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Cincinnati metro unemployment dropped in April

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The Cincinnati-Middletown metro area had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state during April, according to figures from the **Bureau of Labor Statistics**.

The jobless rate fell to 4.6 percent, from 5.2 percent in March and 4.9 percent in April 2007, according to a news release.

Regional April jobless rates:

- Akron-Canton's rate dropped to 5.1 percent from 5.9 percent in March and 5.1 percent a year ago;
- Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor's rate was 6.2 percent, down from 6.3 percent the month before, but above the year-ago rate of 5.4 percent;
- Columbus had the lowest rate among the state's urban areas, at 4.5 percent versus 4.9 percent in March and 4.7 percent the year before;
- Dayton's rate of 6.2 percent bested the March rate of 6.7 percent, but was up from 5.7 percent year over year;
- Indianapolis' rate fell to 4.1 percent from 4.8 percent a month ago, but was up from 3.9 percent in April 2007;
- Lexington-Fayette saw its rate drop to 4.2 percent from 4.7 percent in March, but it stayed above the year-ago rate of 4 percent.
- Louisville-Jefferson county's rate was 5.3 percent, below March's 5.6 percent rate, but up from 4.8 percent year over year.
- Toledo's 6.4 percent rate plummeted from 7.2 percent in March, but was higher than the 6 percent posted in April 2007.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, up from 4.3 percent in April 2007, the bureau said.

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