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## **Unemployment Rate Unchanged**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports South Dakota’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2011 was 4.8 percent, unchanged from the May 2011 rate of 4.8 percent.

“The number of employed in the seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 4,000 people over the year,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. “South Dakota has seen several months of over-the-year employment growth, and we are hopeful this trend will continue.”

From June 2010 to June 2011, preliminary estimates of South Dakota seasonally adjusted nonfarm workers show the level of workers increased by 3,100 workers to a total nonfarm level of 406,600 workers.

Industries adding the most workers include manufacturing, educational and health services, and professional and business services.

Nationally, the June 2011 unemployment rate increased to 9.2 percent compared to the May 2011 rate of 9.1 percent. The national unemployment rate in June 2010 was 9.5 percent.

An overview of the sub-state labor market will be released July 26 in the e-Labor Bulletin. This publication and information on workforce services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)