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## City of Yakima Unemployment Continues at Record Lows

With a jobless rate of just 5.5 percent for the month of April, the city of Yakima's unemployment numbers continue at all-time record lows.

That's according to figures released yesterday, Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, by the State of Washington's Employment Security Department.

The numbers, which are not seasonally adjusted, show an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent in the city of Yakima for the month of April 2018. That's the city's lowest rate for the month of April since the state agency began implementing electronic records back in 1990. The April 2018 figure is down from the 5.8 percent unemployment rate in April 2017.

"Remarkably, this is just the second time since 1990 that Yakima's unemployment rate for April has been below 6 percent," said Assistant City Manager Ana Cortez-Steiner. "And the 5.5 percent rate announced yesterday is more than 1 percent lower than February's, again showing great job gains for the city of Yakima."

The Employment Security Department will issue its next unemployment update on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.