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## Press Release



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### Statement from Governor Hassan on July Unemployment Rate

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan today issued the following statement on the announcement of the July unemployment data, which showed that New Hampshire's unemployment rate remained one of the lowest in the nation, with more people entering the workforce, and the number of employed Granite Staters continuing to hit new record levels:

"Our low unemployment rate, record number of employed Granite Staters and growing labor force are clear signs that our economy continues to strengthen. Over the last several years, we have worked together across party lines to move our economy forward and make progress for our people and businesses, but there is still more work to do to help all of our citizens access high-quality jobs, support our innovative businesses and expand middle class opportunity.

"While our unemployment rate remains among the lowest in the nation and our labor force and the number of employed Granite Staters continue to grow, innovative businesses need more skilled workers now. Our Gateway to Work initiative has strong support from the business community because it will help develop an even stronger workforce that our businesses need to grow and thrive, and I continue to urge the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee to approve the transfer of existing federal funds so that we can get this important program up and running.

"As our economy continues to strengthen, I will continue working with members from both parties to make progress on the critical economic priorities that will help support job-creating businesses, expand middle class opportunity and build a stronger, more innovative New Hampshire where all of our people who work hard have the opportunity to get ahead and stay ahead."

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