

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

County jobless rates released for October 2012 and October 2013

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EDITOR’S NOTE: October’s preliminary and September’s revised county unemployment rate charts are attached. Due to the federal government shutdown in October 2013, the preliminary September 2013 county unemployment numbers were not released. The revised August 2013 figures are attached.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 5, 2013) – Unemployment rates rose in 96 Kentucky counties between October 2012 and October 2013, while 14 county rates decreased and 10 stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.1 percent. It was followed by Grant County, 6.2 percent; Fayette and Scott counties, 6.4 percent each; Boone, Daviess and Oldham counties, 6.5 percent each; Carlisle County, 6.6 percent; and Shelby, Spencer and Webster counties, 6.7 percent each.

Leslie County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate — 18 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 16.4 percent; Magoffin County, 16.1 percent; Letcher County, 14.7 percent; Bell County, 14.4 percent; Knott County, 13.6 percent; Jackson County, 13.3 percent; Clay and Fulton counties, 13.1 percent each; and McCreary County, 13 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 because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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