

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
Jobless rates up in 120 counties
from November 2008 to
November 2009

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EDITOR'S NOTE: November's preliminary and October's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Nov09charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 23, 2009) — Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between November 2008 and November 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7.1 percent. It was followed by Calloway County, 7.5 percent; Woodford County, 7.6 percent; Scott County, 8 percent; Boyd, Jessamine and Madison counties, 8.1 percent each; Rowan County, 8.2 percent; Oldham County, 8.3 percent; and Franklin and Ohio counties, 8.5 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 21.1 percent. It was followed by Metcalfe County, 18 percent; Jackson County, 16.9 percent; Powell County, 16.6 percent; Trigg County, 15.9 percent; Grayson County, 15.8 percent; Menifee County, 14.4 percent; Wolfe County, 14.2 percent; Lewis County, 13.8 percent; and Edmonson County, 13.7 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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