

MONTHLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

	August	July	August	Percentage Change From		Annual Growth Rate
	2014	2014	2013	July 2014	August 2013	
COMPOSITE INDEX OF LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS¹	103.8	103.6	97.2	0.2	6.8	5.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE²						
Total new residential (in millions of dollars).....	\$ 15,748	\$ 18,220	\$ 15,842	-13.6	-0.6	11.0
One-family structures.....	12,609	13,973	12,982	-9.8	-2.9	7.2
Small multi-family structures (2-4 units).....	309	380	247	-18.6	25.2	10.1
Large multi-family structures (5+ units).....	2,830	3,868	2,613	-26.8	8.3	27.9
EMPLOYMENT						
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (NSA)						
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA)						
Total wage and salary (in thousands of filled positions).....	138,989	138,662	136,477	0.2	1.8	1.8
Natural resources and mining.....	936	931	887	0.5	5.5	4.5
Construction.....	6,352	6,315	6,114	0.6	3.9	3.3
Manufacturing.....	12,254	12,215	12,088	0.3	1.4	0.8
Durable goods.....	7,732	7,709	7,577	0.3	2.0	1.3
Transportation equipment.....	1,562	1,549	1,506	0.8	3.7	2.5
Aerospace products and parts.....	481	483	488	-0.4	-1.4	-3.4
Nondurable goods.....	4,522	4,506	4,511	0.4	0.2	0.1
Wholesale trade.....	5,907	5,915	5,782	-0.1	2.2	2.0
Retail trade.....	15,370	15,384	15,123	-0.1	1.6	2.0
Transportation and warehousing.....	4,589	4,584	4,441	0.1	3.3	2.4
Utilities.....	558	558	554	-0.1	0.7	-0.1
Information.....	2,683	2,688	2,683	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
Financial activities.....	8,022	8,028	7,950	-0.1	0.9	0.9
Professional and business services.....	19,444	19,360	18,792	0.4	3.5	3.7
Education and health services.....	21,213	21,164	20,842	0.2	1.8	1.7
Educational services.....	3,087	3,110	3,063	-0.7	0.8	1.1
Health care and social assistance.....	18,125	18,054	17,778	0.4	2.0	1.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	15,298	15,345	14,945	-0.3	2.4	3.0
Other services.....	5,554	5,574	5,507	-0.4	0.9	0.7
Government.....	20,810	20,601	20,768	1.0	0.2	0.0
Average hours worked per week, manufacturing (SA).....	42.0	42.0	41.9	0.0	0.2	0.5
Average hourly earnings in manufacturing (SA).....	\$ 19.64	\$ 19.61	\$ 19.33	0.2	1.6	1.5
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (HOUSEHOLD DATA)³						
(Seasonally Adjusted Data)						
Total civilian labor force (in thousands of persons).....	155,959	156,023	155,435	0.0	0.3	0.0
Unemployed.....	9,591	9,671	11,256	-0.8	-14.8	-13.6
Unemployment rate, SA (percent).....	6.1	6.2	7.2	---	---	---
Total employed.....	146,368	146,352	144,179	0.0	1.5	1.2
Unemployment rate, NSA (percent).....	6.3	6.5	7.3	---	---	---
INDUSTRY AND PRODUCTION (Seasonally Adjusted Data)						
Index of industrial production (1997=100) ¹	104.1	104.2	100.0	-0.1	4.1	3.7
Capacity utilization rate, manufacturing (percent) ¹	78.0	78.5	76.7	---	---	---
ISM Purchasing Managers' Index (percent) ⁴	59.0	57.1	56.3	---	---	---
PRICES AND CONSUMER ATTITUDES						
CPI for all urban consumers, NSA (1982-84=100).....	237.9	238.3	233.9	-0.2	1.7	1.6
Index of consumer confidence, SA (1985=100) ¹	92.4	90.3	81.8	2.3	13.0	14.1
INTEREST RATES						
Federal funds rate, NSA (percent) ¹	0.09	0.09	0.08	---	---	---
Average prime rate charged by banks, NSA (percent) ¹	3.25	3.25	3.25	---	---	---

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²Data before January 2004 are from the 19,000-Place Series; Beginning with January 2004 data are from the 20,000-Place Series.

³Wichita MSA & Kansas employment data are not seasonally adjusted. Use the not seasonally adjusted U.S. unemployment rate for comparisons.

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SA seasonally adjusted; NSA not seasonally adjusted; NA not available; R revised; P preliminary