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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in November 2017, unchanged from October but down from 6.7 percent in November 2016. The national unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, also unchanged from October, but down from 4.6 percent a year ago.

New Mexico added 9,600 total nonagricultural jobs between November 2016 and November 2017, representing an over-the-year increase of 1.1 percent. For the twelfth consecutive month, all aggregate gains came from the private sector, which expanded by 12,600 jobs, or 2.0 percent. Within the private sector, the private service-providing industries reported an additional 10,200 jobs, representing a gain of 1.8 percent, while the goods-producing industries grew by 2,400 jobs, or 2.7 percent. Nine industries added jobs, three posted losses, and one reported no change from its November 2016 estimate.

Employment in construction was up 3,000 jobs, or 6.7 percent, which represented the largest numeric and percentage gain of all industries. The leisure and hospitality industry added 2,600 jobs, representing a gain of 2.7 percent. Employment in professional and business services grew by 2,000 jobs, or 2.0 percent, marking the industry's thirtieth consecutive month of growth. Financial activities (up 4.8 percent) and education and health services (up 1.1 percent) each added 1,600 jobs. Much of the increase in education and health services came from educational services, which was up 1,500 jobs, or 6.6 percent. Health care and social assistance was up 100 jobs, or 0.1 percent. Employment in transportation, warehousing, and utilities was up 1,400 jobs, or 5.6 percent. Retail trade added 800 jobs to its year-ago employment level, representing a gain of 0.8 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* (up 300 jobs, or 1.0 percent) and wholesale trade (up 100 jobs, or 0.5 percent) each posted modest gains.

Employment in the mining industry fell by 600 jobs, or 3.2 percent. Information reported a loss of 200 jobs, representing a decrease of 1.5 percent. Employment in manufacturing was unchanged in the aggregate. Within manufacturing, a gain of 100 jobs, or 0.9 percent, in non-durable goods was offset by a loss of 100 jobs, or 0.7 percent, in durable goods.

Government employment contracted by 3,000 jobs, or 1.5 percent, over the year. Local government reported a loss of 1,500 jobs, or 1.4 percent, with local government education down 300 jobs, or 0.5 percent. State government contracted by 1,400 jobs, or 2.3 percent, with state government education down 900 jobs, or 3.1 percent. Federal government employment was down by 100 jobs, or 0.3 percent.

Detailed analysis will be provided in the *Labor Market Review* scheduled for release on December 29.

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary Nov-17	Revised Oct-17	Revised Nov-16	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	851,500	848,800	841,900	2,700	9,600
Total Private	657,800	656,100	645,200	1,700	12,600
Goods-Producing	92,400	92,500	90,000	-100	2,400
Mining, Logging & Construction	66,000	65,600	63,600	400	2,400
<i>Mining & Logging</i>	18,400	18,400	19,000	0	-600
<i>Construction</i>	47,600	47,200	44,600	400	3,000
Manufacturing	26,400	26,900	26,400	-500	0
<i>Durable Goods</i>	14,900	14,900	15,000	0	-100
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	11,500	12,000	11,400	-500	100
Service-Providing	759,100	756,300	751,900	2,800	7,200
Private Service-Providing	565,400	563,600	555,200	1,800	10,200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	143,500	140,900	141,200	2,600	2,300
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	21,500	21,000	21,400	500	100
<i>Retail Trade</i>	95,700	94,100	94,900	1,600	800
<i>Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities</i>	26,300	25,800	24,900	500	1,400
Information	13,000	12,700	13,200	300	-200
Financial Activities	35,000	34,500	33,400	500	1,600
Professional & Business Services	103,900	104,600	101,900	-700	2,000
Education & Health Services	143,500	143,000	141,900	500	1,600
<i>Educational Services</i>	24,200	24,100	22,700	100	1,500
<i>Health Care & Social Assistance</i>	119,300	118,900	119,200	400	100
Leisure & Hospitality	97,600	99,000	95,000	-1,400	2,600
Other Services	28,900	28,900	28,600	0	300
Government	193,700	192,700	196,700	1,000	-3,000
Federal Government	29,200	29,500	29,300	-300	-100
State Government	59,500	59,300	60,900	200	-1,400
<i>State Government Education</i>	28,200	28,100	29,100	100	-900
Local Government	105,000	103,900	106,500	1,100	-1,500
<i>Local Government Education</i>	55,800	55,000	56,100	800	-300

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	160,529	153,918	6,610	4.1%	160,381	153,861	6,520	4.1%	159,456	152,048	7,409	4.6%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	160,466	154,180	6,286	3.9%	160,465	154,223	6,242	3.9%	159,451	152,385	7,066	4.4%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

New Mexico Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted Unless Noted as "SA")

	Preliminary November 2017				Revised October 2017				Revised November 2016			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	932,930	876,422	56,508	6.1%	931,378	874,248	57,130	6.1%	928,535	865,859	62,676	6.7%
STATEWIDE	938,742	884,834	53,908	5.7%	932,944	878,178	54,766	5.9%	935,046	874,658	60,388	6.5%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				424,531	398,649	25,882	6.1%
Albuquerque MSA	431,747	408,461	23,286	5.4%	428,293	404,358	23,935	5.6%	428,308	403,131	25,177	5.9%
Bernalillo	331,944	314,843	17,101	5.2%	329,045	311,395	17,650	5.4%	328,934	310,386	18,548	5.6%
Sandoval	63,717	59,992	3,725	5.8%	63,161	59,312	3,849	6.1%	63,576	59,478	4,098	6.4%
Torrance	5,739	5,185	554	9.7%	5,949	5,470	479	8.1%	5,618	5,122	496	8.8%
Valencia	30,347	28,441	1,906	6.3%	30,138	28,181	1,957	6.5%	30,180	28,145	2,035	6.7%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				53,234	48,438	4,796	9.0%
Farmington MSA	52,881	49,512	3,369	6.4%	52,911	49,470	3,441	6.5%	53,516	49,030	4,486	8.4%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				95,587	88,853	6,734	7.0%
Las Cruces MSA	95,863	89,869	5,994	6.3%	95,062	89,188	5,874	6.2%	96,380	89,949	6,431	6.7%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				72,667	68,810	3,857	5.3%
Santa Fe MSA	73,855	70,263	3,592	4.9%	73,493	69,756	3,737	5.1%	73,666	69,892	3,774	5.1%
Catron	1,157	1,066	91	7.9%	1,175	1,092	83	7.1%	1,166	1,064	102	8.7%
Chaves	27,451	25,846	1,605	5.8%	27,321	25,668	1,653	6.1%	27,981	26,102	1,879	6.7%
Cibola	9,196	8,512	684	7.4%	9,131	8,433	698	7.6%	9,082	8,320	762	8.4%
Colfax	5,243	4,901	342	6.5%	5,331	4,992	339	6.4%	5,352	5,001	351	6.6%
Curry	22,005	21,017	988	4.5%	21,857	20,791	1,066	4.9%	21,867	20,739	1,128	5.2%
De Baca	840	798	42	5.0%	819	780	39	4.8%	784	747	37	4.7%
Eddy	28,708	27,406	1,302	4.5%	28,272	26,889	1,383	4.9%	28,002	26,152	1,850	6.6%
Grant	12,405	11,679	726	5.9%	12,320	11,571	749	6.1%	12,530	11,725	805	6.4%
Guadalupe	1,656	1,554	102	6.2%	1,656	1,557	99	6.0%	1,736	1,612	124	7.1%
Harding	287	267	20	7.0%	293	271	22	7.5%	282	265	17	6.0%
Hidalgo	2,133	2,023	110	5.2%	2,155	2,052	103	4.8%	2,203	2,095	108	4.9%
Lea	27,894	26,335	1,559	5.6%	27,589	25,928	1,661	6.0%	26,693	24,344	2,349	8.8%
Lincoln	8,556	8,065	491	5.7%	8,600	8,110	490	5.7%	8,400	7,894	506	6.0%
Los Alamos	8,968	8,634	334	3.7%	8,871	8,539	332	3.7%	8,750	8,383	367	4.2%
Luna	9,895	8,467	1,428	14.4%	10,342	9,278	1,064	10.3%	9,765	8,223	1,542	15.8%
McKinley	24,487	22,472	2,015	8.2%	24,260	22,206	2,054	8.5%	24,475	22,317	2,158	8.8%
Mora	2,175	2,009	166	7.6%	2,236	2,075	161	7.2%	2,215	2,026	189	8.5%
Otero	25,011	23,583	1,428	5.7%	24,824	23,322	1,502	6.1%	25,575	24,005	1,570	6.1%
Quay	3,169	2,990	179	5.6%	3,181	2,988	193	6.1%	3,228	3,018	210	6.5%
Rio Arriba	16,591	15,600	991	6.0%	16,595	15,589	1,006	6.1%	16,650	15,488	1,162	7.0%
Roosevelt	8,068	7,679	389	4.8%	8,002	7,600	402	5.0%	8,048	7,613	435	5.4%
San Miguel	10,937	10,176	761	7.0%	10,893	10,127	766	7.0%	11,082	10,262	820	7.4%
Sierra	4,132	3,838	294	7.1%	4,173	3,880	293	7.0%	4,113	3,790	323	7.9%
Socorro	6,602	6,203	399	6.0%	6,550	6,140	410	6.3%	6,670	6,207	463	6.9%
Taos	14,946	13,795	1,151	7.7%	14,801	13,661	1,140	7.7%	14,658	13,476	1,182	8.1%
Union	1,882	1,812	70	3.7%	1,938	1,866	72	3.7%	1,870	1,788	82	4.4%

Notes: Current MSA SA labor force estimates will be released December 29 in the November 2017 *Labor Market Review* publication and in the NMDWS LASER system, both available under the Labor Market Information tab at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/>. All MSA SA series from January 1990 forward are available through LASER and from BLS at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrosa.htm>.

Totals may not sum because of rounding.

County Unemployment Rates, November 2017 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

