

Unemployment declines in SE Neb counties

**(KLZA)-- Unemployment figures dipped in all six extreme Southeast Nebraska counties during the month of August.**

**Richardson, Pawnee, Otoe and Gage counties all had unemployment rates of 3.3 percent for August. The rate dipped six tenths of a percent in both Richardson and Pawnee counties from July. In Otoe County the jobless rate went down eight-tenths of a percent.**

**Despite a drop of eight-tenths of a percent, Nemaha County has the highest unemployment rate in the area at 4.2 percent which is tied for the sixth highest figure in the state.**

**In Johnson County the unemployment rate of 3.8 percent is down a tenth and is the 9th highest rate among the states 93 counties.**

**Officials say Nebraska's unemployment remained steady at 3.1% in August, matching the July figure.**

**The Nebraska Labor Department said in a news release Friday that the preliminary August rate was four-tenths of a point higher than the adjusted August 2018 rate of 2.7%.**

**The new Nebraska rate is well below August's national preliminary rate of 3.7%, which is unchanged from the July and June rate.**

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