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Wichita Industry News and Developments – 4th Quarter 2015

Wichita Industry News and Developments provides a brief overview of statistical trends and major announcements by industry sector. The data, unless otherwise noted, covers the Wichita, KS MSA, which is comprised of Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Sedgwick, and Sumner counties.

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Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical labor market trends, click [here](#). (If a dialog box appears asking for a password, click the cancel button and the slideshow presentation will appear.)
- To view data tables of historical labor market trends, click [here](#).

Labor Market Trends

Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 300,167; up 2.3 percent from third quarter 2015; up 1.2 percent from fourth quarter 2014 (see Table 1 for current data by industry).

Unemployment Rate

- 4th Qtr: unemployment rate stands at 4.1 percent; down 0.9 percentage points from third quarter 2015; down 0.4 percentage point from fourth quarter 2014.

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: average hourly earnings in manufacturing stands at \$17.3; up 0.8 percent from third quarter 2015; down 3.1 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

Average Hours Worked per Week in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: average hours worked per week in manufacturing stands at 44.3; down 0.2 percent from third quarter 2015; down 0.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

Table 1. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry, Wichita MSA

	Fourth Quarter 2015	Percentage Change From	
		Third Quarter 2015	Fourth Quarter 2014
Total wage and salary employment (in number of filled positions)	300,167	2.3%	1.2%
Natural resources and construction	16,967	1.0%	3.9%
Manufacturing	52,433	0.3%	0.1%
Transportation equipment manufacturing	28,467	0.5%	0.1%
Aerospace products and parts	28,233	0.7%	0.1%
Trade, transportation & utilities	53,800	2.5%	1.5%
Wholesale trade	9,400	-1.1%	1.8%
Retail trade	34,400	3.2%	1.5%
General merchandise stores	7,700	11.6%	8.5%
Transportation, warehousing & utilities	10,000	3.4%	1.4%
Information	4,400	-2.2%	-0.8%
Finance	11,567	0.9%	3.0%
Professional and business services	34,000	2.5%	1.7%
Professional, scientific & technical services	10,233	1.3%	-0.6%
Administrative and waste services	19,833	3.3%	2.2%
Employment services	4,567	-2.8%	-5.5%
Educational and health services	45,033	2.6%	1.2%
Leisure and hospitality	31,133	-3.0%	4.5%
Other services	9,600	0.0%	1.4%
Government	41,233	10.8%	-1.6%

Mining, Logging, and Construction

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 16,967; up 1.0 percent from third quarter 2015; up 3.9 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [Berexco Inc.](#)
- [Comejo Corporation](#)
- [Drywall Systems Inc.](#)
- [Key Construction Inc.](#)
- [Martin K. Eby Construction Co. Inc.](#)
- [The Law Co. Inc.](#)
- [Utility Contractors Inc.](#)

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For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association](#)
- [The Energy Information Administration](#)
- [The American Petroleum Institute](#)
- [National Petroleum Council](#)
- [The Independent Petroleum Association of America](#)
- [OPEC](#)
- [Middle East Economic Survey](#)
- [Construction spending statistics, U.S. Census Bureau](#)
- [National Association of Realtors](#)
- [Mortgage Bankers Association](#)
- [National Association of Home Builders](#)
- [New residential sales statistics, U.S. Census Bureau](#)
- [New residential construction statistics, U.S. Census Bureau](#)
- [2007 Economic Census – Construction](#)
- [National Association of Home Builders Economic & Housing Data](#)
- [Portland Cement Association Economic Research](#)
- [Associated General Contractors of America](#)

Manufacturing

Industry News

- In the first quarter, Aero-Tech Engineering announced plans to relocate to a larger space located in Maize Industrial Park. Maize City Council approved issuing \$5 million in industrial revenue bonds to facilitate the move.
- Following a series of listeria illnesses, Blue Bell Creameries suspended operations at its Wichita distribution center and laid off its workers in May. Blue Bell did not indicate the number of laid off employees, but its distribution centers typically employ between 30 and 50 workers.
- B&B Airparts, an aviation subcontractor, broke ground on a 44,000-square-foot facility in July. The company's expansion plan is driven by production for the Honda Aircraft Co.'s HondaJet. B&B expects to hire between 125 and 150 employees over the next year.
- Cargill's Wichita-based pork division is being sold to JBS USA Pork, a meat processor company headquartered in Greeley, Colorado. Seventy employees at Wichita's pork division will be affected by the acquisition.
- In July, Spirit AeroSystems hired nearly 200 people at its job fair, which was organized to fill 350 assembly mechanic positions. The company announced its intention to continue interviewing people to fill remaining open positions.
- Spirit AeroSystems is expanding its 787 fuselage factory to meet increased demand from Boeing. The demand is increasing from 10 aircraft to 12 aircraft a

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month. The project should be completed in mid-2016. The general contractor is Eby Construction.

- FMI Inc., an aviation supplier in Park City, is planning to build an additional 82,000-square-foot facility that will be used for production. The aviation supplier is also planning on hiring an additional 100 employees over the next 12 months.
- In October, Cargill announced that the company will invest \$50 million in its Wichita soybean processing plant located on North Mosley to renovate the plant and increase total capacity by 30 percent. The renovations are scheduled to be completed in 2017.
- France-based Figeac-Aero started a \$20 million-construction project to expand its Wichita manufacturing facility in October. Construction of the first 70,000-square-foot building is programmed to end in May 2016. Figeac is planning to increase the number of its employees in Wichita by 140 in the next four years.
- Textron Inc.'s Wichita Aviation Maintenance Academy, a civil aircraft maintenance training academy, opened in October. The academy is expecting to train 7,500 avionic technicians and aircraft mechanics on an annual basis.
- In December, Spirit AeroSystems announced its plans to temporarily lay off 70 production workers for no more than 21 days partly due to lower attrition. Layoffs were set to become effective after January 1st, 2016.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 52,433; up 0.3 percent from third quarter 2015; up 0.1 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

Aviation Deliveries

- General aviation shipments manufactured worldwide decreased 0.1 percent from the fourth quarter of 2014 to the fourth quarter of 2015; total billings decreased 1.2 percent during the same time period.

Table 2. Shipments of Airplanes Manufactured Worldwide

	4th Quarter 2014	4th Quarter 2015	Change
Pistons	323	337	4.3%
Turboprops	188	183	-2.7%
Business Jets	263	253	-3.8%
Total Shipments	774	773	-0.1%
Total Billings	\$8.5 bn	\$8.4 bn	-1.2%

Source: General Aviation Manufacturers Association,
http://www.gama.aero/files/2015ShipmentReport-03072016_0.pdf

- In the fourth quarter, The Boeing Co. delivered 182 commercial airplanes, an increase of 11 airplanes, or nearly 13 percent over fourth quarter 2014.

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- [AGCO Corp.](#)
- [Boeing: Defense, Space & Security, Wichita \(a division of the Boeing Company\)](#)
- [Bombardier Aerospace Learjet](#)
- [Cargill](#)
- [Cessna Aircraft Company \(a division of Textron\)](#)
- [CNH](#)
- [Coleman Co.](#)
- [LSI Corp. \(Engenio\)](#)
- [Pratt Industries](#)
- [Beechcraft](#)
- [Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.](#)
- [York, A Johnson Controls Company](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [General Aviation Manufacturers Association](#)
- [AIA \(Aerospace Industries Assoc. of America\)](#)
- [AOPA \(Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association\)](#)
- [Airbus' Global Market Forecast](#)
- [The Boeing Company's long term market outlook](#)
- [AIA market forecasts](#)
- [Institute for Supply Management \(formerly the National Association of Purchasing Managers\)](#)

Wholesale Trade

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 9,400; down 1.1 percent from third quarter 2015; up 1.8 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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- [Berry Companies Inc.](#)
- [CCH Inc.](#)
- [Foley Equipment Co.](#)
- [Kansas Truck Center-Wichita](#)
- [Koch Pipeline Co.](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

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- [Manufacturers' Representatives Educational Research Foundation](#)

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Retail Trade

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- Towne East and Towne West Squares closed their Wet Seal stores during the second week of January. The retailer decided to close 338 other locations during the same week due to financial conditions and unsatisfying lease negotiations.
- Wichita Luxury Collection is planning an expansion with the opening of three additional dealerships in 2015. The Audi facility broke ground in March, and Jaguar and Land Rover were scheduled to open for business July 2nd. Wichita Luxury Collections also programmed to break ground on BMW, Acura, and Porsche this summer.
- In March, Davis-Moore Auto group added Alfa Romeo to his Fiat dealership and renamed the dealership as Fiat Alfa Romeo of Wichita.
- On April 2nd, auto dealer Brandon Steven took over Volvo of Wichita and renamed it Eddy's Volvo of Wichita.
- In June, the Wichita area's first Costco store opened its 150,000-square-foot store in East Wichita. The membership retailer employs 240 people in its new store.
- Sears Hometown opened at Towne West Square in June.
- Hobby Lobby is planning to open a store in Derby Marketplace this fall. The retailer will build a 55,000-square-foot building for the store.
- At Home, a home decor superstore, opened a store in the former Target building near Towne East Square in August.
- Lululemon Athletica planned to open a showroom in the Shops at Tallgrass in August.
- The Wichita Luxury Collection is expanding with the Mini Cooper brand. The new brand will be added to the Wichita Collection lineup in the next few months.
- Ethan Allen Design Center opened in July at Waterfront Plaza. The corporate store offers free design services and allows customers to select furniture and fabric to create custom pieces.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts has programmed to open its 12th store at the end of the year or the beginning of 2016. The 7,000 square-foot store will be located at 37th and Woodlawn.
- In October, Scholfield Honda is building a new 63,000-square-foot dealership that should be completed in 2017. Two new express service bays and customer lounges will be housed in the new building.
- A new discount grocery store, Aldi, opened in Derby in December. Including the recent addition, Aldi has five stores in the Wichita metro area.

Employment Numbers

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- [Davis-Moore Automotive Inc.](#)
- [Dillons Cos.](#)
- [Rusty Eck Ford](#)
- [Sheplers](#)
- [Star Lumber & Supply Co. Inc.](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Census Bureau Monthly and Annual Retail Trade and Food Services Data](#)
- [BLS Trade, Transportation and Utilities at a Glance](#)
- [International Council of Shopping Centers](#)
- [Census Bureau E-Stats, Measuring the Electronic Economy](#)
- [Consumer credit statistics, Federal Reserve](#)
- [U.S. Courts Bankruptcy Statistics](#)
- [University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey](#)
- [National Automobile Dealers Association](#)
- [Auto Care Association](#)
- [Food Marketing Institute](#)
- [National Association for Convenience and Fuel Retailing](#)

Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities

Industry News

- Construction work on Union Station began in February. The first phase of construction was programmed to end this summer.
- In January, Underground Vaults & Storage Inc. started construction work to expand its facility. Construction was scheduled to finish this summer. With the expansion, a large-scale document-shredding operation will be added.
- The new terminal at Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport opened in June. The cost for the new airport space is estimated to be \$225 million.
- King of Freight, a freight brokerage company, located in downtown Wichita is planning to hire between 20 and 30 new employees in 2016 to meet increased demand.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 10,000; up 3.4 percent from third quarter 2015; up 1.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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- [Beechcraft Global Customer Support](#)
- [Sedgwick County Electric Coop.](#)

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- [Westar Energy](#)
- [Kansas Gas Service](#)

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- [American Association of Port Authorities](#)
- [American Trucking Associations](#)
- [Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration](#)
- [Association of American Railroads](#)
- [USDOT Federal Highway Administration Highway Statistics](#)
- [USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics](#)
- [US Maritime Administration - Data and Statistics](#)
- [BLS Trade, Transportation, and Utilities at a Glance](#)
- [Dept of Energy - Energy Information Administration](#)
- [American Gas Association – Research/Statistics](#)
- [Edison Electric Institute - Energy Issues, News, and Data](#)

Information Services

Industry News

- Valassis, a printing facility, is expecting to close its Wichita printing operation within the first two quarters of 2016. Resulting from the closure, 114 employees will be laid off; but, they will be given the opportunity to apply to positions within the company in other locations.

Employment Numbers

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- [AT&T \(formerly Southwestern Bell\)](#)
- [Cox Communications](#)
- [KAKE \(ABC Affiliate\)](#)
- [KSN \(NBC Affiliate\)](#)
- [KPTS \(public television\)](#)
- [KWCH \(CBS Affiliate\)](#)
- [The Wichita Eagle](#)
- [Wichita Business Journal](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Advertising Age - Ad Age Database](#)
- [National Association of Broadcasters](#)
- [Association of American Publishers \(includes statistics\)](#)
- [Recording Industry Association of America](#)
- [CTIA The Wireless Association](#)
- [Wireless Week](#)
- [Newspaper Association of America](#)

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate **Industry News**

- In July, Arkansas City-based Union State Bank acquired Wichita-based RelianzBank. Resulting from the merger, RelianzBank's only office became Union State's west Wichita branch. Union State kept RelianzBank's nine employees.
- Equity Bancshares announced its plan to acquire First Independence Corp. in July. The deal was scheduled to be completed in October pending shareholder and regulatory authorization. The acquisition included the transfer of \$134 million in assets and the operation of four branch locations in southeast Kansas.
- In September, construction began on the three-story Pinnacle Lofts and Apartments near Central and Waco. The building will have 70 units and will include studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms. Leasing is anticipated to start in spring 2016.
- In July, Occidental Management opened its third and largest building at the Office at Cranbrook.
- Derby Marketplace is expanding with the addition of national retailers, such as, Ross Dress for Less and TJ Maxx.
- The first phase of Union Station renovation projects ended with the opening of the former Grand Hotel in October. Regus, Wells Fargo, and David Kemp insurance agency occupy the building. Union Station also planned to open spaces for Scooters Coffeehouse and Encompass in November, and Smoothie King and Mumbai Rail Indian Bistro in December.
- Case & Associates Properties, the company that developed the Portofino Apartments complex at 127th Street East and Central, is planning to start a new multifamily complex in Maize.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 11,567; up 0.9 percent from third quarter 2015; up 3.0 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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Housing Activity

- 4th Qtr: new and existing homes sales totaled 1,937 units; down 4.6 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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Finance and Insurance

- [Bank of America](#)
- [Emprise Bank](#)
- [Fidelity Bank](#)
- [IMA of Kansas Inc.](#)
- [INTRUST Bank](#)

Real Estate, Rental and Leasing

- [Enterprise Leasing Co.](#)
- [JP Weigand](#)
- [Key Management Company](#)

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- [Wichita housing market outlook](#)
- [American Bankers Association](#)
- [Independent Community Bankers of America](#)
- [Association for Financial Professionals – \(formerly Treasury Management Association\) Library and Research](#)
- [Bank Rate Monitor](#)
- [Credit Union National Association – Research and Statistics](#)
- [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation – The FDIC provides data and statistical analysis describing the U.S. banking and thrift industries in standard publications and a searchable on-line database](#)
- [Security Industry Association](#)
- [BLS Financial Activities Sector at a Glance](#)
- [Investment Company Institute- Research and Statistics](#)
- [American Council of Life Insurers](#)
- [Insurance Information Institute](#)

Professional & Business Services

Industry News

- In March, 30 persons were laid off resulting from the closing of a call center in Halstead, Harvey County. The call center provided help for the Kansas Department for Children and Families' Child Support Services since 2008.

Employment Numbers

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Professional, scientific & technical services

- [AGH CPAs & Advisors](#)
- [Foulston Seifkin LLP](#)
- [High Touch Technology Solutions](#)

Management of companies and enterprises

- [Candlewood Hotel Co. Inc.](#)
- [Koch Industries Inc.](#)
- [Weigand Omega Management, Inc.](#)

Administrative, support, waste management & remediation services

- [Kelly Services](#)
- [Labor Ready Inc.](#)
- [Oasis Staffing Inc.](#)
- [Royal Caribbean Cruises LTD](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Architectural industry – a database of internet resources created and maintained by the UNLV Architecture Studies Library](#)
- [American Staffing Association](#)
- [National Association of Personnel Services](#)
- [National Association of Professional Employer Organizations](#)

Education & Health Care Services

Industry News

- Wesley Medical Center has plans to expand services for sick children by opening a \$28 million children's hospital within its main campus. Construction started in June, the new unit is scheduled to open in fall 2016.
- A new heart and surgery center, Epic Heart Surgery Center, will open in northeast Wichita in December 2015. The 8,000-square-foot center provides outpatient surgical services and a full-service heart catheterization lab.
- Wichita Area Technical College and Wichita State University partnered to create a joint associate of arts degree. This new program lowers the cost of getting a degree and removes the issues related to transferring from one school to another. Classes for the program started on June 2nd.
- This fall, Mueller Elementary School will be the first in the United States to launch the NASA-inspired Space Discovery Institute program. An outdoor space station will be built outside the aerospace and engineering magnet school.
- Tru Aircraft Maintenance Academy, a Textron-owned company, opened a 35,000 square-foot center in October to train students in aircraft maintenance.
- Wesley Medical Center is adding a satellite emergency room in Derby. The \$10 million project will be located between Rock Road and 64th Street South. The 11,000 square-foot facility will have 11 beds, imaging capabilities, and an on-site lab. Construction will start this fall.
- In July, GradeMed opened its seventh school-based clinic in south Wichita near Jardine Middle School. GraceMed' school-based clinics are located in areas where people have low access to health care and serve anyone in the community. The overall cost for the new clinic is estimated at \$1.1 million. GraceMed has plans to open another clinic at West High School in August.
- In September, Wesley Medical Center started construction to expand its Wesley West Emergency Room and Diagnostic Center located on 13th and Tyler. The project will cost \$1.3 million and is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter 2016.
- The Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center announced plans to start the construction of a new emergency room and two additional operating suites, and the expansion of its sterile processing area in 2016. The emergency room alone will cost between \$4 million and \$5 million and should be complete in mid-2017.
- The U.S. Department of Education gave a \$2.25 million grant to the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) in September. The purpose of this five-year grant is for WATC to improve and expand its health science program, which will result in increased choices in WATC's health care offerings.
- In October, Wichita State University's WSU Ventures received a \$7.1 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. WSU Ventures will use the money to boost the creation of new manufacturing jobs.

- The Wichita School District accounted for the most teaching position vacancies as of September 2015, compared to other school districts in the state of Kansas. In fact, the Wichita School District accounted for 64 of Kansas' 317 teaching positions vacancies as of September.
- ITT Technical Institute's Wichita campus is no longer accepting new students as the school evaluates the efficiency of the local market. There will not be any disruption to ongoing courses for current students, who also have the option to continue their education online or in any of the 130 ITT Tech locations in the nation.
- In November, Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus and Wichita Area Technical College announced an agreement. With the agreement, students who complete an associate degree from WATC are allowed to finish the last two years of the K-State technology management degree online while staying in the Wichita area.
- In October, Wesley Medical Center announced the opening of a neurocritical care unit in its main hospital at 550 N. Hillside. The six-bed neurocritical units will treat patients with brain-related conditions and spinal cord injuries.

Employment Number

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 45,033; up 2.6 percent from third quarter 2015; up 1.2 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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Educational Services

- [Flightsafety International Inc.](#)
- [Friends University](#)
- [Newman University](#)
- [Rainbows United Inc.](#)
- [Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Coop.](#)
- [Wichita Collegiate School](#)
- [USD 259 Wichita Public Schools](#)
- [USD 260 Derby Public Schools](#)

Health Care and Social Services

- [Sterling House, Brookdale Senior Living](#)
- [Encompass Home Health & Hospice](#)
- [Resource Center for Independent Living](#)
- [Kansas Children's Service League](#)
- [Via Christi Health System](#)
- [Wesley Medical Center](#)

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- [National Center for Health Statistics - from the Center for Disease Control](#)
- [American Hospital Association - Resource Center](#)
- [National Association for Public Health Statistics - Links to State Health Statistics](#)

Leisure & Hospitality Services

Industry News

- SpringHill Suites by Marriott opened a location in west Wichita in January. The hotel has 121 rooms and 2,400 square-feet of meeting space.
- A new multi-sport facility is under construction in northeast Wichita. The 148,534-square-foot Wichita Sports Forum will have six basketball courts, 10 hardcourt volleyball courts, six sand volleyball courts, and one turf soccer field. The facility is scheduled to be built by March 2016.
- A new Starwood Aloft Wichita Northeast hotel is planned to be constructed near K-96 and Oliver in the 92-acre Ventures Business Park. The five-story hotel is expected to open by spring 2017. The construction and land costs are evaluated to be between \$17 and \$18 million.
- Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store will open in the Plazzio development at 13th and Greenwich, this fall. The new store will be able to seat 80 persons and will have a drive-through.
- Bubba's 33 will open along East Kellogg in Rockwood Plaza in 2016. The sports restaurant will employ nearly 200 people.
- A Pure Barre workout studio opened late this summer at the Waterfront.
- The Greater Wichita YMCA completed its \$3 million expansion of the El Dorado branch in August. The 16,000 square-foot addition includes a new program studio, an expansion of strength center and Kid Zone child care area, and additional gym space.
- Construction on Wichita Sports Forum began at the end of September. The 148,000 square-foot sports facility is aiming for a December opening.
- Dean & DeLuca has projected to open a 3,000 square-foot store in the Shops at Tallgrass this fall. The store will have an espresso bar and sell sandwiches and grab-and-go salads.
- Warren Theaters is opening a new Warren 21 theater in Wichita in 2016 for people ages 21-years old and older. The new theater will replace the eight auditoriums of the Warren Theater in the Plazzio development at 13th and Greenwich. Warren Theater is planning on investing \$3 million to renovate the auditoriums by creating high-end finishes, such as, custom-made lounge chairs, motorized recliners, larger walkways, additional padding, and heated seats. In addition, Warren 21 will have a full bar at an expanded concession area. The project is expected to be completed sometimes in April 2016.

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Tourism Trends

- 4th Qtr: the number of outbound passengers at Wichita's Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport stands at 201,613; down 5.1 percent from third quarter 2015; up 2.3 percent from third quarter 2014.
- 4th Qtr: total transient guest taxes collected stands at \$1.8 million; down 5.3 percent from third quarter 2015; down 14.3 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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Arts, Entertainment & Recreation

- [All Star Sports Entertainment LLC](#)
- [Crestview Country Club](#)
- [Genesis Health Clubs](#)
- [Wichita Country Club](#)
- [YMCA](#)

Accommodation and Food Services

- [Pizza Hut](#)
- [Spangles Inc.](#)
- [Hyatt Hotels Corp. of Kansas](#)

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- [International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education](#)
- [American Hotel and Lodging Association](#)
- [National Restaurant Association](#)
- [American Culinary Federation](#)
- [American Council on Exercise](#)
- [American College of Sports Medicine](#)
- [National Academy of Sports Medicine](#)
- [National Strength and Conditioning Association Certification Commission](#)
- [Dance/USA](#)
- [Outdoor Amusement Business Association](#)
- [American Alliance of Museums](#)
- [Professional Lighting and Sound Association](#)
- [United States Institute for Theatre Technology](#)

Other Services

Industry News

- At the beginning of the year, Wichita non-profit Heartspring, which provides residential and outpatient services for children with disabilities and behavioral issues, anticipated to hire up to 75 additional employees by the end of the year.
- In August, the Kansas Masonic Home has completed its \$22M renovation and construction project on its senior living campus. The project began in 2011 and included the renovation of existing space and the construction of a skilled nursing rehabilitation unit.
- Crossland Construction Co. Inc. started the construction of a new seven story building in August. The building will be located at 1617 N. Waterfront Parkway in the Waterfront development. The commercial building permit is valued at \$13.5 million.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 9,600; employment stayed the same from third quarter 2015; up 1.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

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Industry News

- In April, the cities of Wichita and Bel Aire announced an agreement to jointly expand 37th Street with a three-lane road and split the local costs of the road improvements, which are estimated at \$1.3 million. The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization secured approximately \$3 million in federal transportation funds to cover the rest of the cost. Construction could start in spring 2016.
- McConnell Air Force Base started 16 military construction projects at the base with a total cost estimated at \$267 million. These projects result from the selection of the base in 2013 to receive new KC-46A tankers. The first three hangars for the tankers are planned to be finished by March 2016.

- In July, Corvias Military Living broke ground on a housing project at McConnell Air Force base that will add 157 new homes and renovate 207 existing homes by 2018. McConnell will get a community center as well.
- Construction work on I-235 and Kellogg interchange started in November 2015 and is expected to end in June 2019. The reconstruction of the interchange will improve safety and congestion.
- The Kansas Department of Transportation approved bids for two multi-million dollar road and bridge projects in Harper and Sedgwick Counties. The \$3.86 million project, in Sedgwick County, will renovate 53th Street North from Primrose to east of Hydraulic. The \$9.66 million project, in Harper County, will renovate six bridges along U.S. 160.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 41,233; up 10.8 percent from third quarter 2015; down 1.6 percent from fourth quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [City of Wichita](#)
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Data Tables for Historical Industry Employment Trends

Total Wage and Salary Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	296,467	7,350	2.5%
2007	305,183	8,717	2.9%
2008	310,433	5,250	1.7%
2009	295,017	-15,417	-5.0%
2010	285,642	-9,375	-3.2%
2011	285,150	-492	-0.2%
2012	287,433	2,283	0.8%
2013	289,875	2,442	0.8%
2014	292,273	2,398	0.8%
4th Qtr 2014	296,500	-1,094	-0.4%
4th Qtr 2015	300,167	3,667	1.2%

Mining, Logging, & Construction Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	16,275	342	2.1%
2007	16,850	575	3.5%
2008	17,167	317	1.9%
2009	15,392	-1,775	-10.3%
2010	14,683	-708	-4.6%
2011	14,558	-125	-0.9%
2012	14,933	375	2.6%
2013	15,200	267	1.8%
2014	15,982	782	5.1%
4th Qtr 2014	16,333	382	2.4%
4th Qtr 2015	16,967	633	3.9%

Manufacturing Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	63,408	2,242	3.7%
2007	65,858	2,450	3.9%
2008	67,692	1,833	2.8%
2009	58,283	-9,408	-13.9%
2010	52,867	-5,417	-9.3%
2011	52,442	-425	-0.8%
2012	53,250	808	1.5%
2013	53,208	-42	-0.1%
2014	52,564	645	-1.2%
4th Qtr 2014	52,400	-336	-0.6%
4th Qtr 2015	52,433	33	0.1%

Wholesale Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	10,058	142	1.4%
2007	10,175	117	1.2%
2008	10,225	50	0.5%
2009	9,908	-317	-3.1%
2010	9,700	-208	-2.1%
2011	9,792	92	0.9%
2012	9,525	-267	-2.7%
2013	9,308	-217	-2.3%
2014	9,236	-72	-0.8%
4th Qtr 2014	9,233	-30	-0.3%
4th Qtr 2015	9,400	167	1.8%

Retail Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	31,258	508	1.7%
2007	32,550	1,292	4.1%
2008	32,492	-58	-0.2%
2009	31,275	-1,217	-3.7%
2010	30,583	-692	-2.2%
2011	31,167	583	1.9%
2012	31,792	625	2.0%
2013	32,400	608	1.9%
2014	32,818	418	1.3%
4th Qtr 2014	33,900	-648	-1.9%
4th Qtr 2015	34,400	500	1.5%

Transportation and Utilities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	8,708	-100	-1.1%
2007	8,708	0	0.0%
2008	9,142	433	5.0%
2009	8,917	-225	-2.5%
2010	8,708	-208	-2.3%
2011	8,892	183	2.1%
2012	9,000	108	1.2%
2013	9,242	242	2.7%
2014	9,573	331	3.6%
4th Qtr 2014	9,867	106	1.1%
4th Qtr 2015	10,000	133	1.4%

Information Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	6,367	483	8.2%
2007	6,958	592	9.3%
2008	6,583	-375	-5.4%
2009	5,783	-800	-12.2%
2010	5,308	-475	-8.2%
2011	4,892	-417	-7.8%
2012	4,475	-417	-8.5%
2013	4,433	-142	-3.2%
2014	4,455	121	2.8%
4th Qtr 2014	4,433	-12	-0.3%
4th Qtr 2015	4,400	-33	-0.8%

Financial Activities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	11,483	-158	-1.4%
2007	11,708	225	2.0%
2008	11,725	17	0.1%
2009	11,525	-200	-1.7%
2010	11,033	-492	-4.3%
2011	10,733	-300	-2.7%
2012	10,700	-33	-0.3%
2013	10,650	-50	-0.5%
2014	10,900	250	2.3%
4th Qtr 2014	11,233	167	1.6%
4th Qtr 2015	11,567	333	3.0%

Professional & Business Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	28,400	1,392	5.2%
2007	30,042	1,642	5.8%
2008	31,292	1,250	4.2%
2009	28,742	-2,550	-8.1%
2010	28,950	208	0.7%
2011	29,742	792	2.7%
2012	29,917	175	0.6%
2013	31,550	1,633	5.5%
2014	33,000	1,450	4.6%
4th Qtr 2014	33,433	467	1.4%
4th Qtr 2015	34,000	567	1.7%

Education & Health Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	41,558	1,467	3.7%
2007	42,542	983	2.4%
2008	43,500	958	2.3%
2009	44,400	900	2.1%
2010	43,450	-950	-2.1%
2011	43,750	300	0.7%
2012	43,933	183	0.4%
2013	44,025	92	0.2%
2014	44,264	239	0.5%
4th Qtr 2014	44,500	230	0.5%
4th Qtr 2015	45,033	533	1.2%

Leisure & Hospitality Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	27,358	1,092	4.2%
2007	28,017	658	2.4%
2008	28,183	167	0.6%
2009	27,800	-383	-1.4%
2010	27,150	-650	-2.3%
2011	27,417	267	1.0%
2012	28,575	1,158	4.2%
2013	29,250	675	2.4%
2014	29,527	277	0.9%
4th Qtr 2014	29,800	527	1.8%
4th Qtr 2015	31,133	1,333	4.5%

Other Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	10,967	-867	-7.3%
2007	10,950	-17	-0.2%
2008	11,000	50	0.5%
2009	10,800	-200	-1.8%
2010	10,717	-83	-0.8%
2011	10,317	-400	-3.7%
2012	9,983	-333	-3.2%
2013	9,550	-433	-4.3%
2014	9,445	-105	-1.1%
4th Qtr 2014	9,467	-21	-0.2%
4th Qtr 2015	9,600	133	1.4%

Government Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2006	40,625	808	2.0%
2007	40,825	200	0.5%
2008	41,433	608	1.5%
2009	42,192	758	1.8%
2010	42,492	300	0.7%
2011	41,450	-1,042	-2.5%
2012	41,350	-100	-0.2%
2013	41,158	-192	-0.5%
2014	40,509	-649	-1.6%
4th Qtr 2014	41,900	-1,924	-4.5%
4th Qtr 2015	41,233	-667	-1.6%