

The City of Pittsburg, Kansas Department of Commerce, in collaboration with Southeast KANSASWORKS, and the local Workforce Investment Board appreciates the opportunity to offer labor market information for the Pittsburg area, and services available through the KANSASWORKS Center in Pittsburg.

Labor Availability

We have compiled below labor market information for Crawford County, which of course where Pittsburg is located, but also for the 4 surrounding counties in Kansas (Bourbon, Cherokee, Labette and Neosho) as well as Jasper County in Missouri.

Population:

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Crawford:	39,134
Cherokee:	21,603
Bourbon:	15,173
Neosho:	16,512
Labette:	21,607
Jasper (MO)	117,404

Civilian Labor Force

<u>County</u>	<u>Total labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>2010 Unemployment Rate</u>
Crawford	20,327	18,651	1,676	8.2%
Cherokee	11,420	10,439	981	8.6%
Bourbon	8,633	7,987	646	7.5%
Neosho	8,683	7,938	745	8.6%
Labette	11,214	10,135	1,079	9.6%
Jasper (MO)	59,592	55,052	4,540	7.6%

Age Demographics

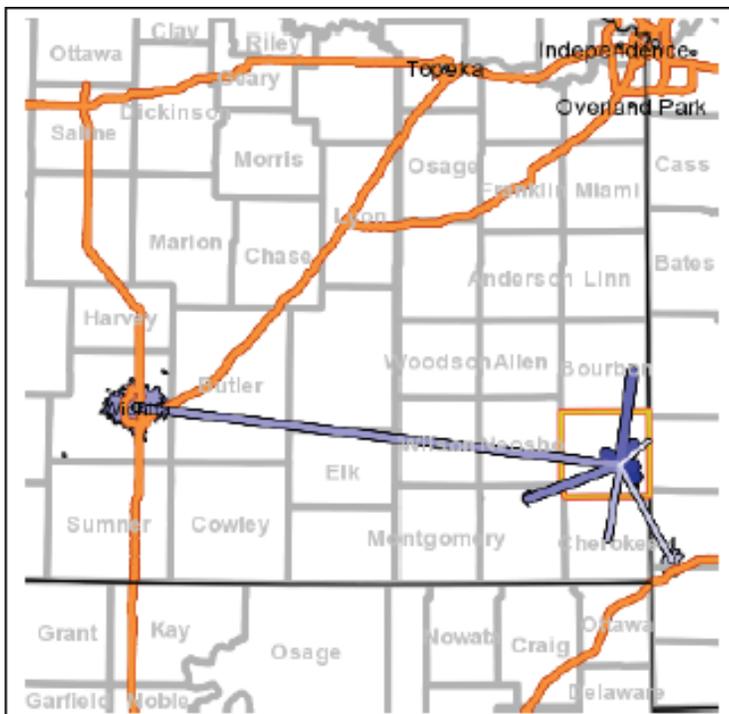
County	Persons aged 18-64 (%)	Persons aged 65 and over (%)
Crawford	63.5%	14.6%
Cherokee	60.1%	15.8%
Bourbon	58.0%	16.8%
Neosho	59.1%	16.9%
Labette	60.2%	16.0%
Jasper (MO)	60.8%	13.4%

Commuting Patterns

Census information indicates that in 2009 there were 2,632 individuals that commuted from seven Kansas counties to work in Crawford County. Census information also indicates that there were 385 individuals commuting from Southwest counties in Missouri to work in Southeast Kansas counties.

County boundaries are not always an optimal margin to define a labor force area. The labor force, as residents of Crawford County can choose to work outside the county, and vice versa. The following chart shows the counties from which workers commute to work in Crawford County

Labor Force Projection



Jobs Counts by Places (Cities, CDPs, etc.) Where Workers Live

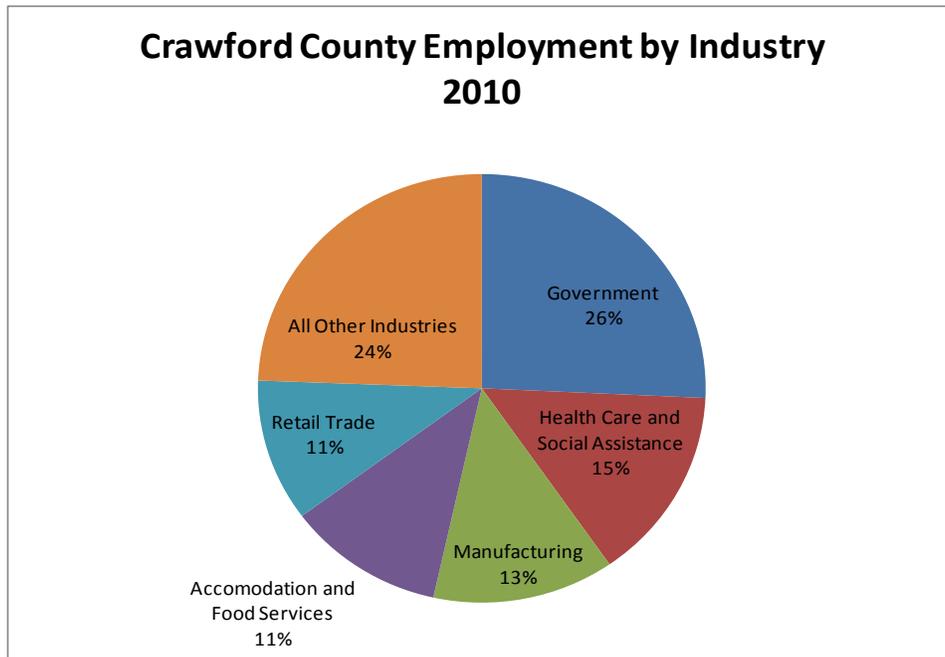
	2009	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	15,346	100.0%
Pittsburg city, KS	4,822	31.4%
Frontenac city, KS	955	6.2%
Girard city, KS	895	5.8%
Arma city, KS	354	2.3%
Fort Scott city, KS	229	1.5%
Parsons city, KS	210	1.4%
Wichita city, KS	191	1.2%
Columbus city, KS	189	1.2%
Joplin city, MO	165	1.1%
Mulberry city, KS	142	0.9%
All Other Locations	7,194	46.9%

Using the statewide population projection provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, we can estimate the population of Crawford County in 2015 and 2020. The assumption is the county will have the same growth rate as the state. The results are presented in the following table. Additionally, assuming the same ratio of labor force to population in 2010 and in the future, we can also estimate the labor force of the county in 2015 and 2020.

	2010		2015		2020	
	Population	Labor Force	Population	Labor Force	Population	Labor Force
Kansas	2,841,000	1,502,313.00	2,853,000		2,891,000	
Crawford County	39,026	20,327	39,191	20,413	39,713	20,685

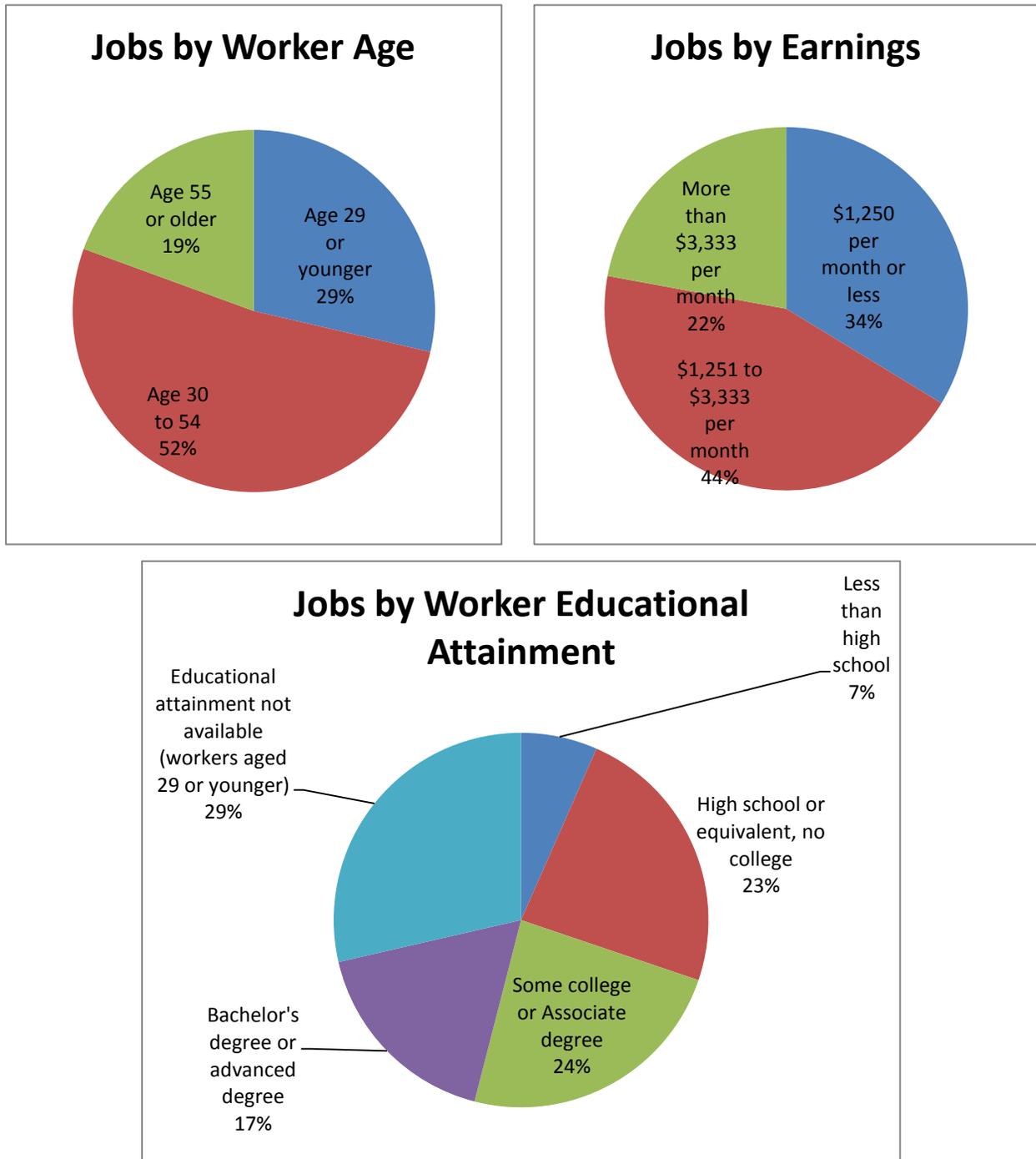
Employment by industry

The following chart summarizes the employment distribution by industry sector for Crawford County during 2010. The employment data in the table is from a statistical program which includes only the employment covered by Unemployment Insurance in Kansas according to Kansas Employment Security Law. As a result, it does not include self-employed and household workers.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; Labor Market Information Services, Kansas Department of Labor

Employment by Age, Wage and Education

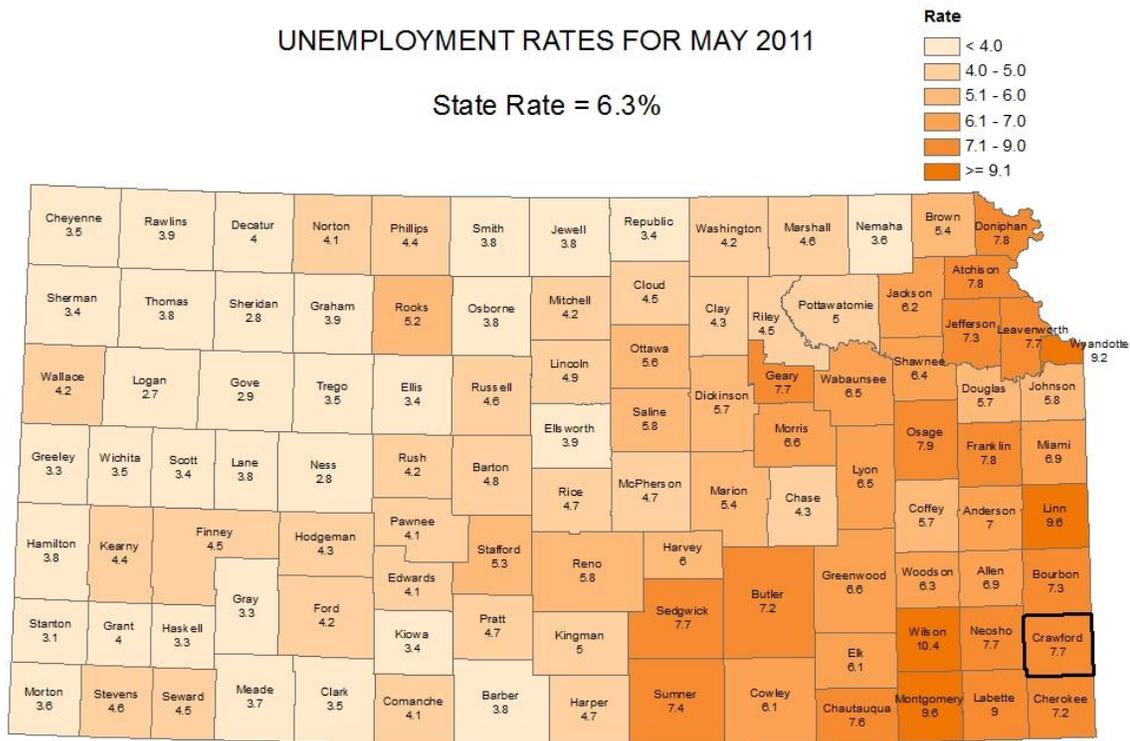


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Unemployment

Unemployment rate map

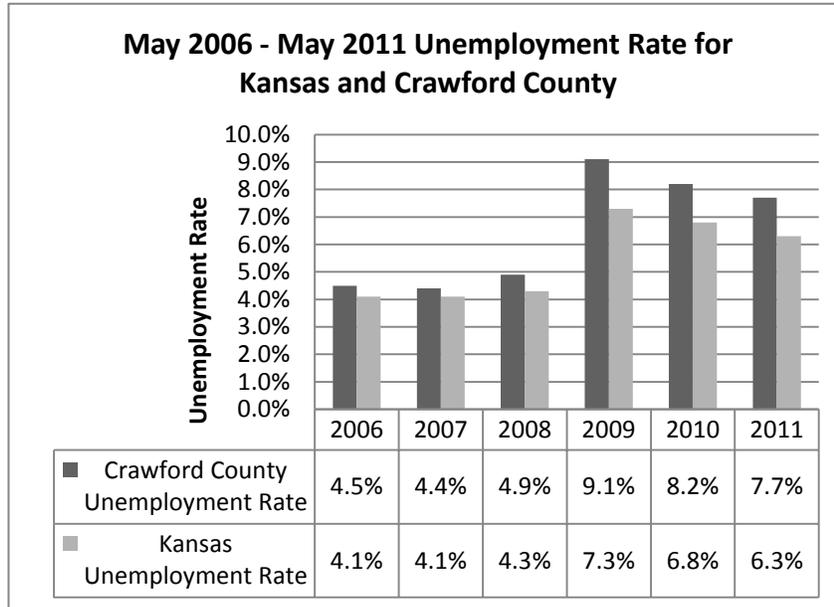
The following map shows unemployment rate of each county in Kansas in May 2010, which is the most recent available data. The unemployment rate is 7.7% in Crawford County which is higher than the state average of 6.3 in May.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; Labor Market Information Services, Kansas Department of Labor

Unemployment data

The chart below shows the May unemployment rate for the state of Kansas and Crawford County over the past six years (May 2006 to May 2011).

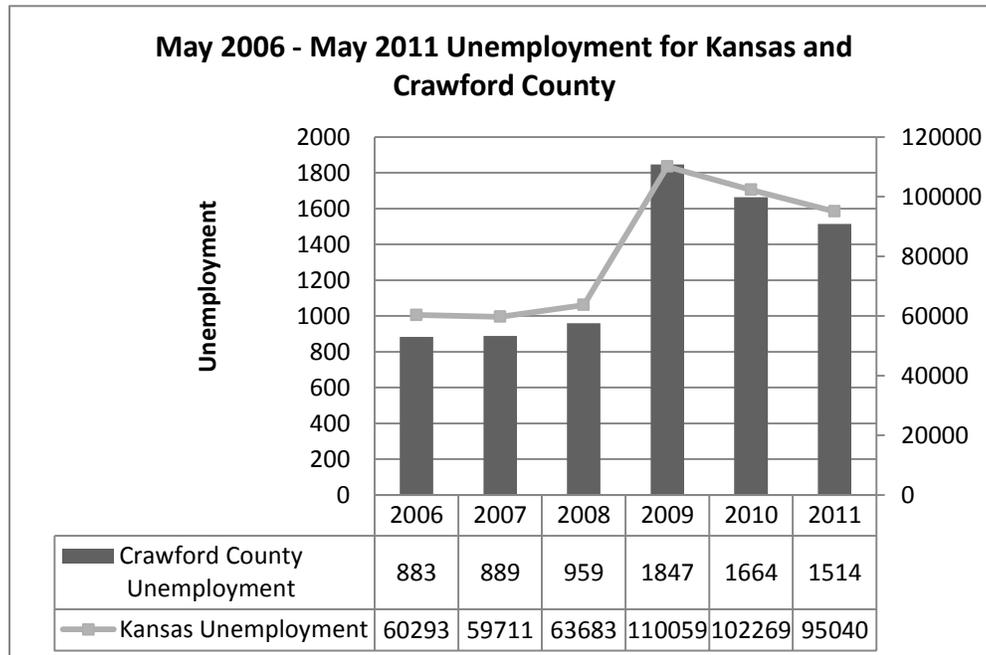


The chart below shows the unemployment for the state of Kansas and for Crawford County over the past six years (May 2006 – May 2011).

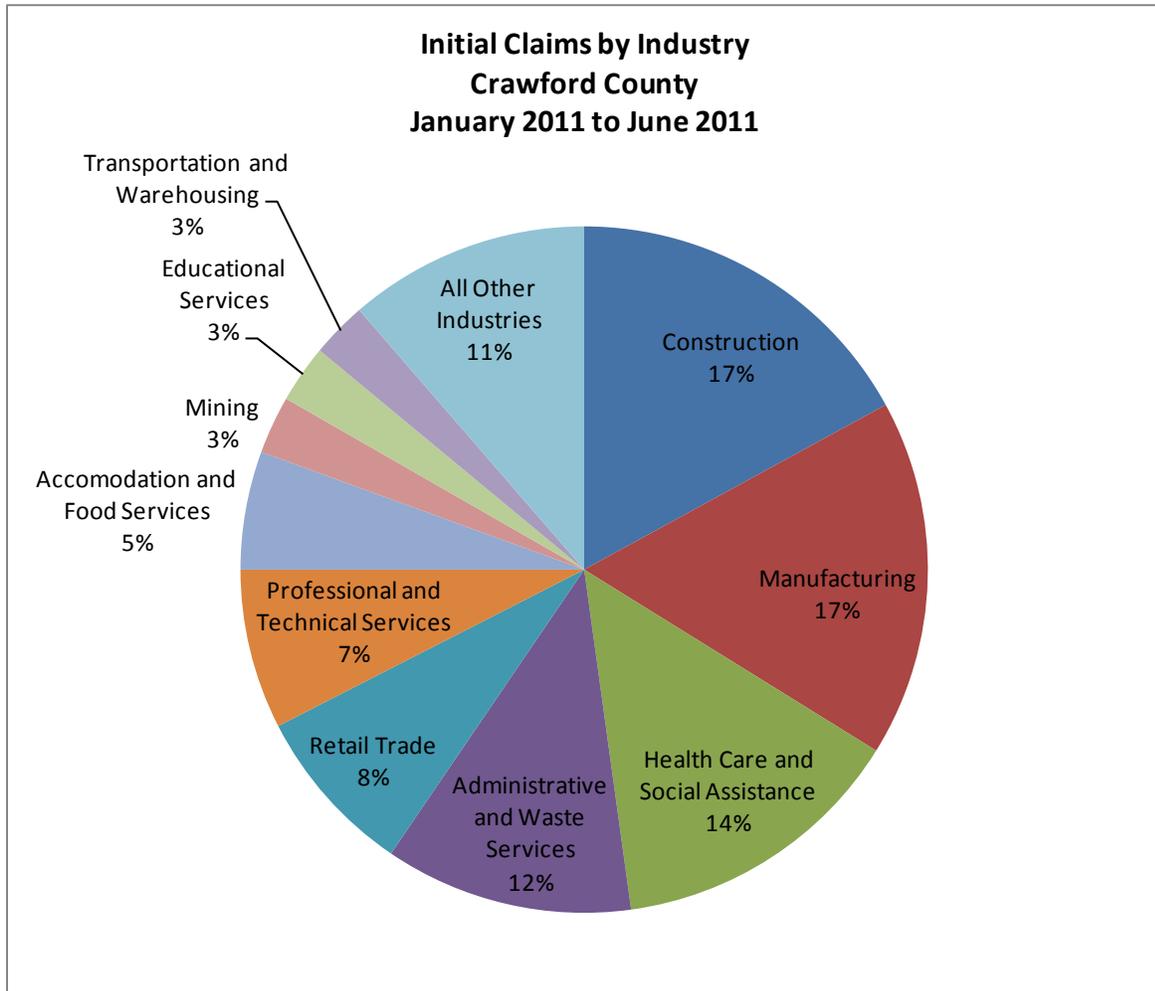
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; Labor Market Information Services, Kansas Department of Labor

Unemployment claims by industry

The number of initial claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, as shown in the below chart sorted by industry, only account for part of the total unemployment in the area. These are the people who applied for UI benefits from January to June 2011. Those individuals who are unemployed but are not covered by UI, are covered but applied prior to January 2011, or who



have exhausted their UI terms are not included in the chart. Although it is not a complete count of total unemployment, it can still be helpful information for identifying the industries in which layoffs have recently occurred.

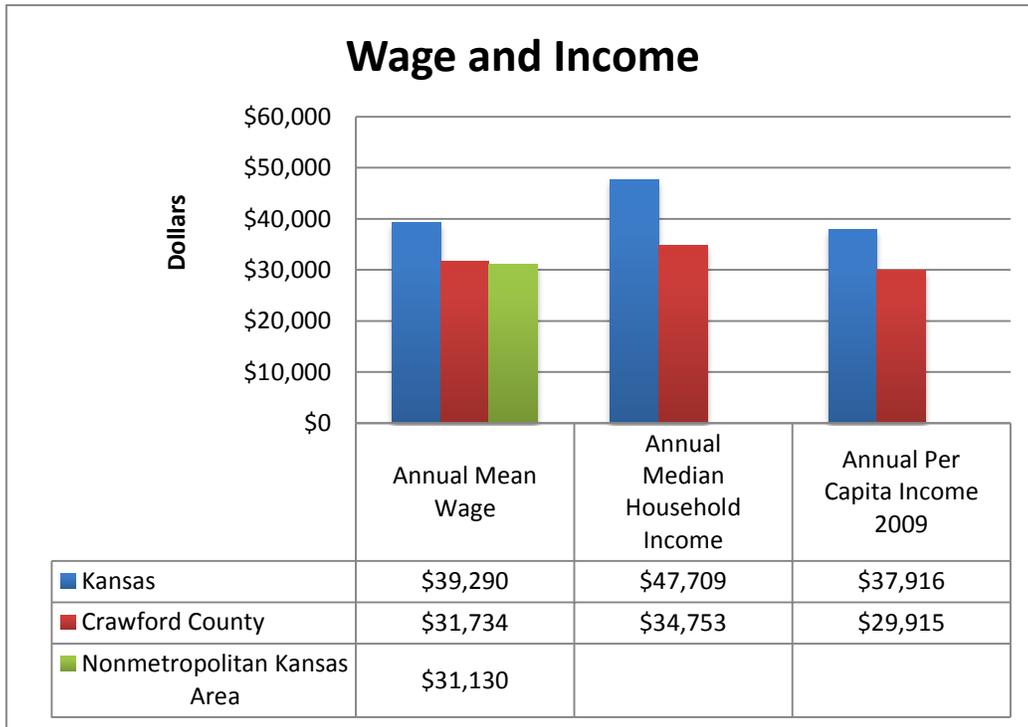


Source: Labor Market Information Services, Kansas Department of Labor

From January 2011 to June 2011, Crawford County had 916 initial claims for UI benefits. Of those, Manufacturing and Construction are the two industry sectors that accounted for the most initial claims for UI. During the same time period, initial claims statewide were highest in Construction (19%) and Manufacturing (18%).

Wage and Income

The table below describes the annual wage and income levels for the state of Kansas as a whole, Crawford County and the Kansas nonmetropolitan area. Overall, Crawford County had a lower wage and income in every category when compared to the state as a whole.



Source: data for the annual wage was retrieved from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics Survey. The data for annual median household income comes from the U.S. Census Bureau 2009 report. Annual per capita income is reported by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).