

Unemployment Down in Area NEK Counties

(MSC News)--Unemployment was down in area northeast Kansas counties in March.

That's according to a report released Friday by the Kansas Department of Labor.

Atchison County continued to have the highest unemployment rate among area counties at 5.4 percent while Nemaha County continued to have the lowest at 2.4 percent.

Elsewhere, Brown County's jobless rate in March stood at 3.6 percent; Doniphan, 3.4 percent; Jackson, 3.2 percent; Jefferson, 3.8 percent; Leavenworth, 4.2 percent; Marshall, 3 percent and Pottawatomie, 3 percent.

All the figures were down from February and March 2016.

The state Department of Labor says Kansas gained 46-hundred private sector jobs last month, and its unemployment rate dropped to the lowest it's been since November 2000.

The report says the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in March was 3.8 percent, down from 4 percent in February.

The National unemployment rate also dropped last month to 4.5 percent from 4.7 percent in February. Kansas is one of 19 states with unemployment rates below the national one.

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