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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2017 was 2.8 percent, unchanged from the March rate which remained at 2.8 percent after revision. The April 2016 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.8 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for April 2017 placed the number of employed residents at 731,530, an increase of 380 from the previous month and an increase of 6,010 from April 2016. The number of unemployed residents increased by 400 over-the-month to 21,410. This was 260 more unemployed than in April 2016. From March to April 2017, the total labor force increased by 780 to 752,940. This was an increase of 6,270 from April 2016.

The unadjusted April 2017 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.8 percent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the March rate which remained at 3.2 percent after revision. The April 2016 unadjusted rate was 2.8 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2017 was 4.4 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the March rate, and a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the April 2016 rate. The national unadjusted rate for April 2017 was 4.1 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the March rate, and a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the April 2016 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are available on our Internet Web site: www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi concurrent with this release. Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, May 25. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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