Unemployment Rates Released for Area NEK Counties (MSC News)---Unemployment was up in a majority of area northeast Kansas counties in October.

The Kansas Department of Labor says Atchison, Doniphan and Jackson Counties were the only area counties to see a drop in their jobless rates.

Brown and Pottawatomie Counties saw their unemployment rates hold steady.

Atchison County continued to have the highest unemployment rate at 6.3 percent while Nemaha County had the lowest at 2.7 percent.

Brown County's unemployment rate in October was 3.7 percent; Doniphan, 3.9 percent; Jackson, 3.2 percent; Jefferson, 3.7 percent; Leavenworth, 4.2 percent; Marshall, 3.3 percent and Pottawatomie, 3.2 percent.

All the figures were up from October 2015.

Statewide, the unemployment rate in October was 4.4 percent. That's unchanged from September and up from 4 percent in October 2015.

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