Missouri Unemployment Rate Up From July

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Only four area counties have unemployment rates higher than the state average in August, the latest month the statistics are available.



Missouri's jobless rate is seven point two percent which is up a fraction from July. Caldwell county now has the highest rate across northern Missouri.

The August unemployment in Caldwell county reached ten point two percent. That's based on 446 persons out of work in a civilian labor force of 4,450. Linn county has more persons out of work (516), but also a higher civilian labor,(5,847) so the Linn county rate is eight point eight percent. Just a fraction above the state average are Carroll and Clinton counties at seven point three percent.

Grundy county's jobless rate has fallen to six percent. That's based on 294 persons unemployed out of a civilian labor force of 4,865. In July, Grundy's rate was six point three percent. In August one year ago, the rate stood at six point nine. Other area counties with August nemployment between six and seven percent are Harrison (6.8%); Adair (6.7%); Daviess (6.6%); Putnam and DeKalb (6.5%). Area counties with August rates less than six percent include Chariton (5.9%); Livingston (5.8%); Sullivan (5.5%); Gentry (5.4%); Worth (5.2%); and Mercer County (5.0%). Across the state, unemployment ranges from 13 percent in Hickory county down to four point nine percent in Perry county (SE Mo).