

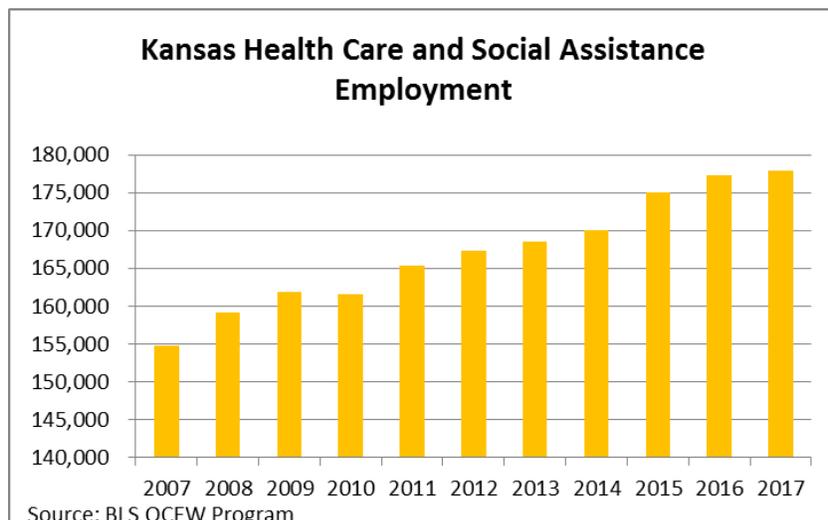
Kansas Health Care Industry News & Developments

Employment & Wages

In Kansas, health care and social assistance employment has grown consistently in the past two decades as medical technology and access continue to increase. Growth has slowed somewhat in the past couple of years, and in 2017, employment grew by 0.3 percent, with approximately 600 jobs added. In 2015, the fastest growing year for the sector in a decade, the sector added 5,000 jobs.

In recent years the strongest growth in health care has been in the hospital subsector and the social assistance subsector. The social assistance subsector added more than 7,000 new jobs since 2014, despite being the smallest of the four subsectors with only 19.7 percent of total employment. The hospital subsector has averaged more than 1,000 new jobs each year for the past three years. Ambulatory health care services have seen little change in employment since 2013, while nursing and residential care facilities have experienced an employment decline of approximately 2,000 from 2015 to 2017.

Average weekly wages in the sector were \$808 in 2017, and their inflation-adjusted growth rate of 0.6 percent was 0.3 percentage points higher than the growth rate for all Kansas inflation-adjusted wages. Ambulatory health care services and hospitals have the highest wages in the sector, both paying, on average, over \$1,000 a week. Hospital wages have grown rapidly in recent years, growing 11.1 percent since 2007, after adjusting for inflation.



Industry News

- Via Christi Hospital St Joseph in Wichita is undergoing a \$50 million renovation that should be completed in the first quarter of 2019. The renovation will consolidate the hospital's behavioral health services in a single dedicated space, convert medical-surgical units to private patient rooms, and expand the on-call space for residents, in addition to renovations to the exterior of the building.
- KU Medical Center opened its new health education building in Kansas City, Kansas, in July 2018. The \$82 million building will be the primary teaching location for the medical, nursing and other health professional schools, and includes a simulation center, mock exam rooms, and classrooms.
- The University of Kansas Health System opened a new hospital facility on its main Kansas City, Kansas, campus in late 2017 and a new hospital in Overland Park in 2018. The \$370 million, eleven-story Kansas City facility, Cambridge Tower A, features 92 beds and 11 operating rooms. In Overland Park, the new \$100 million hospital includes 34 private patient rooms and eight operating rooms, and the building connects to the KU's existing surgical building at that location.
- Kansas Medical Center opened a free-standing emergency room in Wichita in April 2018. The \$6 million facility has ten patient rooms and a laboratory.
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital announced in December 2017 plans to construct a \$93 million outpatient facility in west Lawrence. The 200,000 square foot facility is expected to house a number of outpatient groups, including the Lawrence Surgery Center, OrthoKansas, LMH Breast Center, two primary care doctors, and imaging lab, and a retail pharmacy.

