

KS: lowest unemployment rate in recorded history

**(KAIR)--The “lowest unemployment rate in the state’s recorded history.”**

**That’s what Kansas Governor Laura Kelly celebrated Monday, as the state’s unemployment rate stood at 2.3%. That's the lowest rate since the state started keeping records of monthly unemployment rates in 1976.**

**According to a release from Kelly’s office, “unemployment continues to decline in the state, even as the unemployment rate nationally holds flat,” with Kelly calling 2.3% “over a full percentage point below the nation’s unemployment rate.”**

**Kansas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, “has the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the country relative to other states.”**

**The release, citing “preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services Division of the Kansas Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics,” shows a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 2.3% in May, a decrease from 2.4% in April and a decrease from 3.4% last year.**

**Meanwhile, the release says “the unemployment rate in the United States as a whole has remained at 3.6% for three consecutive months, a rate significantly higher than Kansas estimates.”**

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