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June labor report released

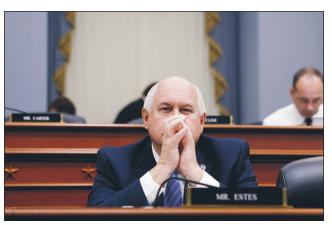
Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information (LMI) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.8% in June. This is unchanged from 3.8% in May, and an increase from 3.6% in June 2024. The labor force participation rate for Kansas stayed the same at 67.0% in June.

Seasonally adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total non-farm payroll employment increased by 3,800 from May. Total non-farm includes private sector and government

employers. Private sector jobs increased by 3,200 over the month, while government increased by 600. The largest job gains in the private sector were in private education and health services (+1,900 jobs). The largest decrease was in construction (-800

Since June 2024, Kansas' seasonally adjusted total non-farm jobs have increased by 10,300. This change is due to an increase of 6,700 private sector jobs and an increase of 3,600 government jobs.

The July 2025 Kansas Labor Report will be released Aug. 15.



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U.S. Rep. Ron Estes, R-Kansas, said he would remember the kind heart and cheerful smile of the late Eric Tarpinian-Jachym, 21, of Granby, Massachusetts. The intern in Estes' office in Washington, D.C., was fatally wounded in a street shooting in the District of Columbia.

Congressional intern working for U.S. Rep. Ron Estes of Kansas killed in D.C. shooting

Tim Carpenter Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — U.S. Rep. Ron Estes of Kansas honored the memory of one of his congressional interns who was shot to

death in Washington, D.C. Estes offered condolences to the family of Eric Tarpinian-Jachym, 21, of Granby, Massachusetts. The Metropolitan Police Department reported Tarpinian-Jachym was the victim of a shooting Monday night in northwest D.C.

Law enforcement officials said multiple people stepped from a vehicle and opened fire on a group of individuals, striking Tarpinian-Jachym, an adult woman and a teenager. All three were taken to a hospital, where Tarpinian-Jachym died Tuesday.

"I will remember his kind heart and how he always greeted anyone who entered our office with a cheerful smile," Estes said

sign up.

in a joint statement with his wife, state Rep. Susan Estes. "We are grateful to Eric for his service to Kansas' 4th District and the country."

The Kansas congressman asked for prayers on behalf of Tarpinian-Jachym's family and asked that the family's privacy be respected.

The Washington Post reported Tarpinian-Jachym was apparently an innocent bystander caught in a spray of bullets intended for others.

He was a senior at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he was studying finance and political science.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, said he was heartbroken by the tragedy.

"Any parent will tell you there is no greater pain than the pain of losing as a child. As a father, my thoughts and prayers are with Eric's family and loved ones during this difficult time," Neal said.

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resolution to be published July 17 in the Osage County Herald-Chronicle, to allow the owners 60 days to commence the removal or rehabilitate the structure from the date of publication, and to allow 60 days for completion.

Correspondence to the Council included Flint Hills Bank Portfolio of Pledge Securities, KCamp four-year loss history, National Terrorism Advisory System, League of Kansas 2026 Dues Structure Reformulation, and a thank you note from Dennis Klumpe for the chip seal on Osage Street.

The Council discussed pool updates. Atchison reviewed the purchase of table and chairs for \$950, and thanked Mayor Mullinix for the 10x20 canopy. She added that they still need to secure a canopy for the baby splash area. An invoice from Western Consultants for \$4,130 was approved, as was the final invoice from Water's Edge for \$4,750, and the final payment to Carrother's Construction for \$135,840.90.

Discussion of code enforcement was the next topic. Hart discussed his past plans for the property at 109 West Santa Fe, but now wants to sell it for \$10.000. Strohm discussed the need for a new roof to keep the moisture out of the building, and the Council voted to allow Hart 60 days to repair the roof. The Council also voted to close the code violations regarding the properties at 403 South Delaware, 213 East Santa Fe, and 514 South

Atchison advised the Council that the grant for a drone was not secured, and therefore, no drone was purchased.

Council members voted unanimously to allow acting superintendent Bond to list items on Purple Wave with the proceeds to go towards the purchase of a snowplow. In new business, it

was stated that no bids were received to hay the ground at the sewer lagoons. The Council approved an agreement with Burlingame Township to grade the gravel roads in Burlingame city limits three times per year, for \$1,000 each time, or a total of \$3,000 per year. It was also approved to pay \$26,636.50 to NPL, with \$15,000 out of the gas fund/contingency, and \$11,636.50 out of the infrastructure fund. In addition, the Council voted to not approve, at this time, the contract for the PER for BG Consultants in the amount of \$5,000 for the Brick Street Grant project, with the money to come out of the infrastructure fund, until they had further clarification from BG Consultants of exactly what bricks would be replaced on East Santa Fe. Galloway discussed what led to the power outage on June 2, as well as the repair of the line and the fact a claim was filed with KCamp. He said he is waiting on a quote for the cost of the repairs. The Council requested Atchison to schedule a date and time to interview candidates for the building inspector position. Lastly, in new business, Atchison advised she will input the library information and forward the 2026

budget to the Council for review. A special meeting regarding a Budget Workshop was set for 7 p.m. July 14, to finalize the budget and proposed mill levy, and said if they will exceed the RNR, it will need forwarded to the county clerk by July

Dougherty discussed

Charger repairs in his staff report. Bond said Apac completed the chip seal project, but were not able to seal the pool parking lot, said the lift station has been repaired, announced he is still working to get bids to fix the roof on the small building behind the library, and stated that the Cat generator powers the power plant and lift station when needed, but said theirs is not working, and will need to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Atchison reported that Coach Slater asked the City if they would like sponsor a hole for the Bearcat Scramble, saying it was \$75 for one hole or \$100 for two holes. Curtis made the motion to sponsor one hole for the golf tournament, but the motion died. Atchison then reviewed a scoring matrix developed by Brett Waggoner to help identify which business would be projectready for a CDBG Block Burns asked if surrounding business

Development Grant. owners could be advised when the funeral home was ready to demolish their building. She also asked if Bond would double-check the water line for Highway to Hair. Bond advised that the City is not responsible for repairs to the line past the meter, adding that the meter is in the flowerbed in front of the store, and said he will discuss it with owner Haley Adams.

In other action, the Council:

approved the minutes from the June 16 meeting and the June 30 special meeting.

approved bills for

 \square approved the 2026 library budget, with a total expense of \$65,578.

In a special meeting, held July 14, for the purpose of a Budget Workshop, all council members were present except Kenna Burns. Also in attendance was Mayor Mullinix, City Clerk Patty Atchison, and Utility Foreman Kyle Bond.

Atchison reviewed the proposed budget line items with a \$20,000, \$50,000, or \$75,000 cash reserve and with either a 0, 1, or 3% raise. The new proposed budget worksheets also show removing the grant matching funds of \$135,000 and doing a transfer from the infrastructure fund of \$75,000 for project improvements.

Department heads reviewed the nine proposed budgets with the projected mill levy for each. After much review, the Council voted to advise the county clerk of the intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with a proposed mill levy rate of 54.774.



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Osage City

Parks & Recreation

Activity Schedule

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

- Grade is based on the 2025-2026 School Year
- August 5-7
 - 7-8 p.m., K, 1st & 2nd Grade
- 7-8:30 p.m. (3rd-6th Tackle Players) • \$20 per player
- Campers receive a t-shirt
- Sign Up Deadline July 28

OCPR 3RD/4TH GRADE TACKLE FOOTBALL

- Players must be USD 420 3rd/4th grade students based on the 2025-2026 school year.
- The team plays in an area league with Burlingame/MV, Ottawa, Garnett, Prairie View, Paola and Iola
- League games rotate between the league towns on Saturdays,
- plus possible Wednesday night games, either home or away. • League Season — September 6 - October 18
- Weekly Practices Dates and Time determined by the Head Coach, Jordan Tice
- OCPR provides -
 - helmet, chin strap, shoulder pads, pants (integrated, all 7 pads sewn in), team jersey and mouthpiece (players can choose to use their own mouthpiece).
- Each player provides their own football cleats, any additional padding or accessories.
- PLAYER FEE \$50 PER PLAYER Check Payable to "OCPR" • Payment can be split into two separate payments, Payment #1
- (\$25) due by August 7, Payment #2 (\$25) due by September 5 • Sign-up forms and payment can be delivered to Osage City Hall
- or to the OCPR Office (Corey) Team Equipment & Jersey Fitting – August 7, 5:30 p.m.,
- **OCPR** Building
- Sign Up Deadline August 7

OCPR 5TH/6TH GRADE TACKLE FOOTBALL

- Players must be USD 420 5th/6th grade students based on the 2025-2026 school year
- Team plays in the Emporia Recreation Commission's 5th/6th grade Football League.
- Weekly Practice Dates and Time determined by the Head Coach, Chris Mullins
- ERC League games played at the Football Fields North of Emporia High School
- ERC SEASON September 13-October 18
- OCPR provides
 - helmet, chin strap, shoulder pads, pants (integrated, all 7
- pads sewn in), mouthpiece (if needed) and team jersey • Each player provides their own football cleats any additional
- padding or accessories. • 5th/6th Grade players MUST PROVIDE A COMPLETED MEDICAL
- FORM, SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN (No Exceptions) Deadline -

- August 25 Medical Form is available at the player physical location
- PLAYER FEE \$95 Check Payable to "OCPR" • Payment can be split into two separate payments, Payment #1 (\$47.50) due by August 7, Payment #2 (\$47.50) due by
- Sign-up forms and payment can be delivered to Osage City Hall
- or the OCPR Office (Corey).
- Team Equipment & Jersey Fitting August 7, 5:30 p.m., **OCPR** Building
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YOUTH SOCCER

September 5

- Divisions --- Pre-K/K, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade All Divisions COED
- A player's grade is their grade in the 2025-2026 school year
- OCPR teams participate with Overbrook and Lyndon
- Games are rotated between Overbrook, Lyndon, and Osage City
- Season September 13-October 25
- October 25 is the End of Season Tournament (single elimination)
- Cost \$35 per player
- OCPR players receive a team jersey, shorts, and socks • Players supply their own shin guard and cleated shoes.
- Team Practice can start the week of August 25, if a coach is assigned.
- SIGN UP DEADLINE AUGUST 18
- Sign-Up Forms Available at Osage City Hall, sent through the OC Grade School (when school starts), online at www.osagecity.com (click Departments and Parks and Recreation), and in the Photos Section of the Osage City Facebook Page.

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

- Divisions --- Pre-K/K, 1st grade, 2nd grade
- OCPR teams participate in the North Osage County Flag Football League
- A Player younger than 5 years of age on/before September 1, 2025 is too young for the Pre-K/K Division.
- Teams can start practice the week of September 8,
- if a coach is assigned. • League games are Sundays, in Burlingame
- League Season September 28-October 26
- Cost \$35 per player
- Players receive a team shirt and equipment (flag set, footballs, mouthpieces, supplied by OCPR) • SIGN-UP DEADLINE, AUGUST 25
- Sign-Up Forms Available at Osage City Hall, sent through the OC
- Grade School (when school starts), online at www.osagecity.com (click Departments and Parks and Recreation), and in the Photos Section of the Osage City Facebook Page.

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remaining months through April 2026.

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