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## **South Dakota unemployment rate remains at 5.0 percent**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports South Dakota’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2009 is 5.0 percent, unchanged from October 2009. The national rate is 10.0 percent.

Before 2009, the last time the seasonally adjusted unemployment reached 5.0 percent was in December 1985. The highest recorded unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in October 1982.

“There are about 10,000 more unemployed people looking for work now than at the same time two years ago when we were experiencing a thriving economy,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts.

Industries showing the largest over-the-year worker losses include mining, logging and construction; manufacturing; retail trade; and professional and business services.

“The South Dakota workforce is still feeling the effects of the national recession,” said Secretary Roberts. “However, the Department of Labor continues to offer workforce training and job search assistance at all 19 of our field offices.”

More information on the November 2009 labor force statistics for South Dakota and the nation is available on the South Dakota Department of Labor’s Web site at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org). An overview of the sub-state labor market will be released December 23 in the *e-Labor Bulletin*.