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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2015 was 3.9 percent, unchanged from the February rate which remained at 3.9 percent after revision. The March 2014 seasonally adjusted rate was 4.5 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for March 2015 placed the number of employed residents at 716,940, an increase of 2,230 from the previous month and an increase of 8,390 from March 2014. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 350 over-the-month to 28,940. This was 4,630 fewer unemployed than in March 2014. From February 2015 to March 2015, the total labor force increased by 1,880 to 745,880. This was an increase of 3,760 from March 2014.

The unadjusted March 2015 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 4.2 percent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the February rate which remained at 4.5 percent after revision. The March 2014 unadjusted rate was 4.9 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2015 was 5.5 percent, unchanged from the February rate, and a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the March 2014 rate. The national unadjusted rate for March 2015 was 5.6 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the February rate, and a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from the March 2014 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are available on our Internet Web site: [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi) concurrent with this release. Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, April 23. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter New Hampshire Economic Conditions.

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