

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 98 counties from August 2011 to August 2012

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EDITOR'S NOTE: August's preliminary and July's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Aug12charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 27, 2012) — Unemployment rates fell in 98 Kentucky counties between August 2011 and August 2012, while 20 county rates increased and two stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Oldham County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.5 percent. It was followed by Franklin, Scott and Union counties, 6.6 percent each; Fayette County, 6.7 percent; Boone and Jessamine counties, 6.8 percent each; Madison County, 6.9 percent; and Hancock, Ohio and Shelby counties, 7 percent each.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.7 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 16.6 percent; Harlan and Leslie counties, 14.3 percent each; Letcher County, 14 percent; Bell and McCreary counties, 13.8 percent each; Jackson County, 13.7 percent; Knott County, 13.2 percent; and Wolfe County, 13.1 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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