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Unemployment Down in Area NEK Counties

(KNZA)--Unemployment fell in area northeast Kansas counties in March.

The Kansas Department of Labor released the March unemployment rates Thursday.

Locally, Atchison County had the highest jobless rate at 6.6 percent while Nemaha County had the lowest at 3.4 percent.

Elsewhere, the Leavenworth County's unemployment rate in March stood at 6.3 percent; Jefferson, 6.1 percent; Doniphan, 5.4 percent; Jackson, 5.3 percent; Pottawatomie, 4.7 percent; Marshall, 3.8 percent and Brown 4.6 percent.

All the figures are down from February and also from March of last year.

Statewide, the unemployment rate held steady in March at 4.9 percent, the same as in February.

State Department of Labor Secretary Lana Gordon says Kansas added 22-hundred private-sector jobs in March and more than 17-thousand in the past 12 months

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