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RASMUSSEN COLLEGE CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PROCLAIMS
GRIM NEWS ON THE JOB FRONT AS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES
For The First Time In Months, The National Unemployment Rate Rises, And The Situation Looks
Dismal For Job Seekers, According To Rasmussen College National Director Of Career
Development

Report told an unwelcome, but anticipated story today—the unemployment rate is again on the
rise as it went from 9.0 to 9.1 percent.

Despite several strong months of job growth average more than 200,000 new jobs every month,
the growth for jobs in the private sector was limited to 83,000 new jobs. Meanwhile, 29,000 state
and local government jobs were lost as well, according to the employment report.

According to Tamryn Hennessy, National Director of Career Development at Rasmussen
College, today’s job news was even grimmer than expected, especially as we look to the future
of job growth.

“Besides the unfortunate increase in unemployment, of further concern are two areas indicative
of non-growth in the future—temporary hiring was down and the average workweek hours
remained constant,” Hennessy said. “Temporary hiring is a good predictor of future permanent
hiring, and it is typically a good sign when the workweek is lengthened, as it means that new
hires may become necessary.”

Another area that took a turn, according to Hennessy, was employment by education level.
Although the trend has been that unemployment has been decreasing for people with some
college or an associate’s degree, unemployment for this group actually increased from 7.5 to 8.0
percent while the unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent for those with a bachelor’s degree
or higher.

Although much of the news was negative there was good news for people in accounting,
technology, and healthcare fields. According to the report, accounting and bookkeeping added
17,800 jobs, computer systems design added 8,200 jobs, and healthcare added 27,200 jobs.

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