

Unemployment Down in Most Area NEK Counties

(KNZA)--Unemployment was down in most area northeast Kansas counties in August.

According to figures released Friday by the Kansas Department of Labor, Atchison County had the highest unemployment rate among area counties at 6.4 percent while Nemaha County had the lowest at 2.6 percent.

Elsewhere, Brown County's unemployment rate last month was 3.5 percent; Doniphan, 3.9 percent; Jackson, 3.2 percent; Jefferson, 3.9 percent; Leavenworth, 4.5 percent; Marshall, 2.9 percent and Pottawatomie, 3.4 percent.

All the figures were down from July except in Jefferson and Leavenworth Counties. In addition, all the figures were down from August 2016.

Statewide, the unemployment rate rose to 3.9 percent in August. That's an increase of two-tenths of a percent from July.

The state Department of Labor said the increased employment was related mostly to manufacturing layoffs and revised government job estimates.

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