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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2018 was 2.6 percent, unchanged from the March rate which remained at 2.6 percent after revision. The April 2017 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.7 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for April 2018 placed the number of employed residents at 731,080, an increase of 1,650 from the previous month and an increase of 5,000 from April 2017. The number of unemployed residents increased by 380 over-the-month to 19,640. This was 600 fewer unemployed than in April 2017. From March to April 2018, the total labor force increased by 2,030 to 750,720. This was an increase of 4,400 from April 2017.

The unadjusted April 2018 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.7 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the March rate which remained at 2.9 percent after revision. The April 2017 unadjusted rate was 2.6 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2018 was 3.9 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the March rate, and a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2017 rate. The national unadjusted rate for April 2018 was 3.7 percent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the March rate, and a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the April 2017 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, May 24. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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