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

Seasonally adjusted estimates for March 2018 placed the number of employed residents at 729,500, an increase of 1,420 from the previous month and an increase of 3,700 from March 2017. The number of unemployed residents increased by 30 over-the-month to 19,260. This was 1,150 fewer unemployed than in March 2017. From February to March 2018, the total labor force increased by 1,450 to 748,760. This was an increase of 2,550 from March 2017.

The unadjusted March 2018 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 2.9 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the February rate which remained at 3.0 percent after revision. The March 2017 unadjusted rate was 3.1 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2018 was 4.1 percent, unchanged from the February rate, and a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the March 2017 rate. The national unadjusted rate for March 2018 was 4.1 percent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the February rate, and a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the March 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, April 26. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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