

Kentucky officials say unemployment rates fell in 72 of the state's counties between July 2012 and last month.

They say the jobless rates rose in 42 counties and stayed the same in six other counties.

The figures were released Thursday by the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Locally, Emily Bailey says a number of local employers are looking for workers.

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The report says Woodford County had the state's lowest jobless rate at 5.8 percent. It was followed by Fayette County at 6.4 percent, Oldham County at 6.5 percent and Scott County at 6.6 percent.

Harlan County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 17.2 percent. Next was Leslie County at 16.9 percent, followed by Magoffin County at 16.8 percent and Letcher County at 16.3 percent.

The statewide unemployment rate was 8.5 percent last month.