



Demographic Profile of Wichita Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries Q1 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 18,346 unemployed people in the Wichita metropolitan area in the first quarter of 2014, approximately 49 percent of whom collected unemployment insurance benefits.¹ In the first quarter of 2014 there were approximately 8,948 people, age 16 and over, who collected unemployment insurance benefits. That is a decrease of approximately 15 percent from the fourth 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, 56.6 percent have no more education than a high school diploma.

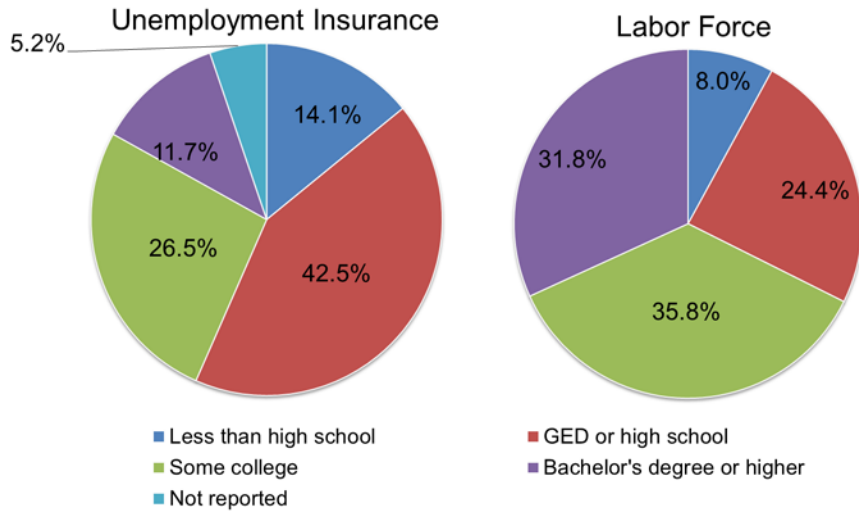
Wichita MSA Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries						
25-64 years old						
	Q4 2013		Q1 2014		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Less than high school	1,275	13.7%	1,071	14.1%	(204)	-16.0%
GED or high school	4,291	46.1%	3,223	42.5%	(1,068)	-24.9%
Some college	2,579	27.7%	2,007	26.5%	(572)	-22.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,053	11.3%	887	11.7%	(166)	-15.8%
Not Reported	120	1.3%	398	5.2%	278	231.7%
Total	9,318	100.0%	7,586	100.0%	(1,732)	-18.6%

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Between the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014, the number of unemployment beneficiaries in all educational attainment categories decreased. This more than reverses the increase of approximately 913 recipients between the third and fourth quarters of 2013. This significant decrease can be attributed to the end of the federal extended unemployment insurance program at the end of December 2013.

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.

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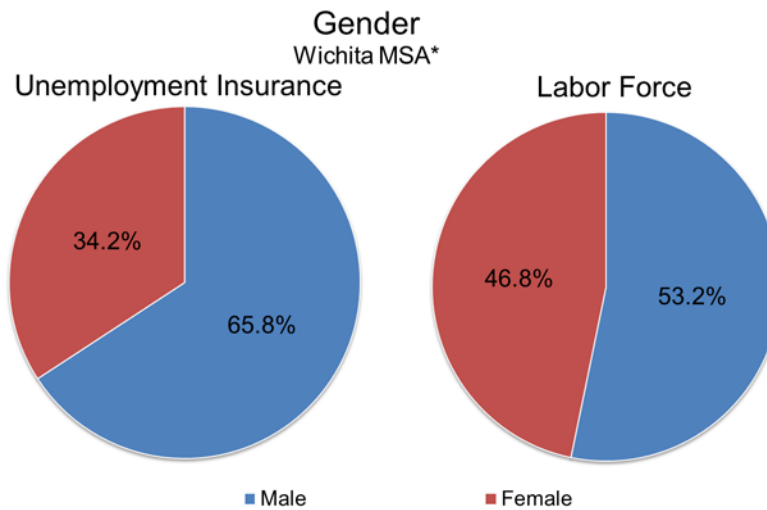


Source: Kansas Department of Labor, U.S. Census Bureau, *Persons 25-64 years old

Gender

In the first quarter, a person in the Wichita area receiving unemployment insurance benefits is 1.9 times more likely to be a male than a female, up from 1.8 times more likely in the fourth quarter. This is a disproportionately high level of unemployment in males relative to the labor force. Males account for 53.2 percent of the labor force. However, 65.8 percent of the people receiving unemployment benefits in the Wichita area were male.

Of the males, with a GED or high school diploma, receiving unemployment insurance benefits in the first quarter, 60 percent were under 45 years old. Almost nine percent were separated from the aircraft manufacturing industry, the most of any single industry. The next two industries with a high level of unemployment insurance beneficiaries, in males with a GED or high school diploma, were highway, street and bridge construction at 6.3 percent, temporary help services at 5.6 percent.



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	Q4 2013		Q1 2014		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Less than high school	454	4.2%	307	3.4%	(147)	-32.4%
GED or high school	1,650	15.2%	1,218	13.6%	(432)	-26.2%
Some college	1,221	11.3%	994	11.1%	(227)	-18.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	492	4.5%	413	4.6%	(79)	-16.1%
Not Reported	55	0.5%	124	1.4%	69	125.5%
Total	3,872	35.8%	3,056	34.2%	(816)	-21.1%
Male	Q4 2013		Q1 2014		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Less than high school	1,038	9.6%	951	10.6%	(87)	-8.4%
GED or high school	3,419	31.6%	2,681	30.0%	(738)	-21.6%
Some college	1,763	16.3%	1,402	15.7%	(361)	-20.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	627	5.8%	551	6.2%	(76)	-12.1%
Not Reported	101	0.9%	307	3.4%	206	204.0%
Total	6,948	64.2%	5,892	65.8%	(1,056)	-15.2%

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Age

The age distribution of people receiving unemployment benefits has not significantly changed from the fourth quarter 2013 to the first quarter of 2014. There are marginally more people 45 and over receiving unemployment benefits, 41.8 percent, up from 40.7 percent in the fourth quarter.

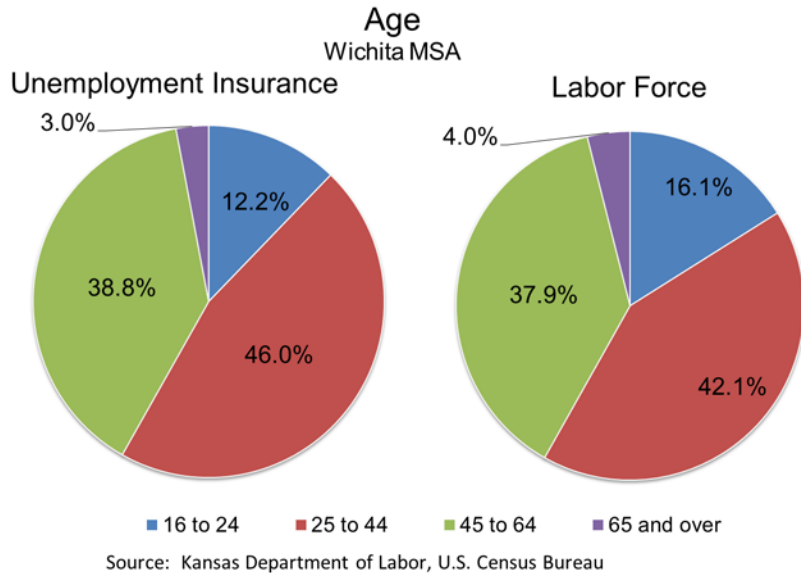
As would be expected, the majority of people receiving unemployment benefits are in the working age population between 25 and 64 years old. Younger working adults, between 25 and 44 years old, are more likely to be receiving unemployment benefits than older working adults, between 45 and 64 years old.²

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	1.8%	6.6%	5.4%	0.3%	14.1%
GED or high school	6.4%	19.2%	16.9%	1.2%	43.6%
Some college	3.6%	13.8%	8.6%	0.7%	26.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	0.3%	5.0%	4.9%	0.6%	10.8%
Not Reported	0.2%	1.4%	3.1%	0.2%	4.8%
Total	12.2%	46.0%	38.8%	3.0%	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.

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



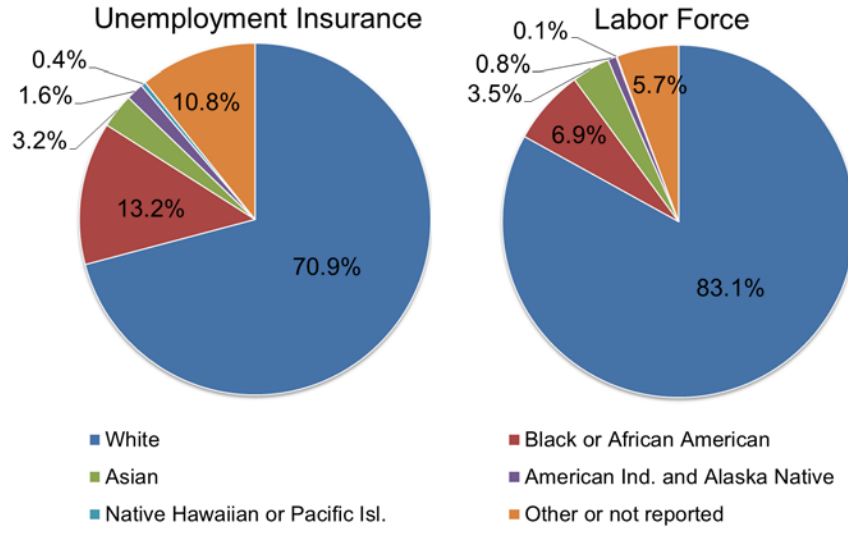
Race

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 29.1 percent of unemployment insurance beneficiaries. For all races, the number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreases with higher levels of educational attainment. Between the fourth and first 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	6.8%	1.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	4.8%	14.1%
GED or high school	31.9%	5.9%	1.1%	0.7%	0.2%	3.9%	43.6%
Some college	20.0%	4.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	1.6%	26.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	10.8%
Not Reported	3.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	4.8%
Total	70.9%	13.2%	3.2%	1.6%	0.4%	10.8%	100.0%

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

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

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