# KANSAS

2023 State of the Workforce Report

# STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS



### **GROWTH OF KANSAS OFFICE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP**

The Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship celebrated the one-year anniversary of the establishment of the office in September 2023. Registered Apprenticeship has continued to grow, with 12 new programs created this year, 49 new occupations created, and a 37% increase of the number of apprentices in the State of Kansas.



## WORK BASED LEARNING (WBL) INTERMEDIARIES

Kansas Work Based Learning Project is a comprehensive approach that ensures students have equitable access to high quality work-based learning experiences designed to prepare each student for postsecondary, workforce success, in high demand and critical need occupations. There are five regional work-based learning intermediaries to connect education, business and industry, and economic development in each of the regions.



### **ReSpectworks - EXPANDED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

ReSpECTWORKS (Reentry Specialized Employment Counseling and Training) provides "inside-outside" services to eligible incarcerated individuals from every adult correctional facility. Career Navigators provide intensive case management to assess barriers and needs, explore career interests and opportunities, foster connections to education/training, job readiness programming and other community-based supports. During this year, ReSpECTWORKS tripled its enrollment from 87 participants to 263. To date, 79% of participants released to the community have obtained employment.

# LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DATA (Age 16 & older)					
Year-over-Year Change in Job Growth (APR 2022-2023)	<b>2.2%</b> Kansas	<b>2.1%</b> National			
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	<b>2.7%</b> Kansas	<b>3.6%</b> National			
Annual Average Labor Force	1,50	5,000			
Percent Change Of Jobs In The State Relative To A Pre-COVID Baseline	<b>1.9%</b> Kansas	2.4%			
(FEB 2020 vs APR 2023)	KUIISUS	Ranonal			

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	100 Kansas National			86.0%			
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# **WORKFORCE INFORMATION**

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