

S.E. Nebraska unemployment steady in December

**(KLZA)-- No movement in the December unemployment figure in Nebraska.**

**For the sixth consecutive month the jobless rate remained at 3.1 percent.**

**In Southeast Nebraska the unemployment figures changed slightly with variations of less than half a percentage point.**

**Nemaha County, Nebraska had the highest unemployment rate in the area at 3.4 percent, which was down a tenth of a point.**

**Pawnee County has the best area unemployment rate for December at 2.1 percent, a dip of four-tenths.**

**In Richardson County the unemployment rate was down a tenth to 2.6 percent.**

**Unemployment figures went up two-tenths in both Johnson and Gage counties. In Johnson County the December rate was 3.2 percent and in Gage County the rate was up to 3.1 percent.**

**Nationally in December the unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, unchanged from November and lower than the December 2018 rate of 3.9 percent.**

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