

For Immediate Release: Wednesday, August 17, 2011
Media Contact: Dawn Dovre, 605-773-3094

Unemployment Rate Unchanged

PIERRE, S.D. – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports South Dakota’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2011 was 4.7 percent, unchanged from the revised June 2011 rate of 4.7 percent.

“The number of employed in the seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 3,500 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 this appears to be a continuing trend.”

From July 2010 to July 2011, preliminary estimates of South Dakota seasonally adjusted nonfarm workers show the level of workers increased by 4,500 for a total nonfarm level of 408,100. Industries adding the most workers include leisure and hospitality, educational and health services, and manufacturing.

Nationally, the July 2011 unemployment rate decreased to 9.1 percent compared to the revised June 2011 rate of 9.2 percent. The national unemployment rate in July 2010 was 9.5 percent; in South Dakota, it was 4.7 percent.

An overview of the sub-state labor market will be released August 26 in the e-Labor Bulletin. This publication and information on workforce services is available at www.sdjobs.org