

Nemaha Co KS Records Low Unemployment

(KNZA)--State labor officials say the unemployment rate in Kansas fell to a seasonally adjusted 5.4 percent in November despite slowing job growth.

The Department of Labor reported Thursday the unemployment rate had fallen from 5.7 percent in October. The rate is a full 1 percent below the seasonally adjusted rate in November 2011.

Interim Labor Secretary Lana Gordon said the job market is moving in the right direction. Kansas added 1,100 private sector jobs in November and employers have increased payrolls by 4,900 jobs over the past year.

The workforce has shown slight growth in recent months, standing at 1.49 million in November, up about 7,000 people since September.

Locally, Nemaha County had the lowest unemployment rate in November with 3.2 percent, while Atchison County had the highest rate of unemployment, standing at 6.4 percent.

Leavenworth was 6 percent, followed by Jackson County with 5.7 percent.

Jefferson County recorded a rate of unemployment at 5.2 percent; Doniphan County 5 percent; Brown County 4.6 percent; Pottawatomie County 4.3 percent; and Marshall County with 3.7 percent recorded in November.

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