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BOSTON, MA — BOSTON MA -March 14, 2018 --- [Local unemployment rates increased in twenty-four labor market areas](#) in the state during the month of January, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to January 2017, the rates were down in twenty-three labor market areas and remained the same in one labor market area.

[All fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded a seasonal job loss in January.](#) The largest losses occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Springfield, Worcester, Barnstable, Framingham, and Peabody-Salem-Beverly areas.

From January 2017 to January 2018, twelve of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, Barnstable, Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, and Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide-unadjusted unemployment rate for January was 4.0 percent.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.5 percent in the month of January.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 6,100 job loss in January, and an over-the-year gain of 29,000 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOTES: The preliminary February 2018 and the revised January 2018 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday March 23, 2018; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the [2018 Media Advisory](#) annual schedule for complete listing of release dates.

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