

Nebraska December unemployment report

(KLZA)-- Unemployment was up slightly in Nebraska for the month of December.

The Nebraska Department of Labor reports the December jobless rate was 2.6%, up a tenth of a percentage point from November.

In Southeast Nebraska unemployment figures for the month included 2.2% in Richardson County, 2% in Pawnee County, 2.3% in Nemaha County, 2.7% in Johnson County, 2.3% in Gage County and 2.1% in Otoe County.

Statewide unemployment figures were up slightly over a year earlier despite a 3% increase of nearly 31,000 nonfarm jobs over the year.

The National unemployment rate for December was 3.5%.

Nebraska has the 6th lowest unemployment rate in the country at 2.6% for December. Utah has the best jobless rate at 2.2%. Missouri ranks 9th at 2.8%, Kansas is 12th at 2.9% and Iowa is 16th at 3.1%.

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