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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2018 was 2.5 percent, unchanged from the November rate which remained at 2.5 percent after revision. The December 2017 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.6 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for December 2018 placed the number of employed residents at 745,180, an increase of 1,350 from the previous month and an increase of 17,930 from December 2017. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 460 over-the-month to 18,720. This was 710 fewer unemployed than in December 2017. From November to December 2018, the total labor force increased by 890 to 763,900. This was an increase of 17,220 from December 2017.

The unadjusted December 2018 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.1 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the November rate which remained at 2.2 percent after revision. The December 2017 unadjusted rate was 2.3 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2018 was 3.9 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the November rate, and a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the December 2017 rate. The national unadjusted rate for December 2018 was 3.7 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the November rate, and a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the December 2017 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 24. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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