

## Monthly Economic Indicators for the Topeka Area Economy

### Topeka MSA\* (five counties)

Civilian Labor Force	August 2011	July 2011	August 2010
Total	122,647	123,594	123,911
Employed	113,459	114,789	114,934
Unemployed	9,188	8,805	8,977
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.1%	7.2%

Employment (In Thousands)	August 2011	July 2011	August 2010
<b>Non Farm Wage and Salary</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Natural Resources/Construction	5.1	5.2	5.2
Manufacturing	7.0	6.9	6.9
Trade, Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	17.8	18.0	18.1
Information	1.7	1.7	1.8
Finance Activities	6.9	7.0	7.0
Professional & Business Services	9.9	9.8	9.9
Education & Health Services	17.4	17.6	17.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.1	9.3
Other Services	4.8	4.9	4.8
Government	25.4	25.2	27.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>107.5</b>

\*These numbers reflect the five-county MSA. Comparing these figures with 2004 and prior years is not advisable.

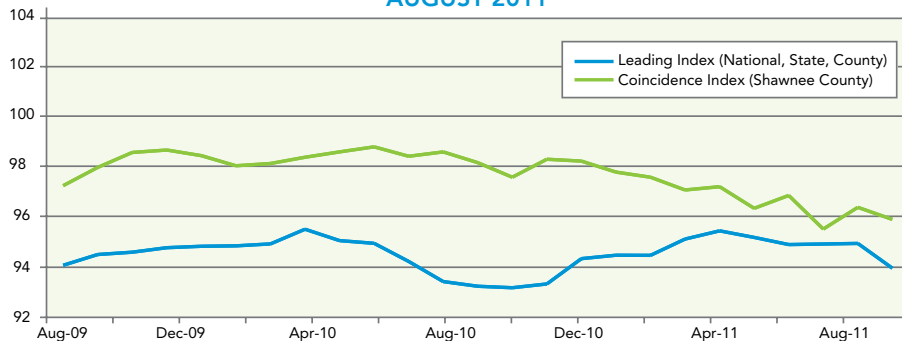
Construction Permit Information City of Topeka	August 2011	July 2011	YTD 2011	August 2010	YTD 2010
New Residential Permits	1	8	54	2	44
New Multi-Family Residential Permits	0	0	2	2	14
Value, New Residential Units	\$925,000	\$1,235,000	\$9,183,750	\$318,000	\$10,305,400
New Commercial Units	3	4	34	8	51
Value, New Commercial Units	\$3,594,385	\$385,100	\$6,697,925	\$6,108,000	\$20,790,282
New, Commercial Alterations	41	45	243	45	267
Value, Commercial Alterations	\$8,524,808	\$2,407,425	\$19,426,102	\$9,310,452	\$22,749,520

Construction Permit Information Unincorporated Shawnee County	August 2011	July 2011	YTD 2011	August 2010	YTD 2010
New Residential Permits	4	12	58	10	72
Value, New Residential Units	\$913,000	\$2,953,268	\$11,599,668	\$1,762,000	\$13,742,810
New Commercial Buildings	0	1	3	1	4
Value, New Commercial Buildings	\$0	\$200,000	\$360,000	\$42,000	\$1,534,000
New, Commercial Alterations	0	0	1	0	3
Value, Commercial Alterations	\$0	\$0	\$700,000	\$0	\$4,678,735

Estimated Taxable Sales - Topeka/Shawnee County	June 2011	YTD 2011	June 2010	YTD 2010
	\$226,747,637	\$1,194,920,247	\$215,043,161	\$1,173,235,201

Source: Kansas Department of Revenue

### Washburn University School of Business Leading Index & Coincidence Index AUGUST 2011



### ACCRA Cost of Living Data

Selected Cities	Third Quarter 2011
Kansas City, KS/MO	99.6
Lawrence, KS	NA
Little Rock, AR	96.2
Manhattan, KS	95.0
<b>Topeka, KS</b>	<b>93.4</b>

Oklahoma City, OK	91.1
Des Moines, IA	90.8
Springfield, MO	90.3
Tulsa, OK	89.9
Omaha, NE	88.5

Topeka participates in the ACCRA Cost of Living Index study which measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top income quintile. The above numbers are 2010 annual averages.

### UTILITY HOOK-UPS CITY OF TOPEKA

Westar Energy*	September 2011	September 2010
Residential	69,104	68,906
Commercial	8,330	8,328
Industrial	48	52
Total	77,482	77,286

\* Includes those within the Topeka city limits.

Topeka Water**	September 2011	September 2010
Residential	49,460	49,396
Commercial	4,184	4,108
Total	<b>53,634</b>	<b>53,504</b>

\*\* Includes those within the county who use Topeka water. Note: Some water hook-ups serve multiple users.

The Washburn University School of Business Leading Index decreased 1.0% in August to a preliminary estimate of 94.0 from 95.0 in July (2005 = 100). The index is a composite of national, state and county indicators whose movements often precede changes in economic growth. The leading index is down 1.0% over the last three months and down 1.2% over the last 6 months.

The Washburn University School of Business Coincidence Index, which measures current economic conditions in Shawnee County decreased 0.5% in August to a preliminary estimate of 95.9 from 96.4 in July (2005 = 100). The index would have been flat in August if not for the unusually low number of building permits reported for Shawnee County. The index is a composite index of county non-farm employment and taxable sales. The coincidence index is down 1.2% over the last six months and down 2.3% from August 2010.

