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## **Unemployment Rate Remains Stable**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports South Dakota’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2011 was 4.9 percent, remaining stable compared to the revised March 2011 rate of 4.9 percent. The April 2010 rate was 5.0 percent.

“This stability and the fact the number of employed workers in the seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 5,500 people over the year reflect economic recovery,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts.

From April 2010 to April 2011, preliminary estimates of South Dakota seasonally adjusted nonfarm workers show the total level of workers remaining stable, with the educational and health services sector and manufacturing sector adding the most workers.

“Hiring has resumed across the state, and the Department has been busy matching workers to jobs,” said Secretary Roberts.

Nationally, the April 2011 unemployment rate increased to 9.0 percent compared to the revised March 2011 rate of 8.8 percent. The national unemployment rate in April 2010 was 9.8 percent.

An overview of the sub-state labor market and a year in review article of South Dakota’s economy will be released May 27 in the e-Labor Bulletin. This publication and information on workforce services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).