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August County Unemployment Rates *Rate Shows Decrease in 67 Counties*

NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s August unemployment rate at 5.0 percent, the same as the July rate, was released on September 18, 2003. County unemployment rates released today showed that 67 county rates decreased, 20 counties increased, and eight county rates remained the same.

Moore County at 2.3 percent, down from 3.2 over the month, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Lauderdale County at 15.3 percent, up from 13.5 percent, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Williamson County, at 2.7 percent, up from 2.6 percent, registered the state’s lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Knox County remained the same at 2.9 percent, while Hamilton County remained the same at 3.8 percent. Davidson County was at 3.9 percent, up from 3.8, and 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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