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Hawaii unemployment rate declines slightly in March

Hawaii's unemployment rate dropped slightly during March, with 600 fewer persons on the jobless lists than during the previous month.

State Labor Director Joshua Agsalud said there were 31,900 persons without jobs last month, a decline of one-tenth of one per cent to 8.1 per cent of the statewide labor force.

The national unemployment rate for March was 7.3 per cent.

Although Hawaii unemployment was down, the number of men and women holding jobs was up. There

were 363,600 workers during March, compared with 361,000 in February.

Agسالud said the increases were seasonal, with most of them in State government and in retail sales.

Lower unemployment rates were reported in all counties except Oahu, where the jobless rate was 7.8 per cent. This was the same as in February.

Hawaii County's rate decreased from 9.8 to 9.6 per cent, Maui's dropped from 11 to 9.1 per cent and Kauai's declined from 8.1 to 7.7 per cent.

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