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Jobless rates down in 93 counties from May 2009 to May 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: May's preliminary and April's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/May10charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 24, 2010) — Unemployment rates fell in 93 Kentucky counties between May 2009 and May 2010, 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 7.7 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 7.8 percent; Oldham County, 8 percent; Calloway County, 8.1 percent; Franklin County, 8.3 percent; Boyd County, 8.5 percent; and Ballard, Madison, McCracken and Robertson counties, 8.6 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 19.1 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 17.4 percent; Menifee County, 17 percent; Metcalfe County, 14.8 percent; Powell County, 14.4 percent; Fulton and Grayson counties, 13.9 percent each; McCreary County, 13.8 percent; Wolfe County, 13.6 percent; and Morgan County, 13.5 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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