



2017 Kansas Employment Forecast

October 2016

In the last twelve months, Kansas employment has declined by 0.6 percent, a decrease of approximately 7,700 jobs. In 2017, Kansas total nonfarm employment is forecast to increase by 12,572 jobs, with an anticipated growth rate of 0.9 percent.

- The production sectors are projected to expand 0.1 percent in Kansas, adding 179 jobs in 2017. The strongest growth is expected to be in the natural resources and construction sector, which is forecast to expand 0.3 percent.
- Trade, transportation and utilities sector employment is expected to grow 0.6 percent, adding approximately 1,600 new jobs. The trade and transportation subsector is projected to have the fastest growth at 1.1 percent.
- The service sectors are anticipated to be the fastest growing segment of the Kansas economy in 2017, adding over 10,000 jobs for 1.6 percent employment growth. The professional and business services sector is expected to lead service sector growth with 3.6 percent growth, adding over 6,000 jobs. The financial activities sector is also projected to have solid growth, growing at 1.7 percent.
- The government sector is expected to remain approximately flat in 2017, adding less than 100 jobs. The federal and state government sectors are forecast to decline slightly in employment, while the local government sector is anticipated experience a small amount of growth statewide.

Kansas Employment by Industry Summary*					
	2015 (a)	2016 (e)	2017 (f)	2016-2017 Level Change	2016-2017 Percent Change
Total Nonfarm	1,402,051	1,402,578	1,415,150	12,572	0.9%
Production Sectors	230,973	224,966	225,145	179	0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	265,445	266,018	267,630	1,612	0.6%
Service Sectors	648,916	655,137	665,832	10,695	1.6%
Government	256,717	256,458	256,543	85	0.0%
*Annual values are derived from average quarterly observations and projections. (a) actual (e) estimated (f) forecasted					

Nationally, real GDP expanded modestly with 1.4 percent growth in the second quarter of 2016, after growing 0.8 percent in the first quarter of 2016. Much of this growth was generated by increasing personal consumption expenditures, while government and private investment spending declined during this period. Employment increased by 1.7 percent nationally in the last twelve months.

The Center for Economic Development and Business Research can provide detailed industry, wage, retail, and other customized forecasts upon requests. Contact Jeremy Hill at 316-213-3673 for costs and availability.