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New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2018 was 2.6 percent, unchanged from the December 2017 rate which remained at 2.6 percent after revision. The January 2017 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.8 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for January 2018 placed the number of employed residents at 727,310, an increase of 60 from the previous month and an increase of 1,770 from January 2017. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 60 over-the-month to 19,370. This was 1,410 fewer unemployed than in January 2017. From December 2017 to January 2018, the total labor force was unchanged at 746,680. This was an increase of 360 from January 2017.

The unadjusted January 2018 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 3.1 percent, an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the December rate which remained at 2.3 percent after revision. The January 2017 unadjusted rate was 3.3 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2018 was 4.1 percent, unchanged from the December 2017 rate, and a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the January 2017 rate. The national unadjusted rate for January 2018 was 4.5 percent, an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the December 2017 rate, and a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2017 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are expected to be available on our Internet Web site: [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi) on Monday, March 5. Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, March 8. All monthly data will continue to be published in the monthly newsletter *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*.

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