

Downward unemployment trend continues in SE Nebraska

(KLZA)-- Nebraska continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in the country.

Nebraska and Utah both had unemployment figures of 1.9 percent during the month of April.

Locally, unemployment figures dropped in all six of the counties in the extreme southeast corner of the state.

Richardson, Pawnee and Nemaha counties all had jobless rates of 1.6 percent for the month. Otoe and Gage counties had unemployment rates of 1.8 percent with Johnson County having the highest jobless rate at 2.3 percent, but that figure is eight-tenths of a point below the unemployment figures for March.

Nationally the unemployment figure for April was 3.6 percent. Kansas ranked 8th in the country with a rate of 2.4 percent; Iowa was tied for 15th at 3 percent and Missouri was in a tie for 23rd at 3.4 percent unemployment.