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Wichita Industry News and Developments – 4th Quarter 2014

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

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 293,067; up 1.7 percent from third quarter 2014; up 0.3 percent from fourth quarter 2013 (see Table 1 for current data by industry).

Unemployment Rate

- 4th Qtr: stands at 4.7 percent; down 1.1 percentage point from third quarter 2014; and down 0.7 percentage point from fourth quarter 2013.

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at \$17.7; down 1.4 percent from third quarter of 2014; down 8.1 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Average Hours Worked per Week in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at 44.7; up 1.0 percent from third quarter 2014; down 1.0 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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

	Fourth Quarter 2014	Percentage Change From	
		Third Quarter 2014	Fourth Quarter 2013
Total wage and salary employment (in number of filled positions)	293,067	1.7	0.3
Natural resources and construction	16,667	0.6	6.4
Manufacturing	50,633	1.3	-2.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing	26,767	0.4	-7.1
Aerospace products and parts	26,333	0.1	-8.2
Trade, transportation & utilities	50,733	-1.2	-1.9
Wholesale trade	9,400	-1.1	0.0
Retail trade	31,900	-2.1	-3.3
General merchandise stores	6,867	5.1	-1.4
Transportation, warehousing & utilities	9,433	1.8	1.4
Information	4,467	2.3	3.9
Finance	10,700	-0.6	0.6
Professional and business services	33,233	1.0	1.7
Professional, scientific & technical services	9,900	0.3	2.1
Administrative and waste services	19,400	1.2	2.3
Employment services	4,833	-1.4	1.4
Educational and health services	45,633	2.5	3.2
Leisure and hospitality	28,833	-2.3	-1.1
Other services	10,700	0.0	0.3
Government	41,467	10.6	-0.2

Mining, Logging, and Construction

Industry News

- According to a study released in April 2014 by Fuels America, the ethanol industry created 3,281 jobs for the 4th Congressional District, which includes Wichita.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 16,667; up 0.6 percent from third quarter 2014; up 6.4 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [Berexco Inc.](#)
- [Cornejo Corporation](#)
- [Drywall Systems Inc.](#)
- [Key Construction Inc.](#)

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

Manufacturing

Industry News

- In December 2013, Bombardier laid off 200 workers. At the beginning of January 2014, the company announced it would furlough about 300 people involved with the production of the Learjet 70 and 75, as well as direct support staff. Later in the month another layoff of 350 workers was announced, and it was reported that some of the furloughs announced earlier could become permanent layoffs.
- At the end of 2013, Spirit AeroSystems was working to fill about 400 positions, and entered 2014 in a hiring mode, as well, seeking about 200 hourly workers moving forward.
- Nordam, a local business jet supplier, announced in the first half of 2014 that it would be consolidating and moving its Wichita operations to Tulsa. The 75 Wichita employees that were affected were offered positions at the Tulsa facility.
- Textron, the parent company of Cessna Aircraft, purchased Beech Holdings LLC, the parent company of Beechcraft Corp., for \$1.4 billion in cash.
- In April, Boeing announced the launch of the Boeing Business Jet MAX family, with the 737 Max's first flight expected in 2016, and deliveries to commercial airline customers are planned to start in 2017. In May, Boeing had a total number of orders for the 737 MAX of 2,010 from 39 customers.

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- The lack of demand for carts and AV equipment was the reason for the loss of 54 jobs at Advance Products plant and its closure at the end of June.
- In April, Figeac Aero, a French company, entered into an agreement to acquire Sonanca NMF Wichita, an aviation supplier.
- In April, Spirit AeroSystems was working to fill about 250 open positions in Wichita.
- In April, Cessna Aircraft Co. and Beechcraft Corp. laid off 750 full-time and contract employees companywide, including 575 in Kansas.
- Siemens landed a contract to assemble 140 wind turbines for the planned 270-megawatt K2 Wind project in southwestern Ontario, in May.
- In May, Hospira announced the investment of \$120 million in its McPherson plant within the next five years. This investment would also create 150 jobs.
- Bombardier got a bond approval from the Wichita City Council on June 3rd to spend \$52.7 million to renovate and expand its west Wichita plant. About 450 jobs were expected to be created from this project.
- In June, about 200 workers at Bombardier Learjet in Wichita were affected by delays in the Learjet 85 program.
- Bombardier Inc. announced restructuring plans in July. The company reorganized into four segments, which are business aircraft, commercial aircraft, transportation, and aerostructures and engineering services. Bombardier also announced 1,800 job cuts.
- Boeing Co. expanded its aftermarket portfolio in September by providing new serviceable parts via a section of its website called “Marketplace.”
- Agco’s Hesston plant laid off 24 hourly workers in August. The company anticipated to eliminate an additional position from the machining, fabrication, and laser operations. As well, Agco decided to eliminate third shift. Worldwide decreases in farm incomes and crop prices and lesser demand for agricultural machinery are reasons for Agco’s job cuts.
- Since August 28th, Spirit AeroSystems has been offering a voluntary retirement program to management and salaried employees older than 55 and with a minimum of 10 years of service. The offer is valid for the company’s Wichita and Kinston, North Carolina locations.
- Reiloy Westland Corp., a plastic component manufacturing company, broke ground for its planned 55,000-square-foot facility in the Maize Industrial Park on November 11th, 2014. Reiloy expects to hire 15 additional employees over the next four years.
- Wichita aviation subcontractors are collectively seeing defense work decline. Fifteen percent of the companies that replied to the Wichita Business Journal’s 2014 survey indicated that defense work was their key business focus, whereas 42.9 percent of the respondents to the 2013 survey stated that defense work was their key business focus.
- Viega, a manufacturer of pipe fixture for plumbing, heating, and industrial uses, is expanding its 439,000-square-foot McPherson plant with an 80,000-square-foot

addition. The company will start making MegaPress carbon steel press fitting in the new facility and hire 100 extra employees.

- Five memorandums of understanding related to aviation were signed as part of a trip to China by a delegation of elected officials and company representatives from Wichita. Also, as a result of the trip, the first Air Capital liaison was opened in the city of Xi'an, China.
- Global Aviation Technologies, an engineering and manufacturing company producing wire harness and electrical sub-assembly, announced the creation of a new division and facility, in November. The Global Aviation Maintenance division is specialized in aircraft maintenance. Global Aviation Technologies has plans to expand to a 40,000-square-foot building located near K-15 and Hoover.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 50,633; up 1.3 percent from third quarter 2014; down 2.1 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Aviation Deliveries

- General aviation shipments manufactured worldwide increased 1.3 percent from the fourth quarter of 2013 to the fourth quarter of 2014; total billings increased 6.3 percent during the same time period.

Table 2. Shipments of Airplanes Manufactured Worldwide

	4th Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2014	Change
Pistons	292	323	10.6 %
Turboprops	215	188	-12.6 %
Business Jets	257	263	2.3 %
Total Shipments	764	774	1.3 %
Total Billings	\$8.0 billion	\$8.5 billion	6.3 %

Source: General Aviation Manufacturers Association,
<http://www.gama.aero/files/documents/2014GAMAShipmentReportWeb02112015.pdf>

- In third quarter, The Boeing Co. delivered 195 commercial airplanes, an increase of 23 airplanes, or 13.4 percent over fourth quarter 2013.

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- [AGCO Corp.](#)
- [Boeing: Defense, Space & Security, Wichita \(a division of the Boeing Company\)](#)
- [Bombardier Aerospace Learjet](#)
- [Cargill](#)
- [Cessna Aircraft Company \(a division of Textron\)](#)
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- [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

- Intermountain Wood Products, a company located in Utah, opened its 11th store in Wichita in May. The new facility employs four people. Hiring plans, for later, are a possibility.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 9,400; down 1.1 percent from third quarter 2014; fourth quarters 2013 and 2014 have the same employment levels.

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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](#)

Retail Trade

Industry News

- Two new luxury auto dealerships, Audi and Land Rover, will be built at 13th and Greenwich. The Land Rover facility is expected to open in spring 2015. The Audi dealership will open in a temporary facility this year, while the permanent one is being built.
- The Lubbers East auto dealership in Andover closed.
- A second Dandurand Drug Store will open on the west side of Wichita near 21st and Ridge Road. Besides its retail component, the store will provide compounding services.
- Schane Gross, owner of the Anchor, has opened a butcher shop on East Douglas, known as The Douglas Avenue Chop Shop.
- GreenAcres Market owner opened a natural and organic food store at the Waterfront in September. Although the store is called Whole Foods Market, it does not operate under the Whole Foods Association's umbrella.
- May 31st was the closing date for the OfficeMax on West Kellogg.
- Davis-Moore sold its Nissan franchise at 10625 E. Kellogg to McGavock Autogroup, who took over on June 2nd.
- Walmart Express stores will open in Clearwater and Rose Hill in early 2015.
- QuikTrip updated its stores at 1010 E. Douglas, 11223 E. Central, 326 S. West, 1112 W. Douglas, 1500 S. Maize, and 12825 E. 21st Street North with full-service kitchens. QuikTrip has planned to build a "Gen-3" store at 515 N. Oliver. Sites at 3250 N. Oliver and 4051 N. Ridge Road were identified as potential locations by QuikTrip.
- The Dillons stores at 13th and West, Central and Rock Road and 37th Street North and Woodlawn were renovated in 2014.
- Ride Auto Group opened a third Super Car Guys, in July, on the northwest corner of Broadway and Pawnee.
- The first Audi dealership in the state of Kansas opened on August 22nd at the Wichita Luxury Collection.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts is expected to open a 7,200-square-foot store in the first quarter 2015 at 1717 S. Webb Road. The store will hire between 8 and 12 people.
- A-OK center had its grand opening on November 8th. The center has an A-OK Pawn Shop, an A-OK Cash Center, a One Day Jewelry & Repair, a Cricket Wireless, and a Better Living lease-to-own furniture store.
- At the end of October, Davis-Moore Auto Group opened a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram (CDJR), and Fiat dealerships in a 65,000-square-foot facility located at 7525 E. Kellogg.
- Christian Brothers Automotive, a full-service automotive repair franchise based in Houston, Texas, is planning to open two stores in the east and west sides between first and third quarter 2015. Each store will have from eight to 12 employees.

- In November, Joe Self BMW sold its dealership to the Wichita Luxury Collection, which will build new buildings for the BMW, Acura, and Porsche franchises by Spring 2015.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 31,900; down 2.1 percent from third quarter 2014; down 3.3 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Taxable Retail Sales

- 2nd Qtr 2014: nominal taxable retail sales stand at \$2.4 billion; up 11.6 percent from first quarter 2014; up 7.1 percent from second quarter 2013.
- 2nd Qtr 2014: real taxable retail sales stand at \$1.0 billion; up 10.3 percent from first quarter 2014; up 4.9 percent from second quarter 2013.
- 2nd Qtr 2014: nominal tax collections stand at \$151 million; up 11.6 percent from first quarter 2014; up 4.5 percent from second quarter 2013.
- 2nd Qtr 2013: real tax collections stand at \$63.4 million; up 10.3 percent from first quarter 2014; 2.4 percent from second quarter 2013.

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- [Davis-Moore Automotive Inc.](#)
- [Dillons Cos.](#)
- [Rusty Eck Ford](#)
- [Sheplers](#)
- [Star Lumber & Supply Co. Inc.](#)

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- [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

- FedEx Ground planned to build a new distribution facility in Bel Aire's Sunflower Commerce Park. It will replace the company's current facility. Madison, Wis.-based Ruedebusch Development & Construction is the developer.
- In April, the City of Wichita added two new bus routes that serve residents along West Maple and West Central.
- Ten additional buses were added to Wichita Transit's fleet on Friday, May 2nd.
- In June, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved a \$238.5 million revenue boost for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, increasing the average natural gas bill in Kansas by \$12 per year.
- Jabara Airport is repairing runway damage, expanding T-hangars for aircraft storage, and building a new airport entrance and road.
- Union Station held a groundbreaking ceremony in December starting renovation and expansion plans that are expected to last more than two years. The Grand & Patrick Hotel, the Rock Island depot and Rock Island freight building, and public access areas, such as the Union Station plaza, will be renovated on the first phase of the two-phase project. Union Station terminals and attached buildings will be renovated during the second phase of the project.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 9,433; up 1.8 percent from third quarter 2014; up 1.4 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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](#)
- [Association of American Railroads](#)
- [USDOT Federal Highway Administration Highway Statistics](#)
- [USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics](#)
- [US Maritime Administration - Data and Statistics](#)
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- [American Gas Association – Research/Statistics](#)
- [Edison Electric Institute - Energy Issues, News, and Data](#)

Information Services

Industry News

- AT&T announced in April that it plans to fill 60 jobs in Kansas, including 40 in retail stores in Wichita.
- In April, NetApp and Wichita State University announced that a partnership will be created between the two organizations, resulting with NetApp expanding some of its operations to the university campus.
- In October, AT&T announced plans to hire almost 50 people to fill positions for technicians in its call center and retail store in Wichita. AT&T will provide paid training and on-the-job support for employees.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 4,467; up 2.3 percent from third quarter 2014; up 3.9 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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- [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

- Construction for a new Meritrust Credit Union branch, near Meridian and K-96, started late in May.
- Sunflower State Health Plan moved from the first floor to the second floor of One Brittany Place at 2024 N. Woodlawn. The new larger space will make it possible to have an additional 30 employees.
- On April 3rd, Enterprise Holdings, a car rental company, announced that it was seeking to hire 60 employees for management trainee and internship positions in Wichita.
- In May, CrossFirst Bank opened a new location at 9451 E. 13th Street North. This new branch replaced a former site located nearby.
- Flint Hills Realty Co. LLC is planning to expand Flint Hills National Residences with 70 lots. Construction is not likely to start before 2015.
- As of December, Towne West Square is short of two tenants since Sears and Denim & Diamonds, a bar night club, closed.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 10,700; down 0.6 percent from third quarter 2014; up 0.6 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Housing Activity

- 4th Qtr: existing homes sales totaled 2,711 units; down 11.2 percent from third quarter 2014; down 7.4 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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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 2014, B/E Aerospace, a commercial aviation engineering center located in northeast Wichita, expanded its space to make room for more engineers.
- Last year, Starwood Hotels opened a call center in Wichita. It has hired about 300 people and plans to add an additional 600 people within its first five years in Wichita. This is the company's largest call center in the United States.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 33,233; up 1.0 percent from third quarter 2014; up 1.7 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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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

- Disclosures of inventions by faculty and staff at Wichita State University have increased 300 percent in the 12 months ending in March 2014. This success is based on WSU's efforts to make technology transfer a top priority.
- To give faster record access to providers and patients, Via Christi Health announced a plan to invest \$85 million in an electronic health records system, in 2014.
- Immediate Medical Care opened a second location and completed an expansion of its first clinic, last year.
- In an effort to bolster surgical services at Galichia Heart Hospital, Wesley Medical Center transferred a minimally invasive surgical system to Galichia.
- Enrollment at Wichita USD 259 increased to 51,330 in fall 2014. This is the highest number since 1975.
- At the end of September, Wichita school district leaders broke ground for the new Southeast High School near Pawnee and 127th Street East. The school will accommodate 1,800 students and is anticipated to open in the fall 2016.
- In October, Wichita State University received a \$1.9 million federal grant to help buy equipment for a new multi-robotic additive manufacturing lab. WSU will also use that new equipment to create a "maker-space," which will help people for prototyping and develop their ideas.

Employment Number

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Educational Services

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- [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

- Wichita will host the 2015 YMCA National Gymnastics Championship. The economic impact of the week-long event is projected to be \$2.7 million, according to Visit Wichita (formerly Go Wichita).
- In August, construction began on a new bowling center in Hutchinson. The bowling center will include 20 traditional lanes, eight boutiques lanes, a game area, laser tag, a billiard room, bumper cars, and a pizza restaurant.
- Wichita Art Museum solidified plans to improve the look and functionality of its outdoor spaces. The museum's master plan for the Art Garden project includes an amphitheater that can seat 900 people. It's expected to open to the public in 2015.
- In September, Dunkin' Donuts announced expansion plans with the addition of nine Dunkin' Donuts stores in Wichita. The first store opened at the end of 2014.
- Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics expanded in Wichita with the addition of a cardiology clinic.

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- In 2014, total attendance at the Kansas State Fair was the highest in 16 years; it was close to the 1998 level of 358,159.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 28,833; down 2.3 percent from third quarter 2014; down 1.1 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

Tourism Trends

- 4th Qtr: the number of outbound passengers at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport stands at 65,720; down 0.3 percent from third quarter 2014; down 0.5 percent from fourth quarter 2013.
- 4th Qtr: total transient guest taxes collected stayed at \$1.9 million; down 1.8 percent from third quarter 2013.

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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](#)

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- [International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education](#)
- [American Hotel and Lodging Association](#)
- [National Restaurant Association](#)
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- [National Strength and Conditioning Association Certification Commission](#)
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- [Outdoor Amusement Business Association](#)
- [American Alliance of Museums](#)
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Other Services

Employment Numbers

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Government

Industry News

- The City of Wichita and the Sedgwick County Commission are each providing \$50,000 to the local economic development partners working on the Brookings Global Cities Initiative. Wichita was one of eight cities selected to be part of this program to grow exports in the chosen metro areas.
- In March 2014, the Wichita City Council approved the establishment of a tourism business improvement district, which will levy an additional 2.75 percent guest tax at Wichita hotels with more than 50 rooms. The additional money collected is expected to be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$3 million annually and will be used to market Wichita's tourism industry.
- Construction on a new park located in the city of Derby is set to begin in early 2015. The cost of the project is estimated at \$5.8 million.
- In June, a Chinese delegation signed an aviation agreement with the city of Wichita. The agreement, which is a memorandum of understanding, facilitates the process for Wichita to provide goods and services to the city of Shenyang's aviation industry.
- The Kansas Department of Transportation is planning to invest \$250 million to improve roads and bridges in Sedgwick County between 2015 and 2016. The expansion of the interchange I-235 and Kellogg is the biggest project (\$116 million) planned in Wichita.
- In September, the city of Wichita approved \$368 million in bonds for city projects including airport construction, aquifer recharge work, Century II, park, bridge, sewer, flood, and pavement improvements.
- In September, 221 employees were impacted by cuts at the McConnell Air Force Base. However, 196 of the affected employees found new jobs.
- Construction work on east Kellogg is expected to start again in 2015 and to be completed in 2019. New interchanges along Kellogg and Webb and Greenwich

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roads and new turnpikes ramps at U.S. 54 will be added. The Kansas Turnpike Authority, the Kansas Department of Transportation, and the city of Wichita will share the total cost of the project (\$300 million).

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 41,467; up 10.6 percent from third quarter 2014; down 0.2 percent from fourth quarter 2013.

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
2005	286,558	3,441	1.2%
2006	294,058	7,500	2.6%
2007	302,800	8,742	3.0%
2008	307,925	5,125	1.7%
2009	292,392	-15,533	-5.0%
2010	283,142	-9,250	-3.2%
2011	282,908	-234	-0.1%
2012	285,483	2,575	0.9%
2013	288,800	3,317	1.2%
2014	289,925	1,125	0.4%
4th Qtr 2013	292,333	3,267	1.1%
4th Qtr 2014	293,067	733	0.3%

Mining, Logging, & Construction Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	15,733	-334	-2.1%
2006	16,067	334	2.1%
2007	16,592	525	3.3%
2008	16,850	258	1.6%
2009	15,158	-1,692	-10.0%
2010	14,442	-716	-4.7%
2011	14,283	-159	-1.1%
2012	14,583	300	2.1%
2013	15,017	434	3.0%
2014	15,908	892	5.9%
4th Qtr 2013	15,667	1,033	7.1%
4th Qtr 2014	16,667	1,000	6.4%

Manufacturing Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	60,708	2,308	4.0%
2006	63,000	2,292	3.8%
2007	65,458	2,458	3.9%
2008	67,292	1,834	2.8%
2009	57,875	-9,417	-14.0%
2010	52,483	-5,392	-9.3%
2011	52,033	-450	-0.9%
2012	52,800	767	1.5%
2013	52,542	-258	-0.5%
2014	50,542	-2,000	-3.8%
4th Qtr 2013	51,733	-1,400	-2.6%
4th Qtr 2014	50,633	-1,100	-2.1%

Wholesale Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	9,825	-583	-5.6%
2006	10,000	175	1.8%
2007	10,142	142	1.4%
2008	10,158	16	0.2%
2009	9,842	-316	-3.1%
2010	9,658	-184	-1.9%
2011	9,742	84	0.9%
2012	9,442	-300	-3.1%
2013	9,325	-117	-1.2%
2014	9,417	92	1.0%
4th Qtr 2013	9,400	67	0.7%
4th Qtr 2014	9,400	0	0.0%

Retail Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	30,550	-25	-0.1%
2006	31,058	508	1.7%
2007	32,350	1,292	4.2%
2008	32,292	-58	-0.2%
2009	31,075	-1,217	-3.8%
2010	30,383	-692	-2.2%
2011	30,967	584	1.9%
2012	31,608	641	2.1%
2013	32,200	592	1.9%
2014	32,233	33	0.1%
4th Qtr 2013	33,000	433	1.3%
4th Qtr 2014	31,900	-1,100	-3.3%

Transportation and Utilities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	8,792	384	4.6%
2006	8,675	-117	-1.3%
2007	8,708	33	0.4%
2008	9,092	384	4.4%
2009	8,792	-300	-3.3%
2010	8,600	-192	-2.2%
2011	8,775	175	2.0%
2012	8,892	117	1.3%
2013	9,092	200	2.2%
2014	9,292	200	2.2%
4th Qtr 2013	9,300	267	3.0%
4th Qtr 2014	9,433	133	1.4%

Information Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	5,883	-809	-12.1%
2006	6,367	484	8.2%
2007	6,925	558	8.8%
2008	6,583	-342	-4.9%
2009	5,775	-808	-12.3%
2010	5,283	-492	-8.5%
2011	4,883	-400	-7.6%
2012	4,467	-416	-8.5%
2013	4,275	-192	-4.3%
2014	4,383	108	2.5%
4th Qtr 2013	4,300	-67	-1.5%
4th Qtr 2014	4,467	167	3.9%

Financial Activities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	11,442	-641	-5.3%
2006	11,283	-159	-1.4%
2007	11,508	225	2.0%
2008	11,525	17	0.1%
2009	11,325	-200	-1.7%
2010	10,883	-442	-3.9%
2011	10,550	-333	-3.1%
2012	10,542	-8	-0.1%
2013	10,533	-9	-0.1%
2014	10,650	117	1.1%
4th Qtr 2013	10,633	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2014	10,700	67	0.6%

Professional & Business Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	26,908	333	1.3%
2006	28,300	1,392	5.2%
2007	29,967	1,667	5.9%
2008	31,250	1,283	4.3%
2009	28,667	-2,583	-8.3%
2010	28,892	225	0.8%
2011	29,650	758	2.6%
2012	29,833	183	0.6%
2013	31,533	1,700	5.7%
2014	32,575	1,042	3.3%
4th Qtr 2013	32,667	2,533	8.4%
4th Qtr 2014	33,233	567	1.7%

Education & Health Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	39,683	1,141	3.0%
2006	41,142	1,459	3.7%
2007	42,142	1,000	2.4%
2008	43,075	933	2.2%
2009	43,917	842	2.0%
2010	42,950	-967	-2.2%
2011	43,292	342	0.8%
2012	43,517	225	0.5%
2013	43,775	258	0.6%
2014	44,808	1,033	2.4%
4th Qtr 2013	44,233	267	0.6%
4th Qtr 2014	45,633	1,400	3.2%

Leisure & Hospitality Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	26,067	725	2.9%
2006	27,158	1,091	4.2%
2007	27,817	659	2.4%
2008	28,008	191	0.7%
2009	27,692	-316	-1.1%
2010	27,025	-667	-2.4%
2011	27,292	267	1.0%
2012	28,425	1,133	4.2%
2013	29,275	850	3.0%
2014	29,383	108	0.4%
4th Qtr 2013	29,167	567	2.0%
4th Qtr 2014	28,833	-333	-1.1%

Other Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	11,733	-309	-2.6%
2006	10,967	-766	-6.5%
2007	10,950	-17	-0.2%
2008	10,950	0	0.0%
2009	10,742	-208	-1.9%
2010	10,700	-42	-0.4%
2011	10,650	-50	-0.5%
2012	10,667	17	0.2%
2013	10,675	8	0.1%
2014	10,675	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2013	10,667	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2014	10,700	33	0.3%

Government Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
2005	39,233	1,250	3.3%
2006	40,042	809	2.1%
2007	40,242	200	0.5%
2008	40,850	608	1.5%
2009	41,533	683	1.7%
2010	41,842	309	0.7%
2011	40,792	-1,050	-2.5%
2012	40,708	-84	-0.2%
2013	40,558	-150	-0.4%
2014	40,058	-500	-1.2%
4th Qtr 2013	41,567	-433	-1.0%
4th Qtr 2014	41,467	-100	-0.2%