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BOSTON — Local unemployment rates decreased in twenty-one labor market areas and remained unchanged in three labor market areas in the state during the month of March, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to March 2018, the rates dropped in twenty-four labor market areas.

Thirteen of the fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded seasonal job gains in March (http://lmi2.detma.org/lmi/MA_NECTADData.pdf). The largest gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Barnstable, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, and Framingham areas. Jobs in the Pittsfield area remained unchanged over the month while the Worcester area lost jobs.

From March 2018 to March 2019, nine of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the Leominster-Gardner, Springfield, New Bedford, and Barnstable areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide-unadjusted unemployment rate for March was 3.1 percent.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the month of remained at 3.0 percent.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 4,100 job gain in March, and an over-the-year gain of 28,200 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 (BLS). Estimates for towns with 2010 Census population of less than 1,000 were produced using the BLS methodology, but are not official BLS estimates.

NOTES: The preliminary April 2019 and the revised March 2019 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, May 17, 2019; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/Imi (/Imi). See the [2019 Media Advisory](http://Imi2.detma.org/Imi/Newsrelease/media2019.pdf) (<http://Imi2.detma.org/Imi/Newsrelease/media2019.pdf>) for complete list of release dates.

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