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## **State Unemployment Rate is 4.4 Percent**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports South Dakota’s September 2012 preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 4.4 percent.

The South Dakota seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained relatively stable during the first three quarters of 2012, holding at 4.3 percent from February through June. The rate fluctuated during the most recent quarter, reaching 4.5 percent in August 2012 and ending with the preliminary September rate of 4.4 percent.

Over the year, South Dakota's September 2012 labor force of 442,600 decreased compared to the September 2011 level. The level of unemployed decreased by 400 (2.0 percent) to 19,700; the level of employed decreased by 3,000 (0.7 percent) to 422,900.

More detail about the statewide September labor force and nonfarm data is available on the Labor Market Information Center’s “What’s New” Web page at [http://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/whats\\_new.aspx](http://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/whats_new.aspx).

An overview of the sub-state labor market will be released October 26 in the e-Labor Bulletin at <http://www.sdjobs.org/>