

Employment milestone reached in KS

(MSC News)--The State of Kansas has reached a milestone, with Governor Laura Kelly, Thursday, announcing that Kansas "has reached its highest employment in state history."

A release from Kelly's office cites data from the Kansas Department of Labor, which shows that "employment was at an all-time high in 2023, with nine of the top 10 employment months taking place throughout the year. The 10th top employment month was in 2022."

The release points out that Kansas currently has a labor force of just more than 1.5 million Kansans, with more than 1.4 million participating in the workforce. Kansas' labor force participation rate is many points higher than the national average.

Kelly, in the release, said now the state "must continue to recruit more people to move here and more Kansans to join the workforce in order to keep up with the great job opportunities being created across the state."

The release notes that the "state- success in growing the workforce is helpful as demand for qualified employees continues to be high," and then cites data from the Kansas Department of Labor which shows the Kansas unemployment rate has been at or below 5%, which many economists consider full employment, for the past 38 consecutive months.

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