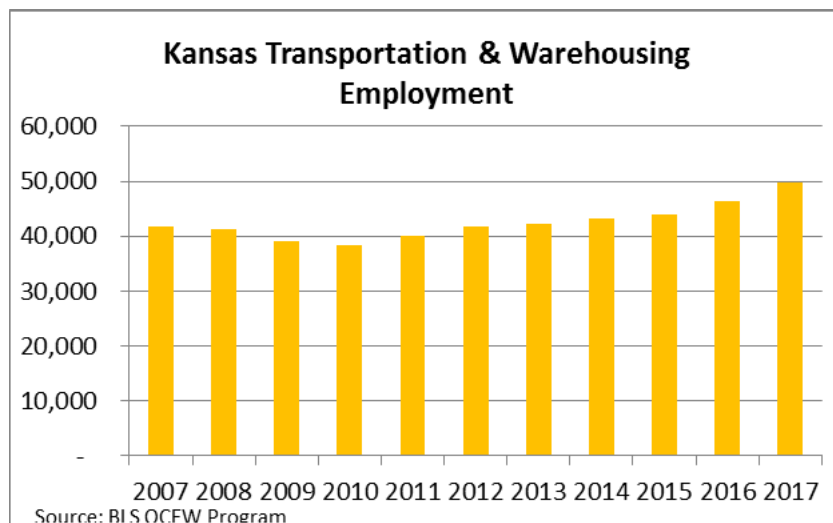


Kansas Transportation Industry News and Developments

Employment & Wages

Transportation and warehousing employment has risen sharply in Kansas in the past two years after remaining relatively flat for much of the last decade. Since 2015, the sector added almost 6,000 new jobs, a 13.3 percent increase. The vast majority of this increase occurred in the warehousing and storage subsector, which increased from 20.4 to 27.2 percent of the total transportation and warehousing employment during that period. The single largest transportation subsector in Kansas is truck transportation, which employed more than 17,000 workers in Kansas in 2017.

After adjusting for inflation, transportation and warehousing wages in Kansas have increased 3.8 percent through 2017 since their lowest point in the 2008 recession. Among the subsectors with sizeable employment in Kansas, the truck transportation and support activities for transportation subsectors tend to have the highest wages, with average weekly wages of approximately \$950 and \$1,050 in 2017, respectively. The highest wage transportation and warehousing sector in Kansas in 2017 was pipeline transportation, with wages of \$1,841 per week, but the sector only employed 987 workers across the state.



Industry News

- Frontier Airlines began offering non-stop service from Wichita's Eisenhower National Airport to Denver in August 2018. With the addition of Frontier, six airlines offer service from Eisenhower National Airport.
- In January 2018, Dodge City Regional Airport added an additional carrier as Boutique Air began service from Dodge City to Denver.
- Union Pacific Railroad announced plans to invest \$113 million in Kansas railway infrastructure in 2018. Of the expenditure, \$20 million will be invested to replace 42 miles of rail between Paola and Parsons, and \$12 million will be invested to replace 26 miles of rail from Minneola to Liberal.
- The Kansas Turnpike added open road tolling to its eastern terminal in December 2017, which allows motorists to be electronically tolled without slowing down. Open road tolling is planned to be added to the southern terminal of the Turnpike in 2019.
- In April 2018, Wichita Transit was awarded a \$2.6 million grant to replace its existing Q-Line trolleys with more modern vehicles. The city currently has seven trolleys for the Q-Line that are between 13 to 16 years old.

