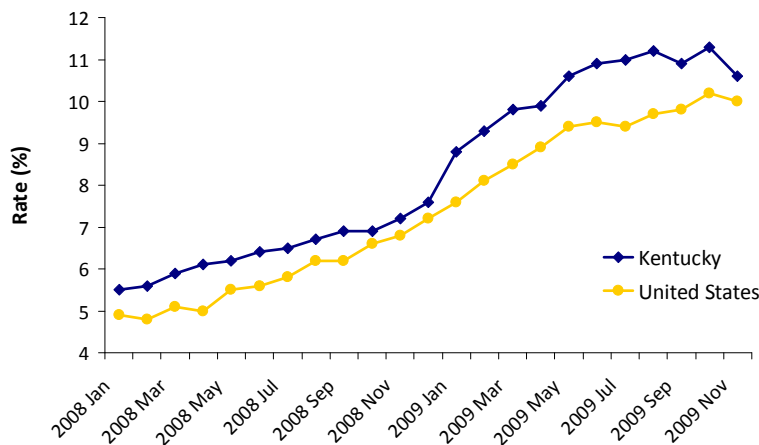


**November Unemployment decreases to 10.6 percent,
Still 3.4 percentage points higher than November 2008**

Kentucky's unemployment rate decreased to 10.6 percent in November. This marks a slight decrease over last month's rate of 11.3 (revised from 11.2) percent and an increase of 3.4 percentage points since last November. Kentucky's rate remains 0.6 percentage point higher than the national rate of 10 percent.

KY and U.S. Unemployment Rate



SOURCE: Workforce Kentucky. (2009). "Labor Force Statistics- Local Area Unemployment Statistics." Available at <http://www.workforcekentucky.ky.gov/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Labforce>.

These numbers indicate Kentucky's economy is showing some signs of stabilization. However, part of the decrease is due to the fact that individuals facing long-term unemployment continue to drop out of the labor force and more people are turning to part-time work, according to Dr. Justine Detzel, chief labor market analyst with Workforce Kentucky.

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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