

July 5, 2023

To State of Kansas Employees,

I want to thank you for your dedication to Kansas. The work you do is essential to the quality of life, public resources, safety, and health of all who visit or call our state home.

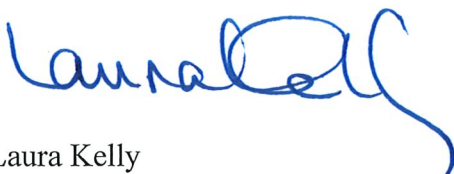
To recognize your service to the state, this past spring I called on the Kansas Legislature to provide pay increases for all state employees to put your compensation on track with the market rate. I saw this investment as absolutely essential to recruiting and retaining the workers who go above and beyond every day to improve the lives of their fellow Kansans. Although the Legislature did not adopt my plan exactly as proposed, I'm glad that legislators from both sides of the aisle agreed to provide well-deserved salary increases for state employees this year, with many employees receiving additional increases based on the market.

The pay increase will be reflected in the paycheck you receive on Friday, July 7, 2023. If you have any questions about this, please contact your agency's personnel office.

There's one more piece of good news for state employees. Because of our work to increase revenues and maintain a balanced budget, we have been able to stabilize the State Employee Health Benefits Plan for the fifth year in a row. This means that since 2019, your contributions to the state's health insurance plan have either decreased or stayed flat – which hopefully comes as a welcome relief after eight years of increased rates that led to lower take-home pay.

Again, I want to thank you for your commitment to the people of Kansas. Know that I remain committed to making the investments needed to keep our state government efficient and effective in serving the people of Kansas.

Sincerely,



Laura Kelly  
Governor of Kansas