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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2018 was 2.6 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the September rate which remained at 2.7 percent after revision. The October 2017 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.6 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for October 2018 placed the number of employed residents at 742,740, an increase of 1,190 from the previous month and an increase of 15,340 from October 2017. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 520 over-the-month to 19,730. This was 230 more unemployed than in October 2017. From September to October 2018, the total labor force increased by 670 to 762,470. This was an increase of 15,570 from October 2017.

The unadjusted October 2018 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.1 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the September rate which remained at 2.3 percent after revision. The October 2017 unadjusted rate was 2.3 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2018 was 3.7 percent, unchanged from the September rate, and a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the October 2017 rate. The national unadjusted rate for October 2018 was 3.5 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the September rate, and a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the October 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 Wednesday, November 21. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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