



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Alabama's July Unemployment Rate is 10.0% *Number of New Jobs and Job-Seekers Continue to Increase*

MONTGOMERY- Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees announced today that Alabama's July 2011 unemployment rate rose to 10.0%, up slightly from June's rate of 9.9% and the 9.2% recorded a year ago. July's rate represents 215,902 unemployed persons, compared to 213,886 last month and 194,194 in July 2010.

"While we are disappointed to report any increase in our seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, we are encouraged by the jobs coming into the state," said Surtees. "There are significantly more Alabamians working in July than in January this year. In addition, we continue to see more discouraged workers resuming their job search, with more unemployed active job seekers in July. So while we have seen more jobs, we have also seen more job seekers as well," he continued.

The counties with the lowest unemployment rates were: Shelby County at 7.0%, Coffee County at 7.7% and Pike County at 8.1%. The counties with the highest unemployment rates were: Wilcox County at 23.3%, Perry County at 20.5% and Dallas County at 19.9%.

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