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## Nebraska Monthly Unemployment Rate for September is 2.9 Percent

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska’s preliminary unemployment rate for September is 2.9 percent, seasonally adjusted. The jobless rate is up 0.1 percentage points from the August rate and down 0.3 percentage points from the September 2014 rate of 3.2 percent.

“September was the eighth consecutive month that Nebraska has had an unemployment rate below 3 percent,” said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. “September also showed an increase of more than 6,000 jobs from the year before.”

Nonfarm employment in September was 1,004,246, up by 6,294 compared to last September. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 4,175), other services (up 2,073) and financial activities (up 1,940). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in education and health services (up 956) and financial activities (up 309).

The seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate for August is 5.1 percent, unchanged from the August rate and down 0.8 percentage points from the September 2014 rate of 5.9 percent.

October 2015 data will be published Friday, November 20.

### Labor Force Estimates - National, State, Omaha MSA, Lincoln MSA, Grand Island MSA

Labor Force Estimates - National (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Aug-15	Sep-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	5.1	5.1	5.9	0.0	-0.8

Labor Force Estimates - Nebraska (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Aug-15	Sep-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.9	2.8	3.2	0.1	-0.3
<b>Labor Force</b>	1,007,524	1,006,685	1,021,768	839	-14,244
<i>Unemployment</i>	29,049	28,675	32,405	374	-3,356
<i>Employment</i>	978,475	978,010	989,363	465	-10,888

Labor Force Estimates - Omaha MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Aug-15	Sep-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.9	3.0	3.3	-0.1	-0.4
<b>Labor Force</b>	474,209	475,940	475,674	-1,731	-1,465
<i>Unemployment</i>	13,943	14,397	15,728	-454	-1785
<i>Employment</i>	460,266	461,543	459,946	-1,277	320

Labor Force Estimates - Lincoln MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Aug-15	Sep-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.2	2.3	2.6	-0.1	-0.4
<b>Labor Force</b>	177,440	177,524	178,620	-84	-1,180
<i>Unemployment</i>	3,932	4,060	4,671	-128	-739
<i>Employment</i>	173,508	173,464	173,949	44	-441

Labor Force Estimates - Grand Island MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Aug-15	Sep-14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.8	4.6	3.0	-1.8	-0.2
<b>Labor Force</b>	43,770	44,655	45,284	-885	-1,514
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,228	2,041	1,362	-813	-134
<i>Employment</i>	42,542	42,614	43,922	-72	-1,380

**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)	Counties included	Sept-15	Aug-15
		(Preliminary)	(Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.0	3.2
Columbus MC	Platte	2.5	2.5
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.0	3.2
Hastings MC*	Adams	2.5	2.9
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.1	2.2
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	2.7	2.7
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.3	2.4
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.4	2.5
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner, Sioux	3.0	3.1
Red Willow SA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	2.5	2.8

\*Hastings MC is a single county MC in 2015 (Clay County was dropped).