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October State Unemployment Rate Is 3.3 Percent

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska’s preliminary unemployment rate for October is 3.3 percent, seasonally adjusted. The rate is up 0.1 percentage points over the month and 0.3 percentage points over the year.

“The slight increase in the October unemployment rate appears to be primarily due to people reentering the labor market and looking for work,” said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin.

Nonfarm employment for October increased to 1,024,791, up 5,510 over the month and 2,908 over the year. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 2,977), professional and business services (up 672) and leisure and hospitality (up 394). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in trade, transportation and utilities (up 3,585), education and health services (up 763), and professional and business services (up 567).

The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 4.9 percent, down 0.1 percentage points over the month and over the year.

November 2016 data will be published Friday, December 16.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

NATIONAL

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Oct-16	Revised Sep-16	Oct-15	Changes Since Sep-16	Oct-15
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	5.0	-0.1	-0.1

NEBRASKA

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Oct-16	Revised Sep-16	Oct-15	Changes Since Sep-16	Oct-15
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	3.0	0.1	0.3
Labor Force	1,017,919	1,018,467	1,015,843	-548	2,076
<i>Unemployment</i>	34,030	33,097	30,910	933	3,120
<i>Employment</i>	983,889	985,370	984,933	-1,481	-1,044

OMAHA MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Oct-16	Revised Sep-16	Oct-15	Changes Since Sep-16	Oct-15
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.3	2.9	-0.1	0.3
Labor Force	481,351	477,076	481,617	4,275	-266
<i>Unemployment</i>	15,499	15,621	13,934	-122	1,565
<i>Employment</i>	465,852	461,455	467,683	4,397	-1,831

LINCOLN MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Oct-16	Revised Sep-16	Oct-15	Changes Since Sep-16	Oct-15
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.9	2.4	-0.1	0.4
Labor Force	180,312	177,916	180,425	2,396	-113
<i>Unemployment</i>	5,045	5,082	4,303	-37	742
<i>Employment</i>	175,267	172,834	176,122	2,433	-855

GRAND ISLAND MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Oct-16	Revised Sep-16	Oct-15	Changes Since Sep-16	Oct-15
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	3.0	0.1	0.3
Labor Force	43,510	44,456	43,534	54	-24
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,424	1,382	1,296	42	128
<i>Employment</i>	42,086	42,074	42,238	12	-152

NOTE: Data is revised on a monthly basis. Data for previous years is benchmarked annually and is subject to change. MSAs represent Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Seasonally adjusted data for the Omaha MSA and the Lincoln MSA is available about two weeks following this release. The seasonally adjusted data can be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm> or <http://networks.nebraska.gov/analyzer>.

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MC)

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Counties Included	Oct-16 (Preliminary)	Sep-16 (Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.5	3.1
Columbus MC	Platte	3.4	3.3
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.1	3.1
Hastings MC	Adams, Clay	3.1	3.0
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.5	2.5
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	3.0	3.0
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.8	2.8
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.9	2.9
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	3.0	2.8
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner	3.6	3.6