

Latest area unemployment rates show mixed results

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While unemployment rates remained steady statewide, counties in north central Missouri experienced, as a whole, reductions in the jobless rates from February into March. Those counties with the highest rates from this area are Linn at 9.5 percent and Carroll at 9.3 percent. Others between eight and nine percent are: Clinton and Daviess (both 8.6) and Harrison (8.2).

Others above the state unemployment rate (of 7.4 percent) are: Livingston (7.9), Caldwell (7.8), DeKalb (7.7), and Grundy County (7.5 percent).

There are several BELOW the average state jobless rate. These include Chariton (7.2), Adair (6.7), Putnam (6.6), Sullivan (6.4), Gentry (6.1), Mercer (6.0), and Worth County (5.8 percent unemployment).

Grundy County's unemployment rate of 7 1/2 percent is based on 375 people out of work from a civilian labor force of 5,000 people. March's rate is 0.4 percent LOWER than February's. The Grundy County March unemployment rate ONE YEAR ago was almost to eight percent.