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New Hampshire’s preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2021 was 2.8 percent. This was a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the March rate, which remained at 3.0 percent after revision. The April 2020 seasonally adjusted rate was 16.0 percent, representing the peak unemployment rate in New Hampshire during the coronavirus pandemic.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for April 2021 placed the number of employed residents at 735,970, a decrease of 490 from the previous month and an increase of 118,630 from April 2020. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 1,460 over-the-month to 21,410. This was 96,280 fewer unemployed than in April 2020. From March 2021 to April 2021, the total labor force decreased by 1,950 to 757,380. This was an increase of 22,350 from April 2020.

The unadjusted April 2021 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.7 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the March rate, which remained at 3.2 percent after revision. The April 2020 unadjusted rate was 16.1 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2021 was 6.1 percent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the March rate, and a decrease of 8.7 percentage points from the April 2020 rate. The national unadjusted rate for April 2021 was 5.7 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the March rate, and a decrease of 8.7 percentage points from the April 2020 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are available on our Internet Web site: www.nhes.nh.gov/elmiconcurrent with this release. Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, May 27. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter New Hampshire Economic Conditions.

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