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Wichita Industry News and Developments – 1st 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, 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

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 291,267; down 1.6 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 0.5 percent from first quarter 2014 (see Table 1 for current data by industry).

Unemployment Rate

- 1st Qtr: unemployment rate stands at 5.0 percent; up 0.5 percentage point from fourth quarter 2014; down 0.7 percentage point from first quarter 2014.

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

- 1st Qtr: average hourly earnings in manufacturing stands at \$17.6; down 1.4 percent from fourth quarter of 2014; down 10.1 percent from first quarter 2014.

Average Hours Worked per Week in Manufacturing

- 1st Qtr: average hours worked per week in manufacturing stands at 44.0; down 1.3 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 3.5 percent from first quarter 2014.

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

	First Quarter 2015	Percentage Change From	
		Fourth Quarter 2014	First Quarter 2014
Total wage and salary employment (in number of filled positions)	291,267	-1.6	0.5
Natural resources and construction	15,467	-6.1	3.6
Manufacturing	52,567	0.6	-1.0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	28,600	0.8	-3.2
Aerospace products and parts	28,533	1.4	-2.7
Trade, transportation & utilities	50,967	-1.8	0.3
Wholesale trade	9,167	-0.4	0.7
Retail trade	32,100	-2.1	-0.4
General merchandise stores	6,500	-8.9	-1.5
Transportation, warehousing & utilities	9,700	-2.0	2.1
Information	4,467	0.0	0.8
Finance	10,900	-1.2	1.9
Professional and business services	32,900	-2.9	2.1
Professional, scientific & technical services	10,333	0.3	3.0
Administrative and waste services	19,200	-4.3	2.3
Employment services	4,667	-7.9	2.9
Educational and health services	45,467	-1.2	3.3
Leisure and hospitality	29,100	-2.9	3.2
Other services	9,267	-1.4	-0.4
Government	40,167	-1.4	-4.3

Mining, Logging, and Construction
Industry News

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 15,467; down 6.1 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 3.6 percent from first quarter 2014.

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.](#)

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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

- Aero-Tech Engineering announced plans to relocate to a larger space located in Maize Industrial Park. Maize City Council already approved issuing \$5 million in industrial revenue bonds to facilitate the move.

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 52,567; up 0.6 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 1.0 percent from first quarter 2014.

Aviation Deliveries

- General aviation shipments manufactured worldwide decreased 15.2 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015; total billings decreased 13.5 percent during the same time period.

Table 2. Shipments of Airplanes Manufactured Worldwide

	1st Quarter 2014	1st Quarter 2015	Change
Pistons	241	193	-19.9 %
Turboprops	125	115	-8.0 %
Business Jets	154	133	-13.6 %
Total Shipments	520	441	-15.2 %
Total Billings	\$5.2 billion	\$4.5 billion	-13.5 %

Source: General Aviation Manufacturers Association,
<http://www.gama.aero/files/documents/2015GAMAShipmentReportQ105082015FF.pdf>

- In first quarter, The Boeing Co. delivered 184 commercial airplanes, an increase of 23 airplanes, or 13.4 percent over first quarter 2014.
- In first quarter, Airbus Co. delivered 134 commercial aircraft.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [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 Industry News

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 9,167; down 0.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 0.7 percent from first quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [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](#)

Retail Trade Industry News

- Towne East and Towne West Squares closed their Wet Seal stores during the second week of January. The retailer decided to close 338 stores 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 on March 31st, and Jaguar and Land Rover are expected to open for business July 1st. Wichita Luxury Collections also plans to break ground on BMW, Acura, and Porsche this summer.
- A 150,000-square-foot Costco Wholesale store that includes an on-site gas station is expected to open in June. The store is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Kellogg and Webb Road.

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 32,100; down 2.1 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 0.4 percent from first quarter 2014.

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- [Davis-Moore Automotive Inc.](#)
- [Dillons Cos.](#)

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- [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 is anticipated to end this summer.
- In January, Underground Vaults & Storage Inc. started construction work to expand its facility. Construction is expected to finish this summer. With the expansion, a large-scale document-shredding operation will be added.

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 9,700; down 2.0 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 1.5 percent from first quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [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](#)

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- [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

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 4,467; employment has not changed from fourth quarter 2014; up 0.8 percent from first quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [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 – facts and figures](#)
- [CTIA The Wireless Association](#)
- [Wireless Week](#)
- [Newspaper Association of America](#)

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

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 10,900; down 1.2 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 1.9 percent from first quarter 2014.

Housing Activity

- 1st Qtr: existing homes sales averaged 2,432 units; down 10.3 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 11.2 percent from first 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](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [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 – Facts and Statistics](#)

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

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 32,900; down 2.9 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 2.1 percent from first quarter 2014.

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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 has plans to expand services for sick children by opening a \$28 million children's hospital within its main campus. Construction is programmed to begin this summer.
- A new heart and surgery center, Epic Heart Surgery Center, will open in northeast Wichita in spring 2016. The center will provide outpatient surgical services and a full-service heart catheterization lab.

Employment Number

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 45,467; down 1.2 percent from fourth quarter 2014; up 3.3 percent from first 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](#)

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](#)

Leisure & Hospitality Services

Industry News

- A SpringHill Suites by Marriott opened in January in west Wichita. The hotel has 121 rooms and 2,400 square feet of meeting space.

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 29,100; down 2.9 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 0.4 percent from first quarter 2014.

Tourism Trend

- 1st Qtr: total transient guest taxes collected stands at \$1.4 million.

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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

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stays at 9,267; down 1.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 0.4 percent from first quarter 2014.

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- [Aramark Uniform Services](#)
- [Cintas Corp.](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

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

Government

Industry News

Employment Numbers

- 1st Qtr: employment stands at 40,167; down 1.4 percent from fourth quarter 2014; down 4.3 percent from first quarter 2014.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

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

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	292,433	2,558	0.9%
1st Qtr 2014	289,733	1,900	0.7%
1st Qtr 2015	291,267	1,533	0.5%

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	16,042	842	5.5%
1st Qtr 2014	14,933	867	6.2%
1st Qtr 2015	15,467	533	3.6%

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	52,525	-683	-1.3%
1st Qtr 2014	53,100	-600	-1.1%
1st Qtr 2015	52,567	-533	-1.0%

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	9,217	-92	-1.0%
1st Qtr 2014	9,100	100	-1.1%
1st Qtr 2015	9,167	67	0.7%

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	32,667	267	0.8%
1st Qtr 2014	32,233	467	1.5%
1st Qtr 2015	32,100	-133	-0.4%

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	9,600	358	3.9%
1st Qtr 2014	9,500	300	3.3%
1st Qtr 2015	9,700	200	2.1%

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	4,333	-142	-3.2%
2014	4,467	133	3.1%
1st Qtr 2014	4,433	333	8.1%
1st Qtr 2015	4,467	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%
1st Qtr 2014	10,700	200	1.9%
1st Qtr 2015	10,900	200	1.9%

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	33,258	1,708	5.4%
1st Qtr 2014	32,233	1,733	5.7%
1st Qtr 2015	32,900	667	2.1%

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	44,667	642	1.5%
1st Qtr 2014	44,033	-333	-0.8%
1st Qtr 2015	45,467	1,433	3.3%

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	29,550	300	1.0%
1st Qtr 2014	28,200	-300	-1.1%
1st Qtr 2015	29,100	900	3.2%

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	9,417	-133	-1.4%
1st Qtr 2014	9,300	-367	-3.8%
1st Qtr 2015	9,267	-33	-0.4%

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	40,125	-1,033	-2.5%
1st Qtr 2014	41,967	-300	-0.7%
1st Qtr 2015	40,167	-1,800	-4.3%