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Slight Dip in Missouri Unemployment

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - A new report shows Missouri's unemployment rate dipped slightly last month while the state lost 3,100 nonfarm jobs.

The state Department of Economic Development said Tuesday the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.3 percent in August from 6.5 percent in July. The August rate was also down from 6.6 percent in the same month last year.

Missouri's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment last month dropped to about 2.78 million, about a 3,100-job decrease from July. Losses hit the durable goods manufacturing, health care and social assistance industries.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force of more than 3 million also grew by about 1,000 in August. People with jobs and others who are unemployed and looking for work are included in those numbers.

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