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Wyandotte County Job Growth Ranks 19th in Nation

New figures out from the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows employment in Wyandotte County increased 4% from March 2011 to March 2012. The sharp rise in the number of people going to work puts Wyandotte County number 19th in the the nation and 1st in the Kansas City metro for job growth.

During the same time period, job growth nationally was only 1.8% overall. The Labor Bureau ranks the 329 largest counties in the country.

"This report is encouraging news that jobs are being created at record levels in Wyandotte County. While we are glad to see these results we continue to focus on doing all we can to foster an environment where more jobs will be created in our community," said Mayor Joe Reardon.

Wyandotte County's 4% increase in employment is followed by a 3.7% rise in Johnson County. Meanwhile, the Wichita area (Sedgwick County) grew jobs by 0.9% and Topeka (Shawnee County) showed only a one-half a percent improvement in employment.

Covered* Employment Analysis
Kansas City Metro County Pct. Change Ranking (March 2011-12)
 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Data, September 2012

County, State	Pct. Chng. (March 2011-12)	Rank**	Jobs (1000's) March 2012
Wyandotte, KS	4.0%	19	82.8
Johnson, KS	3.7%	25	306.9
Sedgwick, KS	0.9%	228	238.7
Clay, MO	0.8%	238	88.6
Shawnee, KS	0.5%	262	94.5
Jackson, MO	0.4%	269	342.4

*Covered employees are defined as workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance. Examples of employees not covered (and thus not counted) are federal employees and railroad workers.

**Ranking out of 329 Bureau of Labor Statistics largest counties. The 329 largest counties are defined as having employment levels of 75,000 or greater.