

Wichita Industry News and Developments –

4th Quarter 2008

Wichita Industry News and Developments provides a brief overview of statistical trends and major announcements by industry sector. The data, unless otherwise noted, cover the Wichita MSA, which is comprised of Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick and Sumner counties in Kansas.

Industry News and Trends

- [Labor Market Trends](#)
- [Natural Resources, Mining and Construction Industry](#)
- [Manufacturing Industry](#)
- [Wholesale Trade](#)
- [Retail Trade](#)
- [Transportation and Warehousing Industry](#)
- [Information Services Industry](#)
- [Financial Services Industry](#)
- [Professional and Business Services Industry](#)
- [Educational and Health Care Services Industry](#)
- [Leisure and Hospitality Services Industry](#)
- [Other Services Industry](#)
- [Government Sector](#)

Labor Market Trends

Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment Numbers

- Non-farm wage and salary employment increased in fourth quarter 2008, up 1.7 percent from third quarter 2008 and down 0.4 percent from fourth quarter 2007 (see [Table 1](#) for current data by industry).

Unemployment Rate

- 4th Qtr: stands at 4.7 percent; the same rate as third quarter 2008 and 1 percentage point higher than fourth quarter 2007.

Average Hours Worked per Week in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at 43.9; down 2.3 percent from third quarter 2008; down 8.9 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

- 4th Qtr: stands at \$19.29; up 0.9 percent from third quarter 2008; up 10.7 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

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](#).

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

		Percentage Change From	
		Third Quarter 2008	Fourth Quarter 2007
Total wage and salary (in number of filled positions)	306,400	1.7	-0.4
Natural resources and construction	16,700	-5.5	-2.1
Manufacturing	65,067	1.0	-1.5
Transportation equipment manufacturing	41,467	4.6	4.0
Trade, transportation & utilities	52,600	1.5	0.1
Wholesale trade	11,133	-0.6	2.1
Retail trade	33,267	2.5	-0.5
General merchandise stores	7,533	3.2	0.9
Transportation, warehouse, & utilities	8,200	0.8	-0.4
Information	5,967	-2.2	-5.3
Finance	11,467	-0.6	-0.3
Professional and business services	29,833	0.2	-2.4
Professional, scientific & technical services	8,500	0.8	0.4
Administrative and waste services	17,900	-1.1	-4.4
Employment services	4,733	-4.7	-18.4
Educational and health services	43,733	1.8	1.8
Leisure and hospitality	27,767	-1.8	-0.7
Other services	10,467	-0.6	-4.8
Government	42,800	12.0	2.6

Natural Resources, Mining and Construction

Industry News

- Legend Senior Living plans to build a luxury independent living apartment complex for seniors at 21st Street and Webb Road. Known as The Regent Senior Living Residences, the complex will consist of 115 private apartments on six acres.

Construction Activity

- 4th Qtr: value of construction permits for new residential totaled \$19.6 million; down 61.6 percent from third quarter 2008; down 58.1 percent from fourth quarter 2007.
- 4th Qtr: value of construction permits for new non-residential totaled \$30.1 million; down 48.6 percent from third quarter 2008; down 13.5 percent from fourth quarter 2007.
- 4th Qtr: value of construction permits for remodels, repairs and additions totaled \$22.2 million; down 57.7 percent from third quarter 2008; down 35 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 16,700; down 5.5 percent from third quarter 2008; down 2.1 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [Berexco Inc.](#)
- [Cornejo Corporation](#)
- [Drywall Systems Inc.](#)
- [Key Construction Inc.](#)
- [Marten 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 home sales statistics, U.S. Census Bureau](#)
- [New residential construction statistics, U.S. Census Bureau](#)
- [2002 Economic Census – Construction](#)
- [National Association of Home Builders Economic & Housing Data](#)
- [Portland Cement Association Economic Research](#)
- [Associated General Contractors of America](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Manufacturing

Industry News

- Early in the year, Cessna Aircraft announced plans to add about 1,200 new jobs in Wichita in 2008.
- Early in 2008, Hawker Beechcraft planned to hire 1,100 employees during the year. Some would be new employees and some would fill open positions.
- In January, Hawker Beechcraft Corp. announced that the Federal Aviation Administration certified for production the new Beechcraft King Air C90GTi.
- In January, Tyson Foods Inc. announced plans to end beef slaughtering at its Emporia plant, cutting about 1,500 jobs.
- Foley Equipment Co. announced its purchase of the 125,000-square-foot former Optima Bus Corp. facility. Foley plans to use the building to expand the branch of its business that remanufactures engines.
- In February, Spirit AeroSystems and Cessna Aircraft Co. announced that Spirit had been selected to produce the fuselage and empennage for its new Citation Columbus business jet.
- In February, the U.S. Air Force announced it had chosen Northrop Grumman and EADS to replace its aging fleet of aerial refueling tankers.
- In February, Cowley County's Newell Rubbermaid announced that construction had begun on its new \$15 million, 660,000-square-foot warehouse in Winfield.
- In April, Cessna Aircraft Co. announced that its newest and largest business jet, the Citation Columbus, will be built in Wichita. In addition, a stand-alone plant will be built to house engineering offices and final assembly of the plane. Approximately 1,000 new direct jobs will be created by this project.

- In April, Hawker Beechcraft Corp. announced a \$550 million extension of its contract with the Air Force for T-6A Texan II military trainers.
- Great Plains Ventures, a holding company for Great Plains Industries, Powder Tech LLC, Aerospace Systems & Components Inc. and Ventures Business Park, plans to build a new headquarters at Ventures Business Park in northeast Wichita. The building is expected to be completed by early 2009.
- In May, Hawker Beechcraft Corp. announced its newest light business jet, the Beechcraft Premier II, which features an all-composite fuselage.
- Koch Industries Inc. plans to construct a heat transfer and mass transfer research facility near its headquarters at 37th Street North and Hillside.
- In July, Spirit AeroSystems Inc. announced a \$1.7 billion extension to an existing contract to supply wing structures to Airbus.
- The U.S. Department of the Navy awarded a \$48 million contract to Hawker Beechcraft for six King Air 350 turboprops.
- The Boeing Co. was awarded a \$15 million contract from the U.S. Air Force to develop software for advanced targeting capabilities on the B-52. Software integration, interface design and installation will take place at Boeing's Wichita facility.
- Hawker Beechcraft was awarded a \$171 million Air Force contract for 23 Beechcraft King Air 350ERs.
- Kansas lawmakers and others protested the U.S. Air Force's decision to choose Northrup Grumman Corp. and the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co. to replace the Air Force's aging tanker fleet. A federal audit of procurement practices was done, which uncovered errors in the bidding process. Eventually the bidding process was called off until after the Presidential election.
- Hawker Beechcraft Corp. machinists were out on strike for a month, ending the strike in late August.
- Boeing machinists were out on strike for eight weeks, from early September to early November. The cost of health care was one of the issues under consideration.
- Boeing Integrated Defense Systems announced in November that 800 people at the Wichita plant would be laid off during 2009.
- Since fall 2008, Cessna has made three announcements of layoffs, totaling 4,000 people expected to be laid off in Wichita during 2009.
- Since November, Hawker Beechcraft has announced upcoming layoffs of 2,800 jobs in Wichita.
- Bombardier Learjet has announced Wichita layoffs of 350 people, including temporary workers, subcontractors and permanent workers.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 65,067; up 1 percent from third quarter 2008; down 1.5 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Aviation Deliveries

- The General Aviation Manufacturers Association announced that 2008 year-end worldwide general aviation shipments decreased for the first time in five years. Below is a 2007 to 2008 comparison of shipments.

Table 2. 2007 and 2008 Shipments of Airplanes Manufactured Worldwide

	2007	2008	Change
Pistons	2,675	2,119	-20.8%
Turboprops	459	535	16.6%
Business Jets	1,138	1,315	15.6%
Total Shipments	4,272	3,969	-7.1%
Total Billings	\$21.9 billion	\$24.8 billion	13.4%

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [AGCO Corp.](#)
- [Boeing IDS Wichita \(a division of the Boeing Company\)](#)
- [Bombardier Aerospace Learjet](#)
- [Cargill](#)
- [Cessna Aircraft Company \(a division of Textron\)](#)
- [CNH](#)
- [Coleman Co.](#)
- [LSI Corp. \(Engenio\)](#)
- [Love Box Inc.](#)
- [Hawker Beechcraft](#)
- [Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.](#)
- [York, A Johnson Controls Company](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [General Aviation Manufacturing Association](#)
- [AIA \(Aerospace Industries Assoc. of America\)](#)
- [AOPA \(Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association\)](#)
- [Airbus' long term market outlook](#)
- [The Boeing Company's long term market outlook](#)
- [AIA market forecasts](#)
- [Institute for Supply Management \(formerly the National Association of Purchasing Managers\)](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Wholesale Trade

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 11,133; down 0.6 percent from third quarter 2008; up 2.1 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [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](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Retail Trade

Industry News

- In January, Dillon Stores announced its purchase of three Homeland grocery stores in Wichita. The company plans to relocate four of its existing stores to those spaces.
- Towne East Square is undergoing a multimillion-dollar renovation that is expected to be completed by early 2009. The mall will remain open during the process.

- Cocoa Dolce Artisan Chocolates moved its production from its retail site at 37th and Rock Rd., making room for a new wine bar. The new production site on North Comotara will offer tours and other activities. In addition, the owner of Cocoa Dolce, Beth Tully, announced in August that some of her chocolates would be featured in a Dean & DeLuca fall catalog.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 33,267; up 2.5 percent from third quarter 2008; down 0.5 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Taxable Retail Sales

- 3rd Qtr: nominal taxable retail sales stand at \$2.24 billion; up 2.3 percent from second quarter 2008; up 7.6 percent from third quarter 2007.
- 3rd Qtr: real taxable retail sales stand at \$1.02 billion; up 1.1 percent from second quarter 2008; up 2.2 percent from third quarter 2007.
- 3rd Qtr: nominal tax collections stand at \$118.5 million; up 2.3 percent from second quarter 2008; up 7.6 percent from third quarter 2007.
- 3rd Qtr: real tax collections stand at \$54.2 million; up 1.5 percent from second quarter 2008; up 2.6 percent from third quarter 2007.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

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

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Census Bureau Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services](#)
- [Census Bureau Annual Retail Trade Survey](#)
- [BLS Wholesale and Retail Trade at a Glance](#)
- [International Council of Shopping Centers](#)
- [Internet Sales/E-Commerce sales](#)
- [Consumer credit statistics, Federal Reserve](#)
- [Bankruptcy filings U.S. Courts](#)
- [University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey](#)
- [National Automobile Dealers Association](#)
- [Automotive Aftermarket Industry](#)

- [Food Marketing Institute](#)
- [National Association for Convenience and Petroleum Retailing](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities

Industry News

- In February Great Plains Energy Inc. announced plans to buy all outstanding shares of Aquila Inc. and its Missouri electric utility assets in a cash-and-stock deal valued at about \$1.7 billion.
- Lou Robelli, owner of Air Capital Delivery & Warehouse, will build a 300,000-square-foot warehouse in Park City at the site of Robelli's industrial park at 61st Street and Prospect. The completion date was expected in October.
- Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport has received two grants from the Federal Aviation Administration to help pay for a new airport terminal. The two grants total nearly \$13 million. The \$150 million terminal will take about three years to build and will be funded by federal funds and airport revenue.
- Black Hills Corp. purchased five Aquila Inc. utilities in four states for \$940 million in cash. This purchase includes 30,500 natural gas utility accounts in Wichita.
- EagleMed, a division of Ballard Aviation Inc., provides emergency air medical transportation. It has contracted with Integris Health in Oklahoma to be the preferred aerial transportation provider for the hospital group. This deal could provide an additional \$3.5 to \$5 million in revenue annually.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 8,200; up 0.8 percent from third quarter 2008; down 0.4 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment trends, click [here](#). (If a dialog box appears asking for a password, click the cancel button and the slideshow presentation will appear.)
- To view or download data tables of historical employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [Hawker Beechcraft Services Inc.](#)
- [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, Airline Data and Statistics](#)
- [Association of American Railroads](#)
- [USDOT Federal Highway Administration Highway Statistics](#)
- [USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics](#)
- [US Maritime Administration - Data and Statistics](#)
- [2002 Economic Census- Transportation and Warehousing](#)
- [BLS Transportation and Public Utilities at a Glance](#)
- [Dept of Energy- Energy Information Administration](#)
- [American Gas Association - Studies](#)
- [Edison Electric Institute- Energy Issues, News, and Data](#)
- [2002 Economic Census - Utilities](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Information Services

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 5,967; down 2.2 percent from third quarter 2008; down 5.3 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [AT&T \(formerly Southwestern Bell\)](#)
- [Cox Communications](#)
- [KAKE \(ABC Affiliate\)](#)
- [KSAS \(Fox Affiliate\)](#)
- [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](#)
- [The Information Economy](#)
- [CTIA The Wireless Association](#)
- [Wireless Week](#)
- [Newspaper Association of America](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Financial Services

Industry News

- In February, Wichita-based IMA Financial Group announced its purchase of Dallas-based PWIB Texas, a wholesale general property and casualty insurance brokerage.
- In July, J.P. Weigand & Sons introduced a new-homes division and a new marketing campaign.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 11,467; down 0.6 percent from third quarter 2008; down 0.3 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Housing Activity

- 4th Qtr: seasonally adjusted homes sales totaled 2,119 units; down 17.6 percent from third quarter 2008; down 22.6 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

Finance and Insurance

- [Bank of America](#)
- [Emprise Bank](#)
- [Fidelity Bank](#)
- [IMA of Kansas Inc.](#)
- [Intrust Bank](#)

Real Estate, Rental and Leasing

- [Enterprise Leasing Co.](#)
- [Hollywood Entertainment Corp.](#)
- [JP Weigand](#)
- [Key Management Company](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [Wichita housing market outlook](#)
- [American Bankers Association - Surveys and Statistics](#)
- [Independent Community Bankers of America](#)
- [Association for Finance 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- Statistics and Research](#)
- [American Council of Life Insurers](#)
- [Insurance Information Institute – Facts and Statistics](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Professional & Business Services

Industry News

- High Touch Inc., a national hardware and software provider, plans to relocate downtown to the 110 S. Main building.
- eServ, a unit of Perot Systems, has moved to Wichita to provide expertise in product engineering to local and regional businesses.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 29,833; up 0.2 percent from third quarter 2008; down 2.4 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

Professional, scientific & technical services

- [Allen, Gibbs & Houlik](#)
- [Foulston Seifkin LLP](#)
- [eServ](#)
- [High Touch Technology Solutions](#)

Management of companies and enterprises

- [Candlewood Hotel Co. Inc.](#)
- [Child Start \(formerly Child Care Association of Wichita/Sedgwick County\)](#)
- [Koch Industries Inc.](#)
- [Weigand Omega Management](#)

Administrative, support, waste management & remediation services

- [Hyatt Hotels Corp. of Kansas](#)
- [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](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Education & Health Care Services

Industry News

- Via Christi Wichita Health Network announced plans to build a \$6.5 million outpatient cancer treatment center.

Center for Economic Development and Business Research
W. Frank Barton School of Business

- Nationally, 9 percent of nursing positions are vacant, and within the state of Kansas, 8.8 percent are vacant. With the aging of the work force, the Kansas Department of Labor estimates that by 2010 the state will need more than 11,000 new registered nurses.
- Wesley Medical Center has finished one phase of a \$43 million project that will add six new operating rooms, renovate its tenth floor private-suite unit and add equipment to its existing operating rooms.
- In August, the Wichita Public Schools opened its Workforce Learning Center in the Workforce Alliance Center at 150 N. Main.
- Administrators of Galichia Heart Hospital plan to expand from 83 beds to 100 beds by the end of the year.
- FlightSafety International, which trains pilots and other professionals in Wichita, is planning an investment and expansion program that will add new buildings, new simulators and 250 to 320 new jobs.
- Wesley Medical Center's purchase of a Trilogy linear accelerator, which uses radiation to kill cancer cells, is part of an overall \$8 million investment in updating its radiation oncology equipment.

Employment Number

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 43,733; up 1.8 percent from third quarter 2008; up 1.8 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- Private Educational Services*
- [Flightsafety International Inc.](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [Home Healthcare Connection](#)
 - [Resource Center for Independent Living](#)
 - [Kansas Children's Service League](#)

- [Via Christi Health System](#)
- [Wesley Medical Center](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Research](#)
- [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](#)
- [2002 Economic Census – Health Care and Social Assistance](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Leisure & Hospitality Services

Industry News

- Jim Korroch, owner of the Courtyard by Marriott in Old Town, plans to build a SpringHill Suites by Marriott in the Piazzio development at 13th Street and Greenwich.
- Two new hotels will be built at 21st and Greenwich, a Hampton Inn & Suites on the northwest corner and a Staybridge Suites on the northeast corner.
- Two new tenants have signed on for spots in the WaterWalk development: the Red Rooster Bar and Music Hall and Bobby McKee's, an Irish pub.
- Plans for a casino in Sumner County were waylaid when Sumner Gaming and Resorts LC and Harrah's Entertainment, the chosen bidders for the casino, withdrew their proposal on Nov. 18. The Kansas Lottery will take steps to reopen bids in the South Central Region.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 27,767; down 1.8 percent from third quarter 2008; down 0.7 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Tourism Trends

- 4th Qtr: the seasonally adjusted hotel occupancy rate stands at 60 percent; down 4.1 percentage points from third quarter 2008; down 3.8 percentage points from fourth quarter 2007.

- 4th Qtr: the number of outbound passengers at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport stands at 193,889; down 5.2 percent from third quarter 2008; down 7.9 percent from fourth quarter 2007.
- 4th Qtr: total transient guest taxes collected totaled \$1.71 million; down 1.8 percent from third quarter 2008; up 12.6 percent from fourth quarter 2007.
- According to Wichita Festivals Inc. an estimated 305,000 people attended the 2008 Wichita River Festival.

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

Arts, Entertainment & Recreation

- [All Star Sports Entertainment LLC](#)
- [Crestview Country Club](#)
- [Genesis Health Clubs](#)
- [Wichita Country Club](#)
- [YMCA](#)

Accommodation and Food Services

- [Latour Management Inc.](#)
- [Pizza Hut](#)
- [Spangles Inc.](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education](#)
- [American Hotel and Lodging Association](#)
- [National Restaurant Association](#)
- [American Culinary Federation](#)
- [American Council on Exercise](#)
- [American College of Sports Medicine](#)
- [National Academy of Sports Medicine](#)
- [National Strength and Conditioning Association Certification Commission](#)
- [Dance/USA](#)
- [Outdoor Amusement Business Association](#)
- [American Association of Museums](#)
- [Entertainment Services and Technology Association](#)
- [U.S. Institute for Theater Technology](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Other Services

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 10,467; down 0.6 percent from third quarter 2008; down 4.8 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [Aramark Uniform Services](#)
- [Cintas Corp.](#)
- [International Association Machinists No. 834](#)
- [Western Uniform & Towel Service](#)

For More Industry Information Try These Links

- [American Society of Association Executives](#)
- [Independent Sector](#)
- [The Foundation Center](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Government

Industry News

- Eleven construction projects are being done at Jabara Airport, including the new \$54 million aviation training and research center.
- A smoking ban in Wichita went into effect on Sept. 4. Visit the City of Wichita's [Web site](#) for more information.
- A \$370 million school bond issue for USD 259 passed by a narrow margin in the Nov. 4 general election.
- The Wichita City Council announced on Nov. 18 that Robert Layton, city manager of Urbandale, Iowa, would be the new Wichita city manager. He began his work in this position on Feb. 2, 2009.

Employment Numbers

- 4th Qtr: employment stands at 42,800; up 12 percent from third quarter 2008; up 2.6 percent from fourth quarter 2007.

Historical Trends

- To view a PowerPoint presentation of historical employment 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 employment trends, click [here](#).

Selected List of Major Industry Employers in the Wichita Metro Area

- [City of Wichita](#)
- [Sedgwick County](#)
- [State of Kansas](#)
- [United States Government](#)

DISCLAIMER: Links to non-Wichita State University Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by CEDBR or WSU.

Data Tables For Historical Industry Employment Trends

Total Wage and Salary Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	294,500	400	0.1%
2000	295,200	700	0.2%
2001	298,600	3,400	1.2%
2002	292,500	-6,100	-2.0%
2003	281,000	-11,500	-3.9%
2004	283,100	2,100	0.7%
2005	287,000	3,900	1.4%
2006	294,000	7,000	2.4%
2007	302,500	8,500	2.9%
2008	303,700	1,200	0.4%
4th Qtr 2007	307,700	7,000	2.3%
4th Qtr 2008	306,400	-1,300	-0.4%

Natural Resources, Mining & Construction Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	16,300	300	1.9%
2000	15,900	-400	-2.5%
2001	16,300	400	2.5%
2002	16,100	-200	-1.2%
2003	15,900	-200	-1.2%
2004	16,100	200	1.3%
2005	15,700	-400	-2.5%
2006	16,100	400	2.5%
2007	16,700	600	3.7%
2008	17,000	300	1.8%
4th Qtr 2007	17,100	1,100	6.9%
4th Qtr 2008	16,700	-400	-2.3%

Manufacturing Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	75,100	-400	-0.5%
2000	73,100	-2,000	-2.7%
2001	72,900	-200	-0.3%
2002	65,700	-7,200	-9.9%
2003	58,600	-7,100	-10.8%
2004	58,400	-200	-0.3%
2005	60,700	2,300	3.9%
2006	63,000	2,300	3.8%
2007	65,300	2,300	3.7%
2008	65,300	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2007	66,000	1,800	2.8%
4th Qtr 2008	65,100	-900	-1.4%

Wholesale Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	11,600	200	1.8%
2000	12,000	400	3.4%
2001	12,000	0	0.0%
2002	11,900	-100	-0.8%
2003	11,300	-600	-5.0%
2004	11,200	-100	-0.9%
2005	10,600	-600	-5.4%
2006	10,900	300	2.8%
2007	11,000	100	0.9%
2008	11,100	100	0.9%
4th Qtr 2007	10,900	100	0.9%
4th Qtr 2008	11,100	200	1.8%

Retail Trade Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	31,400	0	0.0%
2000	31,300	-100	-0.3%
2001	31,300	0	0.0%
2002	30,800	-500	-1.6%
2003	30,400	-400	-1.3%
2004	30,600	200	0.7%
2005	30,600	0	0.0%
2006	31,100	500	1.6%
2007	32,500	1,400	4.5%
2008	32,500	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2007	33,400	900	2.8%
4th Qtr 2008	33,300	-100	-0.3%

Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	7,300	-100	-1.4%
2000	7,500	200	2.7%
2001	7,600	100	1.3%
2002	7,300	-300	-3.9%
2003	7,600	300	4.1%
2004	8,000	400	5.3%
2005	8,400	400	5.0%
2006	8,300	-100	-1.2%
2007	8,200	-100	-1.2%
2008	8,100	-100	-1.2%
4th Qtr 2007	8,200	-300	-3.5%
4th Qtr 2008	8,200	0	0.0%

Information Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	6,000	200	3.4%
2000	6,700	700	11.7%
2001	6,900	200	3.0%
2002	7,000	100	1.4%
2003	6,600	-400	-5.7%
2004	6,300	-300	-4.5%
2005	5,900	-400	-6.3%
2006	5,900	0	0.0%
2007	6,300	400	6.8%
2008	6,100	-200	-3.2%
4th Qtr 2007	6,300	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2008	6,000	-300	-4.8%

Financial Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	12,300	-200	-1.6%
2000	12,300	0	0.0%
2001	13,000	700	5.7%
2002	12,900	-100	-0.8%
2003	12,600	-300	-2.3%
2004	12,100	-500	-4.0%
2005	11,400	-700	-5.8%
2006	11,300	-100	-0.9%
2007	11,500	200	1.8%
2008	11,400	-100	-0.9%
4th Qtr 2007	11,500	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2008	11,500	0	0.0%

Professional & Business Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	27,400	-800	-2.8%
2000	27,400	0	0.0%
2001	27,700	300	1.1%
2002	27,300	-400	-1.4%
2003	25,700	-1,600	-5.9%
2004	26,600	900	3.5%
2005	26,900	300	1.1%
2006	28,300	1,400	5.2%
2007	29,900	1,600	5.7%
2008	29,600	-300	-1.0%
4th Qtr 2007	30,600	1,600	5.5%
4th Qtr 2008	29,800	-800	-2.6%

Education & Health Care Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	35,800	1,000	2.9%
2000	35,600	-200	-0.6%
2001	36,500	900	2.5%
2002	38,700	2,200	6.0%
2003	37,700	-1,000	-2.6%
2004	38,500	800	2.1%
2005	39,700	1,200	3.1%
2006	41,100	1,400	3.5%
2007	42,200	1,100	2.7%
2008	42,900	700	1.7%
4th Qtr 2007	43,000	800	1.9%
4th Qtr 2008	43,700	700	1.6%

Leisure & Hospitality Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	26,100	-500	-1.9%
2000	26,300	200	0.8%
2001	26,000	-300	-1.1%
2002	25,100	-900	-3.5%
2003	24,700	-400	-1.6%
2004	25,300	600	2.4%
2005	26,100	800	3.2%
2006	27,200	1,100	4.2%
2007	27,800	600	2.2%
2008	28,100	300	1.1%
4th Qtr 2007	28,000	400	1.4%
4th Qtr 2008	27,800	-200	-0.7%

Other Services Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	9,700	700	7.8%
2000	10,400	700	7.2%
2001	10,800	400	3.8%
2002	11,800	1,000	9.3%
2003	11,700	-100	-0.8%
2004	12,000	300	2.6%
2005	11,700	-300	-2.5%
2006	11,000	-700	-6.0%
2007	11,000	0	0.0%
2008	10,700	-300	-2.7%
4th Qtr 2007	11,000	0	0.0%
4th Qtr 2008	10,500	-500	-4.5%

Government Employment, Wichita MSA

Year	Employment	Level Change	Percent Change
1999	35,600	300	0.8%
2000	36,600	1,000	2.8%
2001	37,600	1,000	2.7%
2002	37,900	300	0.8%
2003	38,200	300	0.8%
2004	38,000	-200	-0.5%
2005	39,200	1,200	3.2%
2006	40,000	800	2.0%
2007	40,200	200	0.5%
2008	40,900	700	1.7%
4th Qtr 2007	41,700	400	1.0%
4th Qtr 2008	42,800	1,100	2.6%