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Jobless rate steady in 2 of 3 NKY counties

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Unemployment dropped in Boone County in November, while it stayed steady in Campbell and Kenton counties, according to new data Wednesday from the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The jobless rate in Boone County was 9.4 percent, down from 9.6 percent in October but up from 5.9 percent in November 2008.

Campbell County's rate stayed at 10.9 percent (it was 6.3 percent in November 2008) while Kenton County rate stayed at 10.2 percent (it was 6.4 percent in November 2008).

The number of people working in the three counties rose by 2,429 people to 174,132, the state data showed. Meanwhile the number of unemployed people fell slightly, by 183, to 19,618. But the jobless rates stayed relatively stable because 3,122 more people were looking for work, offsetting the gain in jobs.

The state's seven county Northern Kentucky region, which includes Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Owen and Pendleton counties, had a 10.3 percent jobless rate. The reading was down from 10.4 percent in October but up from 6.5 percent in November 2008.

Kentucky's statewide jobless rate fell to 10.1 percent in November, down from 10.7 percent in October but up from 6.7 percent in November 2008.

The report on the Kentucky counties comes a day after Ohio officials reported the 15-county Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region had a jobless rate of 9.5 percent for November. The reading was down from 9.6 percent in October but up from 6.2 percent in November 2008, according to data from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

By comparison, the national seasonally unadjusted jobless rate for November was 9.4 percent, down from 9.5 percent and 6.5 percent in November 2008.