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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2017 was 2.6 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the November rate which remained at 2.7 percent after revision. The December 2016 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.7 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for December 2017 placed the number of employed residents at 724,510, a decrease of 1,900 from the previous month and a decrease of 6,290 from December 2016. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 480 over-the-month to 19,530. This was 990 fewer unemployed than in December 2016. From November to December 2017, the total labor force decreased by 2,380 to 744,040. This was a decrease of 7,280 from December 2016.

The unadjusted December 2017 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.3 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the November rate which remained at 2.5 percent after revision. The December 2016 unadjusted rate was 2.5 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2017 was 4.1 percent, unchanged from the November rate, and a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the December 2016 rate. The national unadjusted rate for December 2017 was 3.9 percent, unchanged from the November rate, and a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the December 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, January 25. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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