

Green Hills area continues to show positive unemployment trends

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November's unemployment rate for **Grundy County** has remained steady with the month before AND nearly the same as November 2011, but there are fewer people out of work when compared to the jobless report from twelve months earlier. The latest statistics from the state of Missouri show 296 unemployed in Grundy County out of a civilian labor force of more than 4,800.

That represents a rate of 6.1 percent. One year ago, Grundy County's unemployment rate was a fraction higher at 6.2 percent. The rate, in looking back at November 2009 and 2010 was closer to seven percent.

Unemployment rate for area counties for November 2012 range from a high of 8 percent in Linn County, with Carroll County close behind at 7.3 percent. The lowest jobless rate in the area is MERCER County at 4 percent unemployment.

Statewide, the unemployment rate stands at 6.7 percent, which is down 0.2 percent from October. Counties that have rates between 4 and 5 percent are Mercer, Gentry, Worth, and Sullivan. Counties with rates between 5 and 6 percent are DeKalb, Putnam, Adair, and Chariton. Counties that have rates between 6 and 7 percent include Harrison, Livingston, Daviess, Clinton, Caldwell, and Grundy.