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New Hampshire’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2020 was 6.0 percent, reflecting the impact on unemployment due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. This was a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the August rate, which increased to 6.6 percent after revision. The September 2019 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.6 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for September 2020 placed the number of employed residents at 697,230, an increase of 7,900 from the previous month and a decrease of 59,230 from September 2019. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 4,410 over-the-month to 44,510. This was 24,580 more unemployed than in September 2019. From August to September 2020, the total labor force increased by 3,490 to 741,740. This was a decrease of 34,650 from September 2019.

The unadjusted September 2020 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 5.6 percent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the August rate, which remained at 6.4 percent after revision. The September 2019 unadjusted rate was 2.3 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2020 was 7.9 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the August rate, and an increase of 4.4 percentage points from the September 2019 rate. The national unadjusted rate for September 2020 was 7.7 percent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the August rate, and an increase of 4.4 percentage points from the September 2019 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are available on our Internet Web site: www.nhes.nh.gov/elmj concurrent with this release. Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, October 22. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter New Hampshire Economic Conditions.

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