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State Jobless Rate Down From 1 Year Ago

State officials will get the latest report on the Kansas economy on Friday with the release of April unemployment figures.

The state's jobless rate stood at 6.2 percent in March, down from 6.8 percent in March 2011.

Gov. Sam Brownback and the Republican-controlled Legislature have been working all session on tax cuts they hope will stimulate growth and promote job creation.

Legislators have sent Brownback one version of the tax plan, but he has encouraged them to work on a compromise that will phase in the cuts and have a smaller effect on state revenue.

Part of the package already approved would eliminate taxes for 191,000 businesses.

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