

Unemployment down in area SE Neb counties

(KLZA)--Southeast Nebraska unemployment matched a statewide trend of lower unemployment during the month of August.

That's according to latest figures released by the Nebraska Department of Labor.

Pawnee County's unemployment rate in August was 2.3 percent, a decline of 7-tenths of a percent from July.

Richardson and Gage counties mirrored each other with unemployment rates of 2.9 percent, down half-a-percentage point in each county.

Nemaha County, Nebraska had the biggest dip in unemployment, with rate dropping 8-tenths to 3.4 percent.

The unemployment rate in Johnson County dropped 3-tenths to 3.4 percent. The Otoe County jobless rate was down 6-tenths to 2.7 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate in August was 2.8 percent, which is down a tenth of a point from July.

The national unemployment rate for August was 3.9 percent.

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