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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 was 2.8 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the September rate which remained at 2.9 percent after revision. The October 2015 seasonally adjusted rate was 3.2 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for October 2016 placed the number of employed residents at 734,910, a decrease of 220 from the previous month and an increase of 17,640 from October 2015. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 1,020 over-the-month to 21,090. This was 2,600 fewer unemployed than in October 2015. From September 2016 to October 2016, the total labor force decreased by 1,240 to 756,000. This was an increase of 15,040 from October 2015.

The unadjusted October 2016 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.3 percent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the September rate which remained at 2.6 percent after revision. The October 2015 unadjusted rate was 2.9 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 was 4.9 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the September rate, and a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the October 2015 rate. The national unadjusted rate for October 2016 was 4.7 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the September rate, and a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the October 2015 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 Wednesday, November 23. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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