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September State Unemployment Rate Stable at 3.2 Percent

LINCOLN-The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska’s preliminary unemployment rate for September was 3.2 percent, seasonally adjusted. The rate is the same as the August rate and up 0.2 percentage points over the year.

“2016 continues the trend of nonfarm employment increasing from August to September,” said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. “The start of the school year is always a big employment driver.”

Nonfarm employment for September increased to 1,018,830, up 3,976 over the month and 8,392 over the year. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 4,010), professional and business services (2,974) and leisure and hospitality (up 2,024). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in education and health services (up 1,097), professional and business services (up 642) and information (up 67).

The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August was 5.0 percent, up 0.1 percent from the August rate and down 0.1 percentage points from the September 2015 rate of 5.1 percent.

October 2016 data will be published Friday, November 18.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

NATIONAL

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Sep-16	Revised Aug-16	Sep-15	Changes Since Aug-16	Sep-15
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1

NEBRASKA

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Sep-16	Revised Aug-16	Sep-15	Changes Since Aug-16	Sep-15
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
Labor Force	1,018,431	1,018,473	1,015,076	-42	3,355
<i>Unemployment</i>	33,095	32,265	30,863	830	2,232
<i>Employment</i>	985,336	986,208	984,213	-872	1,123

OMAHA MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Sep-16	Revised Aug-16	Sep-15	Changes Since Aug-16	Sep-15
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	3.1	-0.2	0.2
Labor Force	477,328	480,512	474,499	-3,184	2,829
<i>Unemployment</i>	15,614	16,665	14,521	-1,051	1,093
<i>Employment</i>	461,714	463,847	459,978	-2,133	1,736

LINCOLN MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Sep-16	Revised Aug-16	Sep-15	Changes Since Aug-16	Sep-15
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	2.4	-0.1	0.5
Labor Force	178,126	176,600	177,095	1,526	1,031
<i>Unemployment</i>	5,097	5,318	4,336	-221	761
<i>Employment</i>	173,029	171,282	172,759	1,747	270

GRAND ISLAND MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Sep-16	Revised Aug-16	Sep-15	Changes Since Aug-16	Sep-15
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.3	3.1	-0.1	0.1
Labor Force	43,513	44,173	43,676	-660	-153
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,376	1,473	1,337	-97	39
<i>Employment</i>	42,137	42,700	42,339	-563	-202

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	Sep-16 (Preliminary)	Aug-16 (Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.1	3.5
Columbus MC	Platte	3.4	3.5
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.1	3.3
Hastings MC	Adams, Clay	3.1	3.3
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.5	2.8
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	3.0	3.0
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.8	2.9
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.9	3.2
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	2.8	3.3
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner	3.6	3.8

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