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September County Unemployment Rates *Rate Shows Decrease in 65 Counties*

NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s September unemployment rate at 5.4 percent, up slightly from the August seasonally adjusted rate of 5.1, was released on October 16, 2003. County unemployment rates released today showed that 65 county rates decreased, 21 counties increased, and nine county rates remained the same.

Williamson County at 2.6 percent, down from 2.7 percent, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Lauderdale County at 14.8 percent, down from 15.3, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Knox County was at 2.8 percent, down from 2.9, while Hamilton County rates went to 3.6 percent down from 3.9. Davidson County was at 4.0 percent, up from 3.9, while Shelby County remained at 5.8 percent over the month.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures

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