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## **June jobless rate increases**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports South Dakota’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in June 2009, compared to the May 2009 rate of 5.0 percent.

“The last time the unemployment rate was at this level was in August 1983,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “The highest unemployment rate in South Dakota based on BLS data going back to 1976 was 5.9 percent in October 1982.”

The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to rise, increasing over the month from 9.4 percent in May to 9.5 percent in June. The seasonal adjustment of data removes the effects of seasonal events which follow a regular pattern each year.

The preliminary, not seasonally adjusted level of nonfarm wage and salaried jobs in South Dakota increased to a level of 414,500 workers in June, an increase of 4,000 jobs compared to the revised May estimate of 410,500.

“This increase is related to seasonal hiring, including construction workers and temporary help hired for the summer months, especially in the hospitality and retail trade industries,” said Secretary Roberts.

An overview of the sub-state labor market, latest data releases and snapshot of South Dakota’s economy are available through the Department of Labor’s *e-Labor Bulletin*. The next release date is July 24. This publication and information on workforce services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).