



Demographic Profile of Wichita Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries Q4 2014

The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an unemployed person as one 16 years and older having no employment and having made specific efforts to find employment in the past four weeks. By this definition, there was an average of 14,085 unemployed people in the Wichita metropolitan area in the fourth quarter of 2014, approximately 65 percent of whom collected unemployment insurance benefits.¹ In the fourth quarter of 2014 there were approximately 9,093 people, age 16 and over, who collected unemployment insurance benefits. That is an increase of approximately 13 percent from the third quarter.

Educational attainment is a leading indicator of unemployment. The higher the level of education, the less likely a person will be unemployed. In the Wichita area 32.4 percent of the labor force, age 25 to 64, have no more education than a high school diploma. Of those receiving unemployment benefits, 61.8 percent have no more education than a high school diploma.

| Wichita MSA Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 25-64 years old | | | | | | |
| | Q3 2014 | | Q4 2014 | | Change | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Less than high school | 672 | 9.8% | 1,199 | 15.5% | 527 | 78.4% |
| GED or high school | 3,171 | 46.0% | 3,591 | 46.3% | 420 | 13.2% |
| Some college | 2,006 | 29.1% | 1,991 | 25.7% | (15) | -0.7% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 920 | 13.4% | 763 | 9.8% | (157) | -17.1% |
| Not Reported | 118 | 1.7% | 212 | 2.7% | 94 | 79.7% |
| Total | 6,887 | 100.0% | 7,756 | 100.0% | 869 | 12.6% |

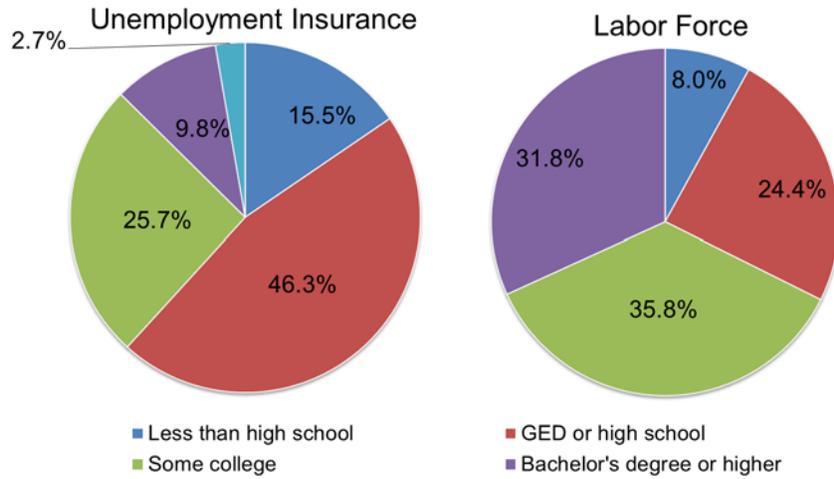
Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Between the third and fourth quarters of 2014, the increase in the number of unemployment beneficiaries can be fully attributed to those with no more education than a high school diploma. There were decreases in the number of unemployment insurance beneficiaries with at least some college education.

¹ The Kansas Department of Labor provided detailed unemployment beneficiary demographic data for first quarter 2014 at the county level, which was aggregated to the Wichita MSA.

Educational Attainment

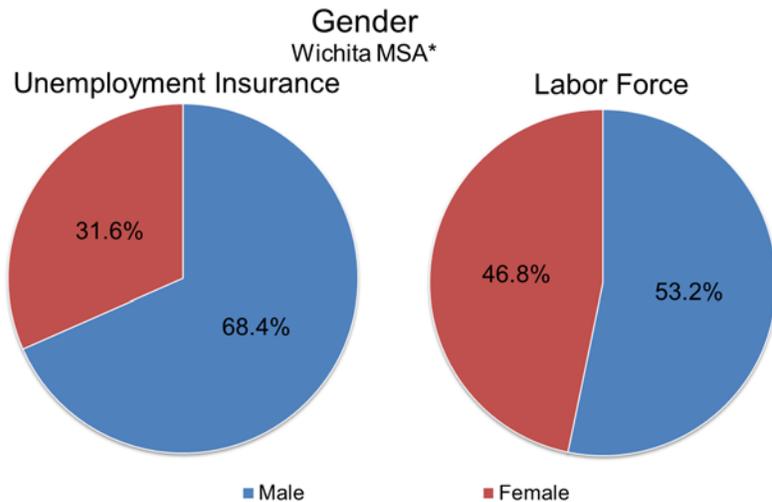
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Source: Kansas Department of Labor, U.S. Census Bureau, *Persons 25-64 years old

Gender

In the fourth quarter, a person in the Wichita area receiving unemployment insurance benefits is 2.2 times more likely to be male as female. This is up from 1.5 times more likely to be a male than a female in the third quarter. This can be attributed to a seasonal increase in the number of males receiving benefits as the result of seasonal construction employment.



Source: Kansas Department of Labor, U.S. Census Bureau, *Persons 16 years and over

| Wichita MSA Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries by Gender and Education 16 Years and over | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Female | Q3 2014 | | Q4 2014 | | Change | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Less than high school | 382 | 4.8% | 368 | 4.0% | (14) | -3.7% |
| GED or high school | 1,394 | 17.4% | 1,187 | 13.1% | (207) | -14.8% |
| Some college | 971 | 12.1% | 886 | 9.7% | (85) | -8.8% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 474 | 5.9% | 361 | 4.0% | (113) | -23.8% |
| Not Reported | 35 | 0.4% | 72 | 0.8% | 37 | 105.7% |
| Total | 3,256 | 40.6% | 2,874 | 31.6% | (382) | -11.7% |
| Male | Q3 2014 | | Q4 2014 | | Change | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Less than high school | 439 | 5.5% | 1,041 | 11.4% | 602 | 137.1% |
| GED or high school | 2,369 | 29.5% | 3,103 | 34.1% | 734 | 31.0% |
| Some college | 1,346 | 16.8% | 1,411 | 15.5% | 65 | 4.8% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 513 | 6.4% | 472 | 5.2% | (41) | -8.0% |
| Not Reported | 104 | 1.3% | 192 | 2.1% | 88 | 84.6% |
| Total | 4,771 | 59.4% | 6,219 | 68.4% | 1,448 | 30.4% |

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Age

The age distribution of people receiving unemployment benefits shifted somewhat younger between the third and fourth quarters of 2014. There are marginally fewer people 45 and over receiving unemployment benefits, 39.3 percent, down from 42.7 percent in the third quarter.

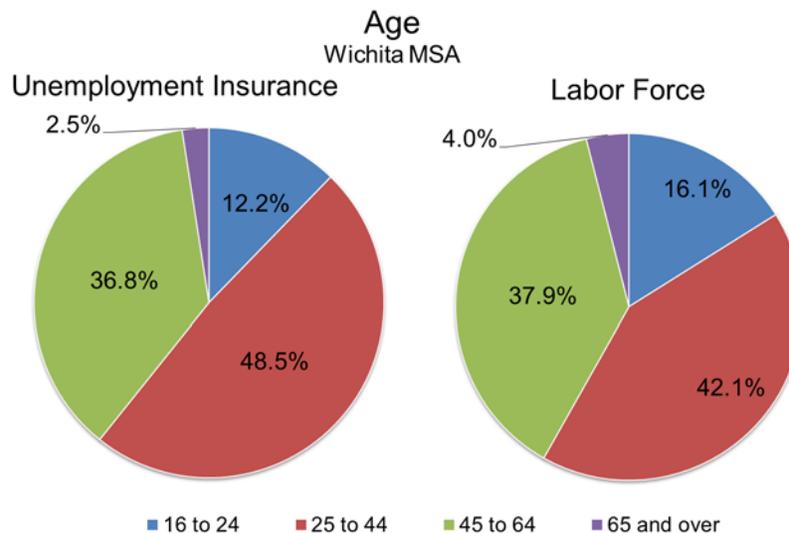
As would be expected, the majority of people receiving unemployment benefits are in the working age population between 25 and 64 years old. Younger working adults, between 25 and 44 years old, are more likely to be receiving unemployment benefits than older working adults, between 45 and 64 years old, at 48.5 percent and 36.8 percent, respectively. ²

² It should be noted that it is possible a significant portion of the unemployed not receiving benefits would be younger adults. The Census Bureau estimates the unemployment rate for 16 to 19 year olds in the Wichita area to be 22.9 percent, and 12.4 percent for 20 to 24 year olds. American Community Survey 2008-2012 5-year estimates

| Wichita MSA Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries by Age and Education 16 years and over | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | 16 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65 and over | Total |
| Less than high school | 2.0% | 7.4% | 5.7% | 0.3% | 15.5% |
| GED or high school | 6.7% | 22.1% | 17.4% | 1.0% | 47.2% |
| Some college | 2.8% | 13.8% | 8.1% | 0.6% | 25.3% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 0.3% | 3.9% | 4.5% | 0.5% | 9.2% |
| Not Reported | 0.5% | 1.2% | 1.1% | 0.1% | 2.9% |
| Total | 12.2% | 48.5% | 36.8% | 2.5% | 100.0% |

Source: Kansas Department of Labor Totals may not sum due to rounding.

However, age is not a strong indicator of who is likely to be a beneficiary of unemployment insurance in the Wichita labor force. The age distribution of people receiving unemployment insurance closely resembles the age distribution in the labor force. For all age groups, the number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreases with higher levels of educational attainment.



Source: Kansas Department of Labor, U.S. Census Bureau

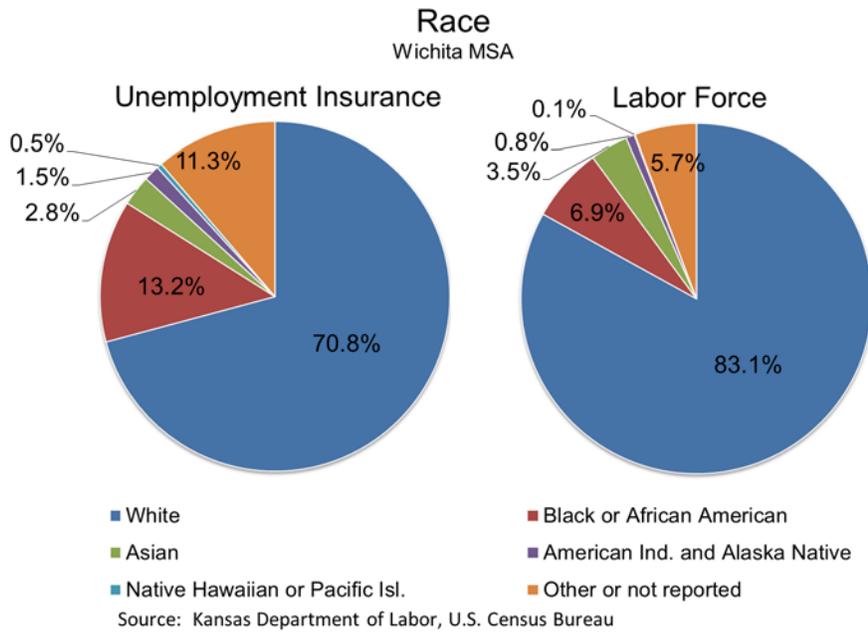
Race

A person receiving unemployment benefits in the Wichita area is 2.4 times more likely to be white than of a minority race. However, there is a disproportionately higher level of minority workers receiving unemployment benefits when compared to the labor force in the Wichita area. Minority workers account for 17.0 percent of the labor force and 29.2 percent of unemployment insurance beneficiaries. For all races, the number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreases with higher levels of

educational attainment. Between the third and fourth quarters there was little change in the racial mix of persons receiving unemployment insurance.

| Wichita MSA Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries by Race and Education 16 years and over | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | White | Black or African American | Asian | American Ind. and Alaska Native | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Isl. | Not Reported | Total |
| Less than high school | 8.3% | 1.6% | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 4.7% | 15.5% |
| GED or high school | 34.6% | 6.4% | 0.9% | 0.7% | 0.2% | 4.3% | 47.2% |
| Some college | 19.2% | 3.6% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.1% | 1.5% | 25.3% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 7.2% | 1.0% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 9.2% |
| Not Reported | 1.6% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 2.9% |
| Total | 70.8% | 13.2% | 2.8% | 1.5% | 0.5% | 11.3% | 100.0% |

Source: Kansas Department of Labor



CEDBR has this unemployment insurance data available for all Kansas counties and zip codes.

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