

# Southeast Kansas Economic Development Coalition



# Background

- The Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC), located in Chanute, KS, was established in 1969 and recognized by the State of Kansas in 1971 to provide technical and professional assistance to the 12-county region. The SEKRPC was then recognized in 1972 as the Southeast Kansas Economic Development district by the Economic Development administration. We work closely with Kansas Department Of Commerce, Economic Development Association, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Historic Preservation, Small Business Development Center and SEK, Inc. in developing projects in our member communities.
- SEKRPC works with the twelve counties in the district and with the Kansas Department of Commerce to facilitate the use of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as a tool for establishing, promoting Economic Development activities for the region.
- In early 2021 the SEKRPC pulled together multiple Economic Developers, Community Development Professional, City Administrators, etc. to for the SEKEDC

# Benefits of Regionalism

- Regional coordination and planning is crucial for the success of undertakings that are too large or complex for any one unit of government to address and preservation of the quality of life in the region are examples of challenges that require regional cooperation.
- A multitude of programs and projects are initiated each year at the federal, state, regional, and local levels. These programs have specific goals which usually interfere with one another. Regional Coalitions create the needed venue and framework to coordinate these programs and goals into a congruent whole and supporting the goals and objectives of the region. This coordination is needed to integrate various federal, state, regional, and local plans, and to improve the effectiveness, mutual reinforcement, and synergy among various efforts.
- With a concerted effort to ensure that the various public and private representatives have coordinated their efforts, their constituent groups and citizens will also be more likely to support it – thus unifying efforts to achieve the quality of life desired in the region.

# Current Objectives



## Housing

Low- & Moderate-Income Grant Application and Administration

Developer Recruitment

Uninhabitable Unit Restoration

Downtown Living

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

City Land Bank



## Downtown Revitalization

Tax Credits

Historical Preservation

Grant Programming

Recruitment

# Current Objectives (cont.)

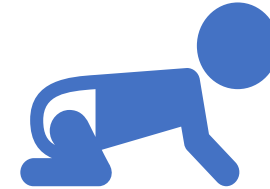


## Talent Development

Partnerships with Local School Districts

KansasWorks

CTE Programming



## Childcare

Provider Recruitment

Low-Interest Loans

Grant Programming

# Our Staff

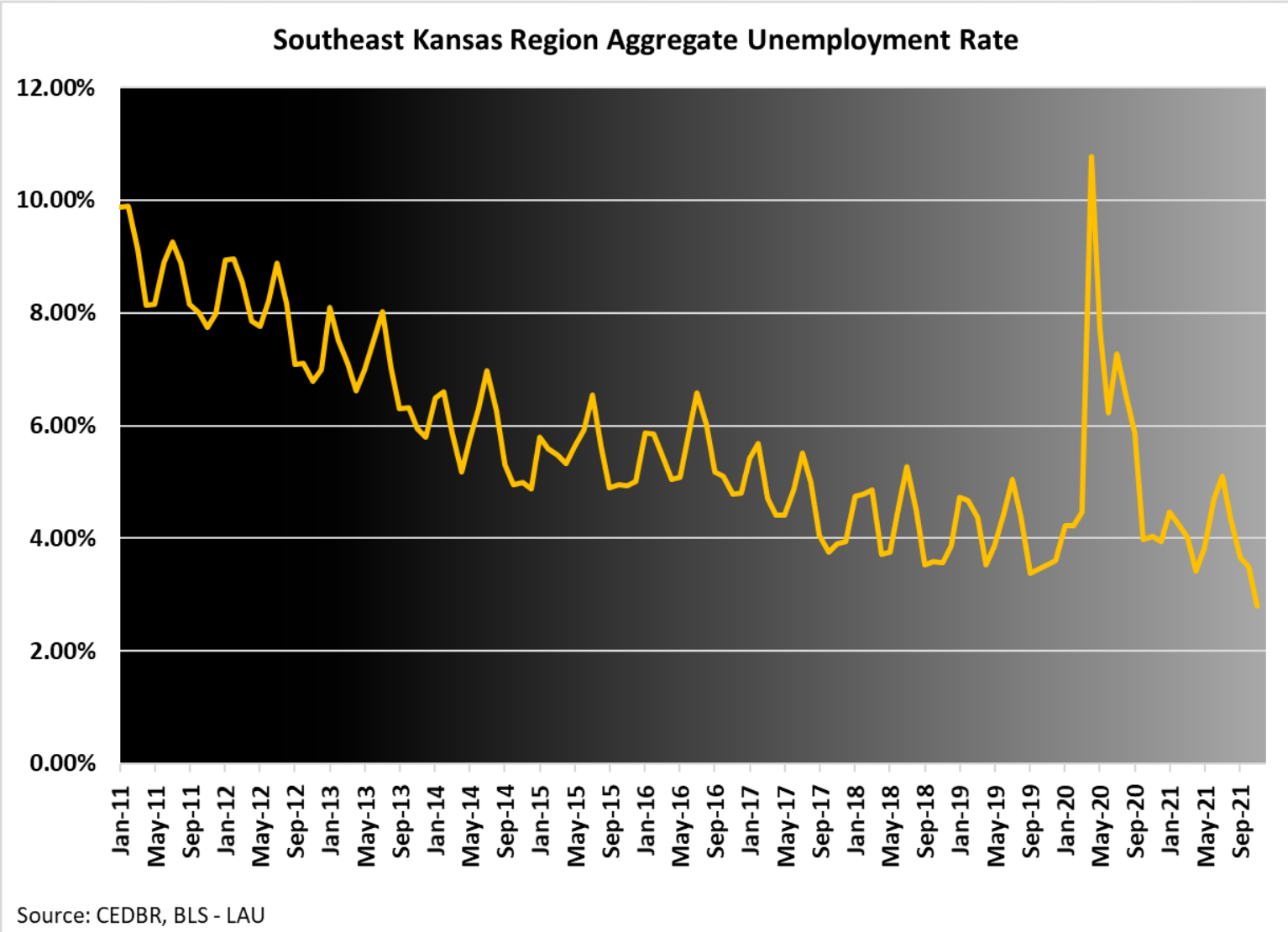
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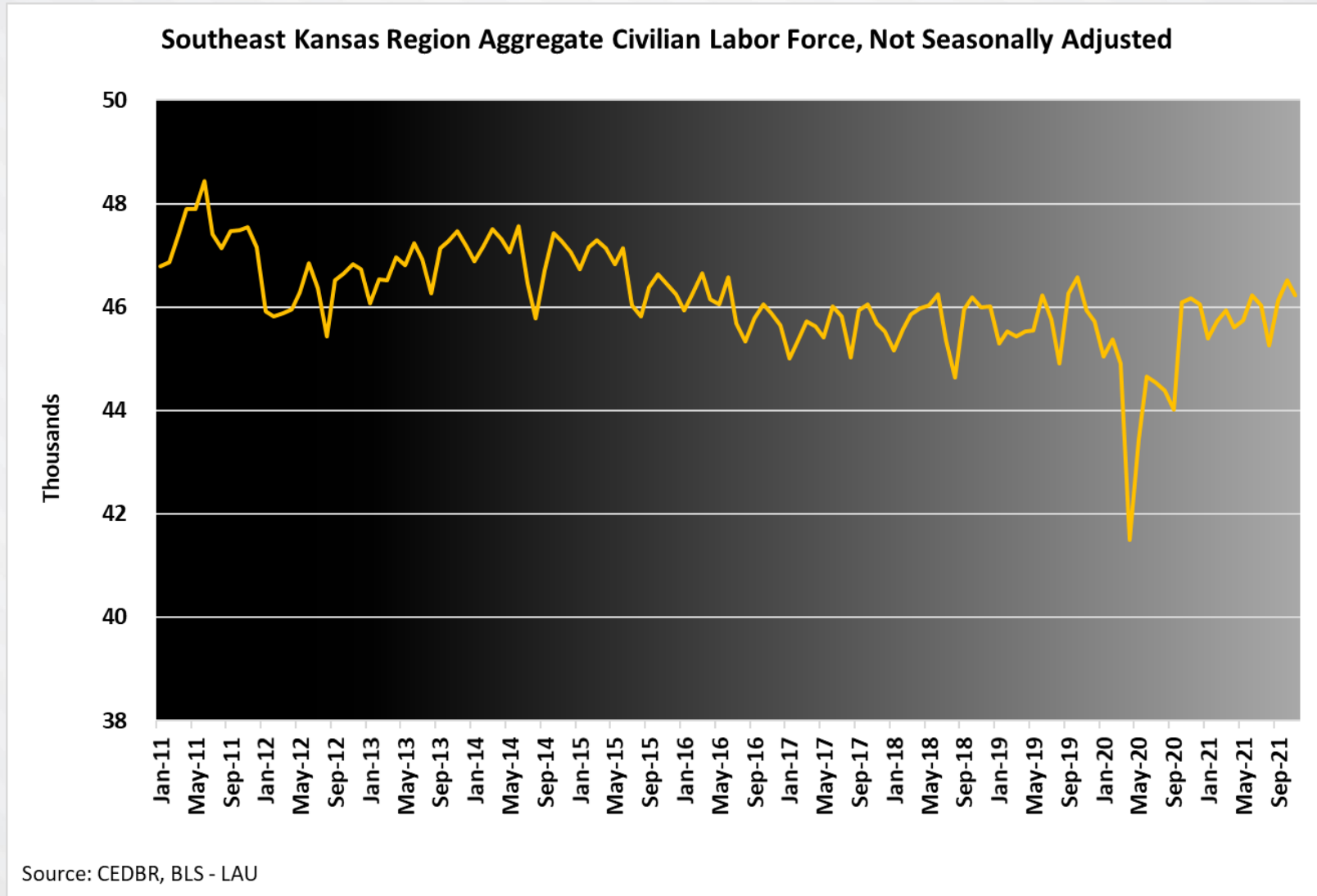
# Southeast Kansas Region Economy

# Unemployment Rate

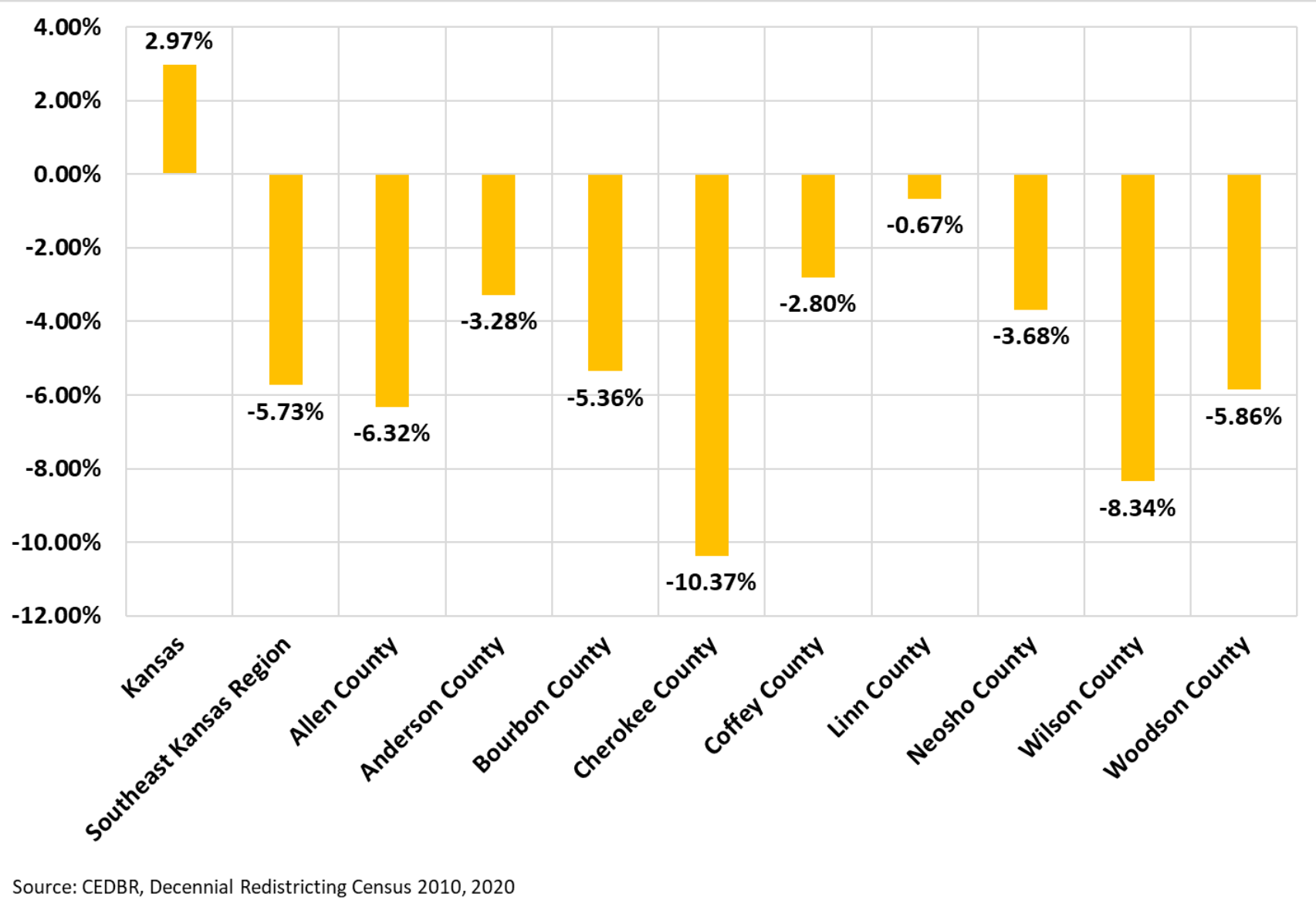




# Total Employment



# Regional Population Trends, 2010-2020



# Employment Growth

Industry	Kansas			SE KS Region		
	2020	2021	Growth	2020	2021	Growth
Total, all industries	1,071,630	1,113,921	3.95%	25,407	26,137	2.87%
Service-providing	835,790	867,614	3.81%	15,438	15,683	1.59%
Goods-producing	235,840	246,307	4.44%	9,969	10,454	4.87%
Natural resources and mining	19,203	19,240	0.19%	783	754	-3.70%
Construction	65,078	66,213	1.74%	1,844	1,980	7.38%
Manufacturing	151,559	160,854	6.13%	7,314	7,694	5.20%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	251,561	259,703	3.24%	6,497	6,531	0.52%
Information	16,512	16,743	1.40%	167	198	18.56%
Financial activities	72,951	73,188	0.32%	1,215	1,196	-1.56%
Professional and business services	165,461	168,443	1.80%	1,260	1,248	-0.95%
Education and health services	191,500	193,097	0.83%	3,626	3,631	0.14%
Leisure and hospitality	107,777	124,469	15.49%	2,077	2,246	8.14%
Other services	30,028	31,971	6.47%	416	420	0.96%

Source: CEDBR, BLS - QCEW

# Annual Wages

Industry	Kansas			SE KS Region		
	2020	2021	Growth	2020	2021	Growth
Total, all industries	\$50,752	\$52,312	3.07%	\$51,896	\$46,719	-0.66%
Service-providing	\$49,036	\$50,492	2.97%	\$52,254	\$43,726	-3.60%
Goods-producing	\$56,680	\$58,708	3.58%	\$42,368	\$46,800	10.83%
Natural resources and mining	\$45,188	\$46,488	2.88%	\$42,617	\$43,218	2.67%
Construction	\$57,096	\$57,616	0.91%	\$47,522	\$49,842	7.66%
Manufacturing	\$57,928	\$60,580	4.58%	\$43,180	\$47,080	9.38%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$45,032	\$46,592	3.46%	\$63,365	\$47,418	-6.21%
Information	\$69,004	\$75,868	9.95%	\$35,247	\$33,098	-6.80%
Financial activities	\$69,784	\$81,484	16.77%	\$39,716	\$45,396	15.17%
Professional and business services	\$66,508	\$66,924	0.63%	\$48,087	\$60,801	21.57%
Education and health services	\$46,072	\$48,464	5.19%	\$38,012	\$42,189	10.65%
Leisure and hospitality	\$17,784	\$19,552	9.94%	\$11,726	\$12,753	9.00%
Other services	\$40,144	\$40,872	1.81%	\$30,557	\$31,428	9.08%

Source: CEDBR, BLS - QCEW

# Seasonally Adjusted Retail Sales

