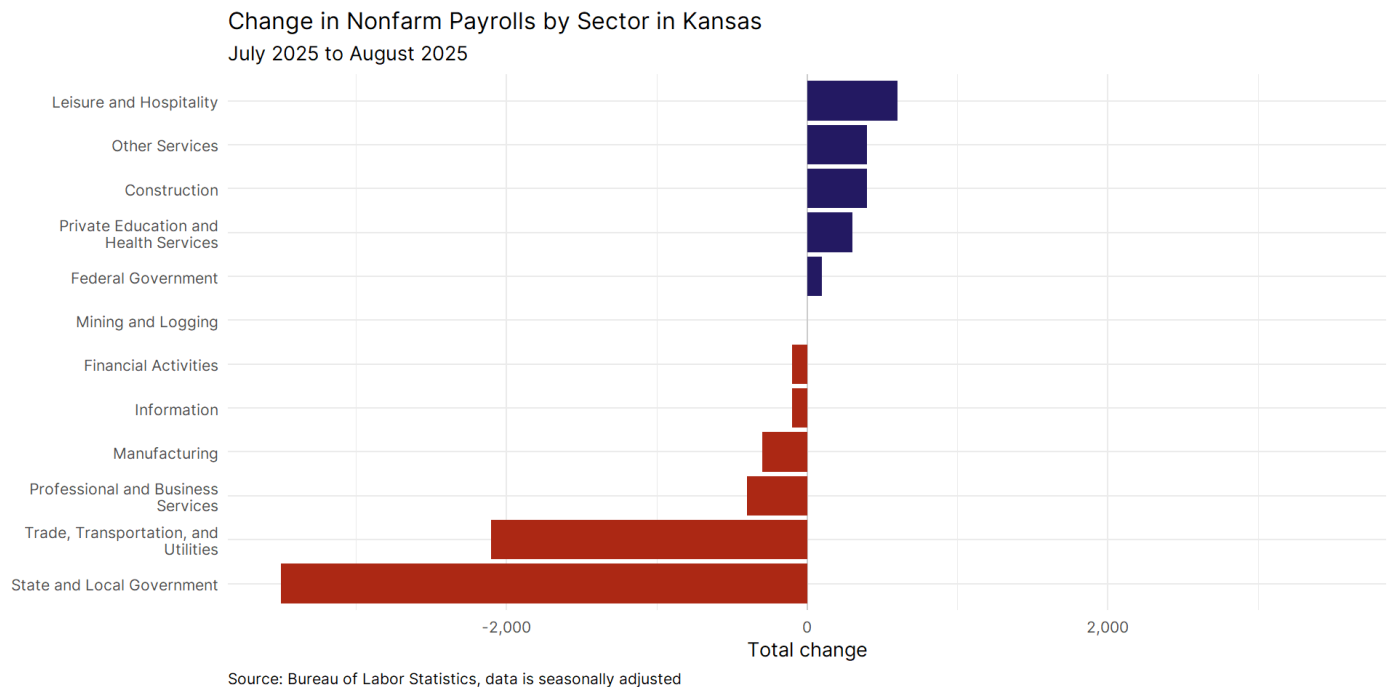
Kansas Payroll employment



- **Kansas lost 4,700 net payroll jobs, or -0.3 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Kansas lost 6,400 jobs. Kansas nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **6 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Kansas ranks 50th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Kansas lost 1,300 private sector jobs, or -0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Kansas lost 900 jobs. Kansas private sector payroll employment has increased in **6 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent.** Kansas ranks 47th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

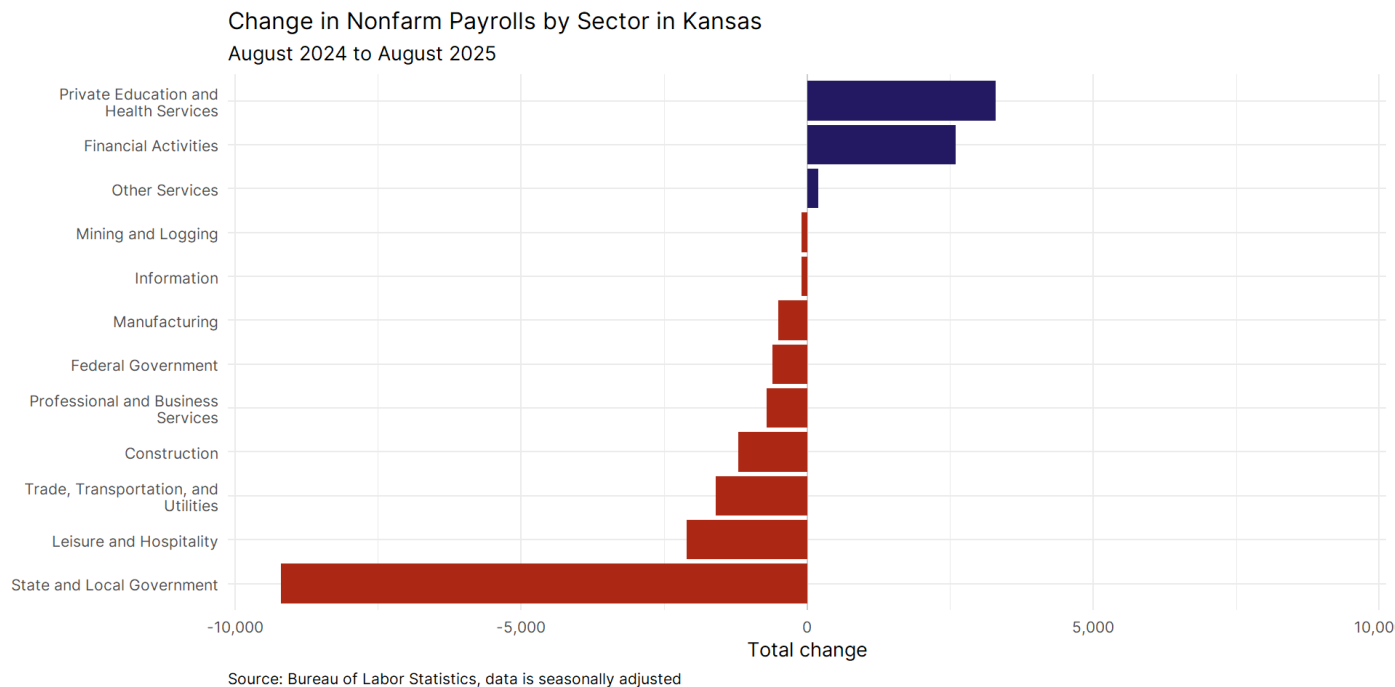
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Leisure and Hospitality** (+600) and **Other Services** (+400).
- The worst performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (-3,500) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-2,100).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+3,300) and **Financial Activities** (+2,600).
- The worst performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (-9,200) and **Leisure and Hospitality** (-2,100).

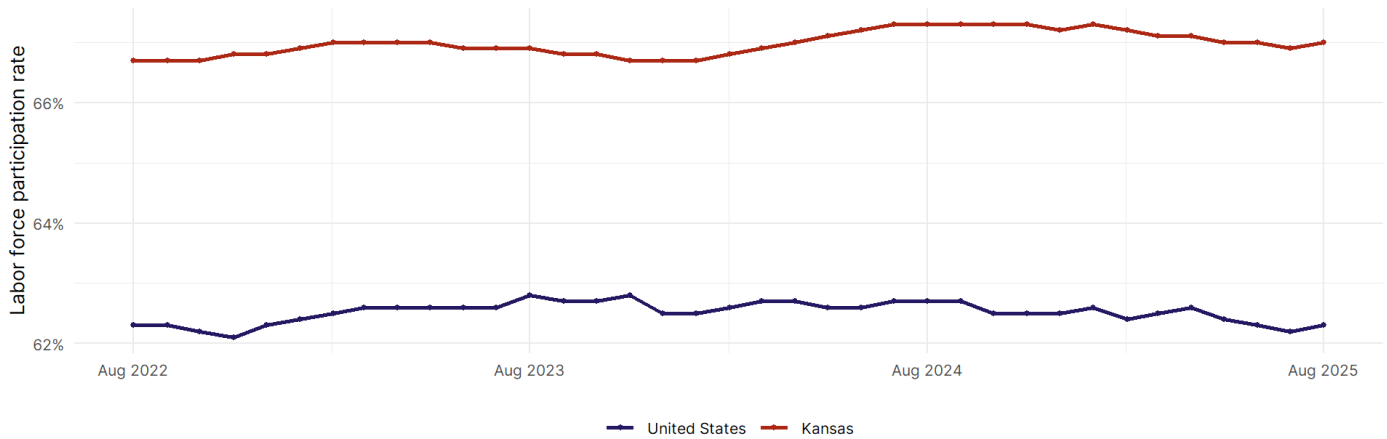


Kansas Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

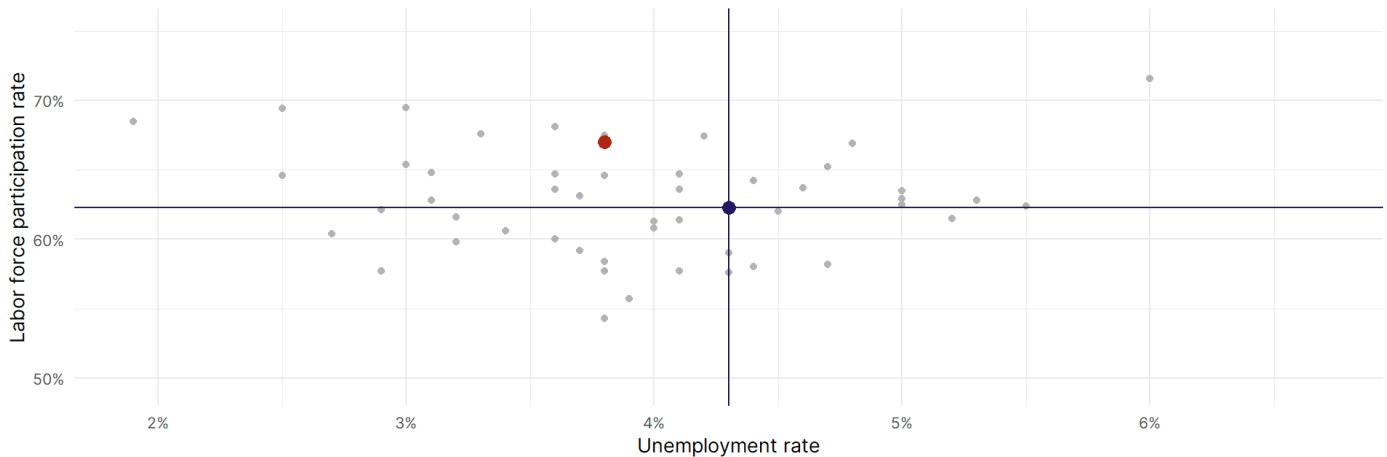
- The labor force participation rate in **Kansas rose to 67 percent in August from 66.9 percent in the prior month.**
- **Kansas ranks 9th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Kansas was **67.8 percent** occurring in February 2016, and the 10-year low was **66.3 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Kansas
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State
August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted