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### Missouri Unemployment Rate Drops Slightly

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - A new report says Missouri's unemployment rate fell slightly in June to 6.5 percent from 6.6 percent the month before.

Tuesday's report from the Department of Economic Development says the arts, entertainment and recreation industries added 1,800 jobs. The professional, scientific and technical services industries also gained 1,100 jobs during the month.

The department says, however, that the state's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 1,800 jobs in June.

Revised data for May also showed an employment increase of 8,200 jobs, up from the 3,700 new jobs originally reported.

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