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Wichita Industry News and Developments – 4th Quarter 2012

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, Sedgwick and Sumner counties.

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Labor Market Trends

Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment Numbers

- Non-farm wage and salary employment increased 1.8 percent from third quarter 2012 to fourth quarter 2012 and increased 2.2 percent from fourth quarter 2011 (see [Table 1](#) for current data by industry).

Unemployment Rate

- 4th Qtr: stands at 6.0 percent; down 1.1 percentage points from third quarter 2012 and 1.3 percentage points lower than fourth quarter 2011.

Average Hours Worked per Week in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at 44.3; up 2.6 percent from third quarter 2012; up 0.5 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at \$19.45; down 0.5 percent from third quarter 2012; down 2.4 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

Historical Trends

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

	Percentage Change From		
	Fourth Quarter 2012	Third Quarter 2012	Fourth Quarter 2011
Total wage and salary employment (in number of filled positions)	290,433	1.8	2.2
Natural resources and construction	15,200	-4.6	6.0
Manufacturing	53,667	1.5	4.8
Transportation equipment manufacturing	31,533	1.2	7.7
Aerospace products and parts	31,167	1.1	7.6
Trade, transportation & utilities	49,500	0.8	0.2
Wholesale trade	10,700	-1.5	-0.6
Retail trade	30,967	1.3	1.0
General merchandise stores	6,533	3.7	-5.3
Transportation, warehousing & utilities	7,833	2.2	-1.7
Information	3,833	-1.7	-11.5
Finance	10,467	0.0	-0.9
Professional and business services	35,700	1.3	8.7
Professional, scientific & technical services	8,233	0.0	-6.1
Administrative and waste services	22,167	1.1	8.3
Employment services	5,500	1.2	13.0
Educational and health services	44,833	1.4	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	27,900	-0.6	0.1
Other services	10,633	0.6	0.6
Government	38,700	10.5	-2.8

Natural Resources, Mining and Construction

Industry News

- Because of a helium shortage in south central Kansas, helium distributors are prioritizing which industries will receive the available gas. The health care industry, which uses helium in MRI machines, and the welding industry are taking precedence over other types of businesses.
- Perfection Builders LLC partners Scott Lehner and Jason Ronk have started a project in Maize, known as Watercress Village, which will eventually consist of 83 courtyard homes. The partners have also contracted to buy land from the city of Bel Aire to build another 97 homes, naming that development The Courtyards at Elk Creek.
- Great Plains Ventures and developer Jason Van Sickle have broken ground on an upscale apartment complex that will be part of a mixed-use development, which will also include a hotel, as well as office and retail space. This project is located on the northeast corner of Kansas Highway 96 and Oliver.

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- The first speculative industrial building, approved under the city's new incentive policy, is under construction at 2113 S. West St. The 90,000-square-foot building, appropriate for either distribution or manufacturing, is expected to be completed in March 2013.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 15,200; down 4.6 percent from third quarter 2012; up 6.0 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

Historical Trends

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Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

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

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](#)

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- [Portland Cement Association Economic Research](#)
- [Associated General Contractors of America](#)

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Manufacturing

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- On Jan. 4, 2012, The Boeing Co. announced it would close its Wichita facilities by the end of 2013. This decision will affect 2,160 workers.
- In January, Bombardier Learjet announced an expansion that will add a paint facility, a preflight facility and a new delivery center to its Wichita facility. The expansion will add new jobs over the next year.
- Earlier this year, Koch Industries Inc. began a \$2.2 million renovation project to make room for 300 more workers at its Wichita headquarters.
- The Cessna Citation Ten prototype flew for the first time in January 2012. Deliveries of the plane are expected to begin in the second half of 2013.
- HM Dunn Co., Inc. announced the purchase of the machining division of Nex-Tech Aerospace in January 2012.
- B&B Airparts, a local aircraft supplier, began expansion in 2011 to manufacture parts for Honda Aircraft. Additional expansion is expected to occur.
- The U.S. Air Force has awarded Cessna Aircraft a \$12.4 million contract for four C-208B aircraft. The contract includes training for 16 pilots and 14 maintenance personnel.
- Because of planned production rate increases, Cessna Aircraft announced last April that it would recall and hire approximately 150 people.
- Hawker Beechcraft reported 2011 losses of \$632.8 million. This was followed, last May, by the announcement that the company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The plan was expected to eliminate \$2.5 billion in debt and \$125 million of annual cash interest expense. Hawker stated that operations would continue and that it would likely be out of Chapter 11 by the end of the year.
- Hawker Beechcraft sent out 60-day layoff notices to 350 Wichita employees in April. In mid-May layoff notices were given to another 150 employees. Hawker attributed that round of layoffs to current market conditions. In late June, 60-day notices went out to another 125 hourly and non-hourly employees.
- In May, Hawker received \$120 million in orders at the European Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition in Geneva, Switzerland.

- Last April, Learjet broke ground on a \$52.7 million expansion that will create more space for its newest business jet, the Learjet 85. This expansion is expected to add 450 jobs at the Wichita facility.
- Together, Cessna Aircraft and Bombardier received orders from NetJets for up to 425 new planes. This order is valued at \$9.6 billion.
- Atlas Aerospace LLC plans to add 66,000 square feet of production space to its Product Manufacturing Co. subsidiary in Wichita. The \$3.2 million expansion is expected to create 40 new jobs over a three-year period.
- In April, Spirit AeroSystems was hit by an EF-3 tornado, bringing its insurance claim for that event to approximately \$400 million.
- Century Manufacturing is building a \$2.1 million facility in the Sunflower Commerce Park in Bel Aire. Century, which manufactures acrylic awards and promotional products, will be the first tenant in Bel Aire's 804-acre business park.
- JR Custom Metal Products Inc., which builds material handling and production support equipment for manufacturers, is investing in a \$3 million expansion project that will add 30,000 square feet to its facility and will add 50 new jobs over the next five years.
- Hawker Beechcraft announced in October that it is no longer working toward an acquisition deal with Superior Aviation and plans to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy as a standalone company.
- In November, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers at Bombardier Learjet ended a five-week strike at the Wichita plant and, after negotiations, accepted the company's contract offer. The cost of employee health benefits had prompted the strike.
- Spirit AeroSystems received \$59.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to expand production and repair damage from last year's tornado.
- In November, Hawker Beechcraft announced plans to cut a total of 170 jobs in Wichita and Little Rock.
- Spirit AeroSystems announced a 21 percent increase in revenue from third quarter 2011 to third quarter 2012, as well as a \$211 million operating loss over that same time period. In third quarter 2011, the company had reported an operating income of \$121 million.
- Cessna Aircraft Co. has signed a contract with China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co. Ltd. to assemble and sell Citation XLS+ business jets in China.
- In late 2012, Bombardier Learjet received a firm order for 56 Bombardier Global jets, valued at \$3.1 billion from VisaJet holding SA. The company also acquired options for an additional 86 global jets.
- In mid-December Spirit AeroSystems' engineering union members voted to accept the company's offer of a six-year contract.

Employment Numbers

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Aviation Deliveries

- General aviation shipments manufactured worldwide increased 0.6 percent from 2011 to 2012; total billings decreased 0.9 percent.

Table 2. Shipments of Airplanes Manufactured Worldwide

	Year End 2011	Year End 2012	Change
Pistons	898	881	-1.9%
Turboprops	526	580	10.3%
Business Jets	696	672	-3.4%
Total Shipments	2,120	2,133	0.6%
Total Billings	\$19.0 billion	\$18.9 billion	-0.9%

Source: General Aviation Manufacturers Association,
<http://www.gama.aero/media-center/industry-facts-and-statistics/shipments-billings>.

- The Boeing Co. delivered 165 commercial airplanes fourth quarter 2012, an increase of 16 deliveries, or 10.7 percent, from third quarter 2012, and an increase of 37 deliveries, or 28.9 percent from fourth quarter 2011.
- Airbus delivered 588 aircraft in 2012, a 10.1 percent increase from 2011.

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- [AGCO Corp.](#)
- [Boeing IDS 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](#)
- [Hawker 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 \(formerly the National Association of Purchasing Managers\)](#)

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Wholesale Trade

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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

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

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Retail Trade

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- Davis-Moore Auto Group opened a new Nissan store on East Kellogg in January 2012.
- Cabela's held its grand opening in Regency Lakes Shopping Center on March 14.
- Wichita's first Cash Mob event was held in late March. Five stores in the Delano district were targeted as local businesses that could benefit from an organized effort, on a specific day, to bring paying customers into locally owned establishments.
- Early in June, after 40 years of operation, Kroger closed its Dillons Central Bakery in Hutchinson and will now obtain baked goods for its Kansas stores from a larger Kroger bakery in Colorado.
- The Fresh Market, an upscale grocery, opened in Bradley Fair in June.
- Scholfield Auto Plaza plans to break ground for a new luxury dealership facility at 13th and Greenwich, which will be known as Wichita Luxury Collection, A Member of the Scholfield Automotive Group.
- In May, a source told The Wichita Eagle that JC Penney, in Wichita, was "operating with fewer layers of management."
- Eddy's Toyota opened a new 60,000-square-foot facility on East Kellogg in early May.
- Wichita Vending recently bought Wichita Canteen. Company leadership believes this merger will provide more options for customers.
- In April, Walmart opened its sixth Neighborhood Market in Wichita at 13th and Oliver.
- Marshalls, a family retailer offering brand names and designer fashions, opened in NewMarket Square in September.
- In November, the first Academy Sports & Outdoors store in Kansas opened on North Maize Road.
- Three new CVS pharmacies are planned for Wichita, one at 21st and Amidon, one at 13th and Maize, and another at Central and Oliver.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 30,967; up 1.3 percent from third quarter 2012; up 1.0 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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Taxable Retail Sales

- 3rd Qtr 2012: nominal taxable retail sales stand at \$2.2 billion; down 0.3 percent from second quarter 2012; up 4.4 percent from third quarter 2011.
- 3rd Qtr 2012: real taxable retail sales stand at \$962.2 million; down 0.5 percent from second quarter 2012; up 2.7 percent from third quarter 2011.
- 3rd Qtr 2012: nominal tax collections stand at \$139.6 million; down 0.3 percent from second quarter 2012; up 4.4 percent from third quarter 2011.
- 3rd Qtr 2012: real tax collections stand at \$60.6 million; down 0.5 percent from second quarter 2012; up 2.7 percent from third quarter 2011.

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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](#)
- [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](#)
- [Automotive Aftermarket Industry](#)
- [Food Marketing Institute](#)
- [National Association for Convenience and Fuel Retailing](#)

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Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities

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- In 2011, Southwest Airlines acquired AirTran. The company will remain in Wichita and transition to Southwest Airlines in 2013.
- In April the Kansas Corporation Commission approved a \$50 million increase in electric rates for Westar Energy.

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- Frontier Airlines' last day of service at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport was Nov. 15. It had been offering two daily flights from Wichita to Denver.
- In September, ground was broken for the new Wichita Mid-Continent Airport terminal project. The new 12-gate facility is projected to open in February 2015.
- In October, Westar Energy announced that its Ironwood Wind Power Project in Ford and Hodgeman counties and the Post Rock Wind Farm in Ellsworth and Lincoln counties were operational and generating electricity for its residential and business customers.
- In June, when Southwest Airlines begins service at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport, the carrier will operate two daily flights to Dallas Love Field, two daily flights to Chicago Midway Airport and one daily flight to Las Vegas.
- On May 2, United Express will begin offering two daily departures and arrivals between Wichita and Los Angeles. SkyWest Airlines, a regional partner, will operate those flights.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 7,833; up 2.2 percent from third quarter 2012; down 1.7 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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- [Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Support](#)
- [Sedgwick County Electric Coop.](#)
- [Westar Energy](#)
- [Kansas Gas Service](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [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](#)
- [2007 Economic Census - Transportation and Warehousing](#)
- [BLS Trade, Transportation, and Utilities at a Glance](#)

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- [Dept of Energy - Energy Information Administration](#)
- [American Gas Association – Research/Statistics](#)
- [Edison Electric Institute - Energy Issues, News, and Data](#)

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Information Services

Industry News

- Koch Industries Inc. plans to add 50 information technology jobs to its business solutions, fertilizer and Flint Hills Resources sectors.
- On August 7, the Wichita Health Information Exchange went live. This new network, which is connected to the Kansas Health Information Network, will provide the opportunity for physicians to share patient information for the purpose of improving the delivery of health care in Wichita and Kansas.
- NetApp, a data storage company, is planning a major expansion of its facility on North Rock Road, which will include hiring 400 employees over the next five years. The average salary of the new jobs is expected to be \$73,000.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 3,833; down 1.7 percent from third quarter 2012; down 11.5 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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

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

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Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

Industry News

- The Zelman Lofts, an apartment project at Douglas and St. Francis, opened to tenants in early 2012. The building was once occupied by Sam Zelman's Clothing Store.
- Fidelity Bank closed one of its Walmart branches in early 2012, with the intention of closing two more later in the year.
- Mid American Credit Union broke ground in March for a new branch at 29th and Webb Road.
- Developers Robert Eyster and Michael Ramsey partnered with Farha Construction to create 20 apartments in the former Victoria Park Apartment building. The building is named the Renfro, after a hotel that was once housed there. The developers applied for the building to be on the National Record of Historic Places.
- Wichita-based Meritrust Credit Union ranked 20 on SNL Financial's list of the 50 top-performing credit unions in the United States.
- PrimeLending, one of the largest mortgage lenders in the country, opened an office in Wichita in the Hinkle Law building in early June.
- In August, renovation was completed on Sunnyside Elementary apartments, a 23-unit apartment complex located in the historic former elementary school that was originally built around 1915.
- The Player Piano Lofts in Old Town were completed in December. As of Feb. 1, 2013, 33 of the 36 units were rented.

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Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 10,467; the same as third quarter 2012; down 0.9 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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Housing Activity

- 4th Qtr: seasonally adjusted homes sales totaled 2,144 units; up 6.5 percent from third quarter 2012; up 18.5 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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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](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Wichita housing market outlook](#)
- [American Bankers Association – Surveys and Statistics](#)
- [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](#)
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- [American Council of Life Insurers](#)
- [Insurance Information Institute – Facts and Statistics](#)

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Professional & Business Services

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- OLC Global, a call center company, announced in early 2012 that it planned to hire 200 people over the next two years in order to expand its customer base.
- It was announced in early May that Sullivan Higdon & Sink Inc. would be the Kansas City Chiefs' advertising agency of record.
- Last summer, T-Mobile announced it had hired 78 customer service representatives at its Wichita call center from April through July. The company announced more hiring plans in September. Approximately 165 customer service and sales representatives were expected to be hired by the end of 2012.
- Tulsa-based Brothers & Co., a nationally recognized advertising agency, has opened an office in Wichita in WaterWalk Place.
- B/E Aerospace has announced its intention to open an engineering center in Wichita.

Employment Numbers

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- [Foulston Seifkin LLP](#)
- [eServ](#)
- [High Touch Technology Solutions](#)

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

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](#)

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Education & Health Care Services

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- Larksfield Place opened its new \$14 million Assisted Living and Memory Support center on North Rock Rd. in January 2012.
- Physicians Development Group embarked on a \$13 million skilled nursing facility project in northeast Wichita. Located in the Reeds Cove development, the project, known as Avita Senior Living, would consist of four houses, each with 20 beds. Completion of the facility was expected in fall 2012.
- Wichita State University and developer Johnny Stevens have agreed on a 10-year lease of the Britt Brown Arena at the Kansas Coliseum. The space will be used by WSU's National Institute for Aviation Research to test aircraft components. NIAR will remodel the facility to provide both lab and office space.
- Via Christi Villages will add a 72,000-square-foot skilled nursing facility to its Cornerstone Ridge Plaza senior-living campus in northwest Wichita. The new 80-bed facility is expected to be completed in October 2013.
- Work began this summer to add 4,000 square feet to the Moeller Dermatology clinic in east Wichita. This \$1 million expansion will create space for additional care providers.
- Earlier this year, Wesley Medical Center added its third robotic surgery machine. Wesley was the first in the nation to use this type of machine for a gallbladder removal surgery.

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- Anjana and Rajesh Bhakta opened the second Atlanta-based Primrose School in Kansas last fall. This daycare and preschool is located near 21st Street on 127th Street East.
- In April, the Kansas Board of Regents chose John William Bardo to be the new president at Wichita State University.
- In April, the Wichita State University's Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement, in the School of Engineering, awarded grants to four high-tech projects that were chosen for their unique ideas, potential for commercialization and likely impact on the region's economy. Grant amounts varied from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per recipient. The source for the award money was a \$2 million federal grant WSU won last year. Some of that money is being used to fund graduate school engineering scholarships, as well.
- Work has begun on the \$33 million renovation of the Rhatigan Student Center at Wichita State University. The work will add more than 30,000 square feet to the building and will take about two years to complete.
- The Friends University art department plans to renovate and move into the historic Farmers State Bank Building in the Delano District, in time for the 2013 fall semester. The university is purchasing that building, as well as a nearby warehouse space.
- On May 5, the School of Rock Wichita had its grand opening on South Rock Road. A franchise of School of Rock LLC in Teaneck, N.J., this music school will offer beginning to advanced instruction on guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards, as well as in vocal music, for children.
- The Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita broke ground in July on a \$22 million expansion project. The first phase will be a \$4 million rehabilitation facility, and the second phase will be a renovation of the facility's assisted living wing and its health care center.
- Accountant and ex-teacher Rachel Allen has opened two Wichita Math Learning Centers for kids in the Wichita area. Known as Mathnasium, one is located in NewMarket Square and the other at the Waterfront at 13th and Webb Road.
- Presbyterian Manor plans to begin a \$35 million update to its 13-acre campus in 2013. The first phase, of the two-phase project, will create new facilities for assisted-living residents and skilled nursing patients, as well as add 24 assisted living memory support suites. In the second phase 90 independent-living apartments will be built to replace the current cottages and duplexes.
- The Wichita Area Technical College received a \$9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to fund the continued development of the school's aviation curriculum. This was the largest award in the college's history.
- Wesley Medical Center announced that it will begin a \$36 million renovation of its women's care facility, beginning in the spring of 2013.
- Jeff Englert and Grant Glasgow of Grubb & Ellis/Martens Commercial Group are marketing a 50,000-square-foot area in Towne West Square as a medical plaza.

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- The University of Phoenix plans to close its Wichita campus, but will allow current students to finish their degrees. Online courses will continue to be available.
- In a \$1.3 million project, LakePoint nursing home, at 1315 N. West St., added 22 new assisted living units to its facility.
- Work has begun on the first phase of a senior living development near NewMarket Square. The 77-unit assisted living and memory care residence is expected to open in September 2013.
- Larksfield Place plans to add a 7,000-square-foot rehabilitation wing.

Employment Number

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 44,833; up 1.4 percent from third quarter 2012; up 3.5 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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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](#)
- [Home Healthcare Connection](#)
- [Resource Center for Independent Living](#)
- [Kansas Children's Service League](#)
- [Via Christi Health System](#)
- [Wesley Medical Center](#)

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For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)
- [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](#)

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Leisure & Hospitality Services

Industry News

- In January 2012, the Kansas Star Casino began 24-hour operations.
- The INTRUST Bank Arena netted nearly \$390,000 in 2011, its second year of operation.
- Chick-fil-A opened a restaurant at Central and Rock Road in March.
- A Pita Pit restaurant opened in the Northrock Retail Center in April.
- The INTRUST Bank Arena ranked 31 in the nation and 62 in the world for ticket sales in the first half of 2012, according to the trade publication Pollstar.
- In 2012, attendance at the Kansas State Fair increased by nearly 4,000 people, and ticket sales increased by 14 percent from the 2011 event.
- Groundbreaking was held for a new Holiday Inn Express & Suites hotel near 21st Street and Greenwich Road. The hotel is expected to open this summer.
- A Hampton Inn & Suites opened at the Kansas Star Casino in October.
- The Ambassador Hotel Wichita, a new upscale, boutique hotel, opened in the Union National Bank building in December. This 14-story building is known for the historic Dockum Drug Store, located on the first floor, which was the site of a civil rights sit-in in 1958.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 27,900; down 0.6 percent from third quarter 2012; up 0.1 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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Tourism Trends

- 4th Qtr: the hotel occupancy rate stands at 54.7 percent; down 8.1 percentage points from third quarter 2012; up 1.5 percentage points from fourth quarter 2011.
- 4th Qtr: the number of outbound passengers at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport stands at 187,737; down 6.7 percent from third quarter 2012; up 0.1 percent from fourth quarter 2011.
- 4th Qtr: total transient guest taxes collected totaled \$1.7 million; up 9.1 percent from third quarter 2012; up 5 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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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](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [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](#)

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Other Services

Industry News

- A warehouse in northeast Wichita will soon be a distribution and testing center for Cox Communication equipment that will be supplied to customers in five states, including Kansas. The contractor doing this work for Cox is Communications Test Design Inc., which is based in Pennsylvania. The company expects to eventually employ up to 80 people.
- On July 25, ground was broken for the new 36,000-square-foot facility, which will be known as the Kansas Leadership Center and Kansas Health Foundation Conference Center. The new building will be located on the parking lot adjacent to the Health Foundation's building on East Douglas. Completion of the project is expected this summer.
- Shelly Chenoweth Prichard became the new president and CEO of the Wichita Community Foundation in November.
- Bart Grelinger, a neurologist with Neurology Consultants of Kansas, was recently installed as president of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 10,633; up 0.6 percent from third quarter 2012; up 0.6 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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- [Aramark Uniform Services](#)
- [Cintas Corp.](#)
- [International Association Machinists No. 834](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Center for Association Leadership](#)
- [Independent Sector](#)
- [The Foundation Center](#)

Government

Industry News

- Because of Department of Defense spending cuts last year, the 184th Intelligence Wing at McConnell AFB in Wichita expected to lose 23 full-time and two part-time members.
- Waltzing Waters, a City of Wichita project, is now operational. The computer-controlled fountain water show, complete with music and lights, is located east of Wichita Street, between Dewey and Waterman.
- In April the Wichita City Council voted to move forward on the second phase of expansion at Botanica, which involves the construction of a \$1.15 million, 7,000-square-foot events center. The facility is expected to generate \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually from educational programs, weddings and other rentals.
- In August, in hopes of attracting more new businesses to the Wichita area, the Wichita City Council approved economic development guidelines that will exempt new speculative industrial buildings from property taxes for as long as 10 years.
- The Small Business Administration's Wichita district office plans to move from the IRS building on West Third Street to the Page Court Building at the Garvey Center. The move is expected to occur in May 2013.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 38,700; up 10.5 percent from third quarter 2012; down 2.8 percent from fourth quarter 2011.

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- [City of Wichita](#)
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- [State of Kansas](#)
- [United States Government](#)

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Data Tables For Historical Industry Employment Trends

Total Wage and Salary Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	292,500	-6,100	-2.0
2003	281,000	-11,500	-3.9
2004	283,100	2,100	0.7
2005	287,000	3,900	1.4
2006	294,000	7,000	2.4
2007	302,800	8,800	3.0
2008	307,900	5,100	1.7
2009	292,400	-15,500	-5.0
2010	283,100	-9,300	-3.2
2011	282,800	-300	-0.1
4th Qtr 2011	284,233	-1,334	-0.5
4th Qtr 2012	290,433	6,200	2.2

Natural Resources, Mining & Construction Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	16,100	-200	-1.2
2003	15,900	-200	-1.2
2004	16,100	200	1.3
2005	15,700	-400	-2.5
2006	16,100	400	2.5
2007	16,600	500	3.1
2008	16,900	300	1.8
2009	15,200	-1,700	-10.1
2010	14,400	-800	-5.3
2011	14,200	-200	-1.4
4th Qtr 2011	14,333	-267	-1.8
4th Qtr 2012	15,200	867	6.0

Manufacturing Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	65,700	-7,200	-9.9
2003	58,600	-7,100	-10.8
2004	58,400	-200	-0.3
2005	60,700	2,300	3.9
2006	63,000	2,300	3.8
2007	65,500	2,500	4.0
2008	67,300	1,800	2.7
2009	57,900	-9,400	-14.0
2010	52,500	-5,400	-9.3
2011	51,500	-1,000	-1.9
4th Qtr 2011	51,200	-867	-1.7
4th Qtr 2012	53,667	2,467	4.8

Wholesale Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	11,900	-100	-0.8
2003	11,300	-600	-5.0
2004	11,200	-100	-0.9
2005	10,600	-600	-5.4
2006	10,900	300	2.8
2007	11,000	100	0.9
2008	11,200	200	1.8
2009	10,900	-300	-2.7
2010	10,700	-200	-1.8
2011	10,800	100	0.9
4th Qtr 2011	10,767	234	2.2
4th Qtr 2012	10,700	-67	-0.6

Retail Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	30,800	-500	-1.6
2003	30,400	-400	-1.3
2004	30,600	200	0.7
2005	30,600	0	0.0
2006	31,100	500	1.6
2007	32,400	1,300	4.2
2008	32,300	-100	-0.3
2009	31,100	-1,200	-3.7
2010	30,400	-700	-2.3
2011	30,600	200	0.7
4th Qtr 2011	30,667	-366	-1.2
4th Qtr 2012	30,967	300	1.0

Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	7,300	-300	-3.9
2003	7,600	300	4.1
2004	8,000	400	5.3
2005	8,400	400	5.0
2006	8,300	-100	-1.2
2007	8,300	0	0.0
2008	8,600	300	3.6
2009	8,300	-300	-3.5
2010	8,100	-200	-2.4
2011	8,100	0	0.0
4th Qtr 2011	7,967	-600	-7.0
4th Qtr 2012	7,833	-134	-1.7

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Information Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	7,000	100	1.4
2003	6,600	-400	-5.7
2004	6,300	-300	-4.5
2005	5,900	-400	-6.3
2006	5,900	0	0.0
2007	6,400	500	8.5
2008	6,000	-400	-6.3
2009	5,200	-800	-13.3
2010	4,700	-500	-9.6
2011	4,500	-200	-4.3
4th Qtr 2011	4,333	-334	-7.2
4th Qtr 2012	3,833	-500	-11.5

Financial Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	12,900	-100	-0.8
2003	12,600	-300	-2.3
2004	12,100	-500	-4.0
2005	11,400	-700	-5.8
2006	11,300	-100	-0.9
2007	11,500	200	1.8
2008	11,500	0	0.0
2009	11,300	-200	-1.7
2010	10,900	-400	-3.5
2011	10,600	-300	-2.8
4th Qtr 2011	10,567	-266	-2.5
4th Qtr 2012	10,467	-100	-0.2

Professional & Business Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	27,300	-400	-1.4
2003	25,700	-1,600	-5.9
2004	26,600	900	3.5
2005	26,900	300	1.1
2006	28,300	1,400	5.2
2007	30,000	1,700	6.0
2008	31,300	1,300	4.3
2009	28,700	-2,600	-8.3
2010	28,900	200	0.7
2011	30,600	1,700	5.9
4th Qtr 2011	32,833	3,366	11.4
4th Qtr 2012	35,700	2,867	8.7

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Education & Health Care Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	38,700	2,200	6.0
2003	37,700	-1,000	-2.6
2004	38,500	800	2.1
2005	39,700	1,200	3.1
2006	41,100	1,400	3.5
2007	42,100	1,000	2.4
2008	43,100	1,000	2.4
2009	43,900	800	1.9
2010	43,000	-900	-2.1
2011	43,300	300	0.7
4th Qtr 2011	43,300	-167	-0.4
4th Qtr 2012	44,833	1,533	3.5

Leisure & Hospitality Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	25,100	-900	-3.5
2003	24,700	-400	-1.6
2004	25,300	600	2.4
2005	26,100	800	3.2
2006	27,200	1,100	4.2
2007	27,800	600	2.2
2008	28,000	200	0.7
2009	27,700	-300	-1.1
2010	27,000	-700	-2.5
2011	27,700	700	2.6
4th Qtr 2011	27,867	1,134	4.2
4th Qtr 2012	27,900	33	0.1

Other Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2002	11,800	1,000	9.3
2003	11,700	-100	-0.8
2004	12,000	300	2.6
2005	11,700	-300	-2.5
2006	11,000	-700	-6.0
2007	11,000	0	0.0
2008	11,000	0	0.0
2009	10,700	-300	-2.7
2010	10,700	0	0.0
2011	10,600	-100	-0.9
4th Qtr 2011	10,567	-100	-0.9
4th Qtr 2012	10,633	66	0.6

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Government Employment, Wichita MSA

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2002	37,900	300	0.8
2003	38,200	300	0.8
2004	38,000	-200	-0.5
2005	39,200	1,200	3.2
2006	40,000	800	2.0
2007	40,200	200	0.5
2008	40,900	700	1.7
2009	41,500	600	1.5
2010	41,800	300	0.7
2011	40,300	-1,500	-3.6
4th Qtr 2011	39,833	-2,700	-6.3
4th Qtr 2012	38,700	-1,133	-2.8