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Monthly State Unemployment Rate Unchanged Since June 2015

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska’s preliminary unemployment rate for June is 3.0 percent, seasonally adjusted. The rate is the same as the May rate and has been unchanged since June of 2015.

“Nonfarm employment remains above one million filled jobs,” said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. “Employment levels in leisure and hospitality and financial activities reached new highs in June.”

Nonfarm employment grew by 1,773 over the month and by 12,753 over the year. Private industries with the most growth year over year were leisure and hospitality (up 5,727), education and health services (up 4,846) and professional and business services (up 1,008). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in leisure and hospitality (up 2,724), mining and construction (up 1,950); and professional and business services (up 846).

The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 4.9 percent, up by 0.2 percentage points over the month and down 0.4 percentage points from the June 2015 rate of 5.5 percent.

July 2016 data will be published Friday, August 19.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

NATIONAL

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Jun-16	Revised May-16	Jun-15	Changes Since May-16	Jun-15
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	5.3	0.2	-0.4

NEBRASKA

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Jun-16	Revised May-16	Jun-15	Changes Since May-16	Jun-15
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Labor Force	1,019,837	1,019,999	1,011,807	-162	8,030
<i>Unemployment</i>	30,755	30,567	29,908	188	847
<i>Employment</i>	989,082	989,432	981,899	-350	7,183

OMAHA MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Jun-16	Revised May-16	Jun-15	Changes Since May-16	Jun-15
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.0	3.5	0.5	0.0
Labor Force	482,869	479,876	480,128	2,993	2,741
<i>Unemployment</i>	16,828	14,269	16,649	2,559	179
<i>Employment</i>	466,041	465,607	463,479	434	2,562

LINCOLN MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Jun-16	Revised May-16	Jun-15	Changes Since May-16	Jun-15
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.5	2.9	0.6	0.2
Labor Force	177,100	177,926	175,544	-826	1,556
<i>Unemployment</i>	5,461	4,518	5,178	943	283
<i>Employment</i>	171,639	173,408	170,366	-1,769	1,273

GRAND ISLAND MSA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Prelim Jun-16	Revised May-16	Jun-15	Changes Since May-16	Jun-15
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.0	3.5	0.4	-0.1
Labor Force	44,964	44,206	44,351	758	613
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,523	1,341	1,571	182	-48
<i>Employment</i>	43,441	42,865	42,780	576	661

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	Jun-16 (Preliminary)	May-16 (Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.4	2.9
Columbus MC	Platte	3.8	3.5
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.5	2.8
Hastings MC	Adams, Clay	3.4	2.8
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.9	2.3
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	3.0	2.7
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	3.0	2.5
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	3.4	2.9
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	3.5	2.7
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner	3.6	3.4

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