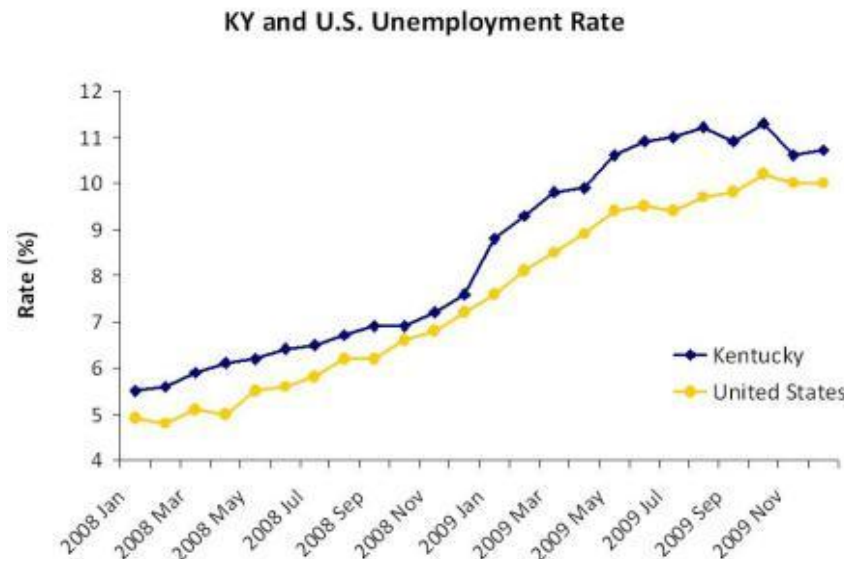


December Unemployment Up 3.1 Percentage Points Since Last Year

Kentucky’s unemployment rate increased to 10.7 percent in December. This marks a slight increase over last month’s rate of 10.6 percent and an increase of 3.1 percentage points since last December. Kentucky’s rate remains 0.7 percentage point higher than the national rate of 10 percent.



SOURCE: Workforce Kentucky. (2010). "Labor Force Statistics- Local Area Unemployment Statistics." Available at <http://www.workforcekentucky.ky.gov/cgi/dataanalysis/labForceReport.asp?menuchoice=LABFORCE>.

Of the 11 major nonfarm job sectors measured by the unemployment statistics, seven reported employment increases and four reported decreases in December 2009. The government sector, including public education, increased by 700 jobs last month, but has 3,6000 fewer jobs since December 2008. The manufacturing sector fell by 300 jobs last month, and has 21,800 fewer jobs since December 2008.

Note: According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate takes into account those who are currently unemployed and actively seeking work. Individuals who are discouraged and are no longer looking for work are not included in the unemployment rate.

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