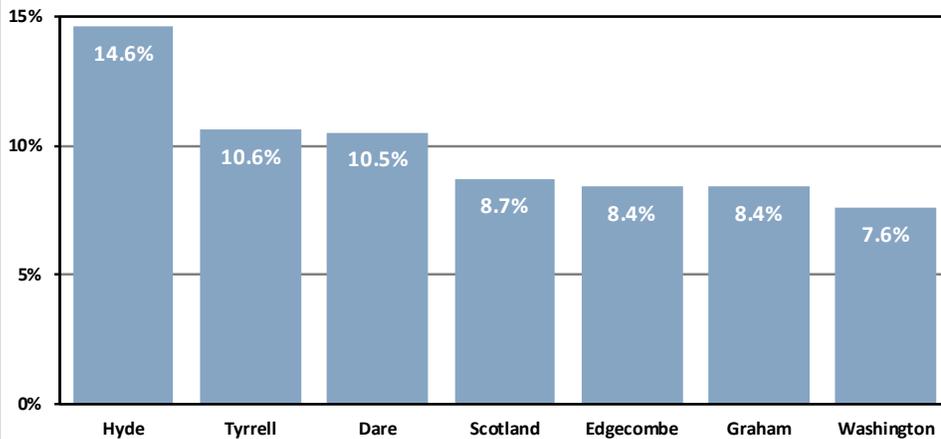
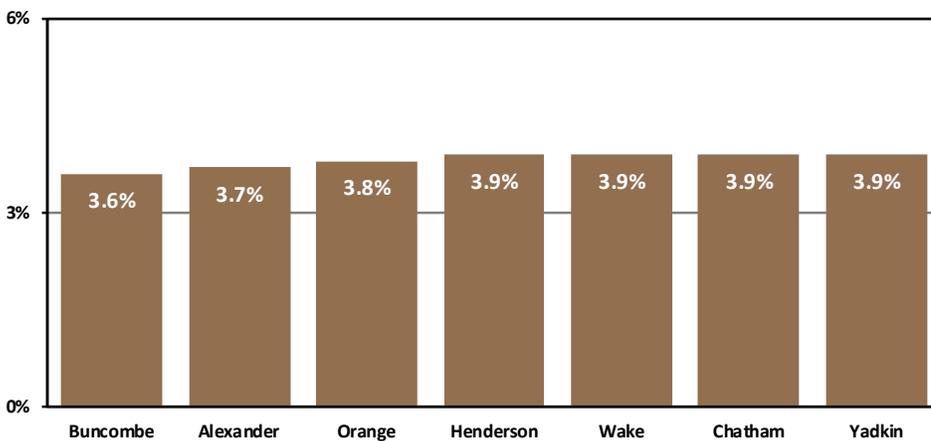


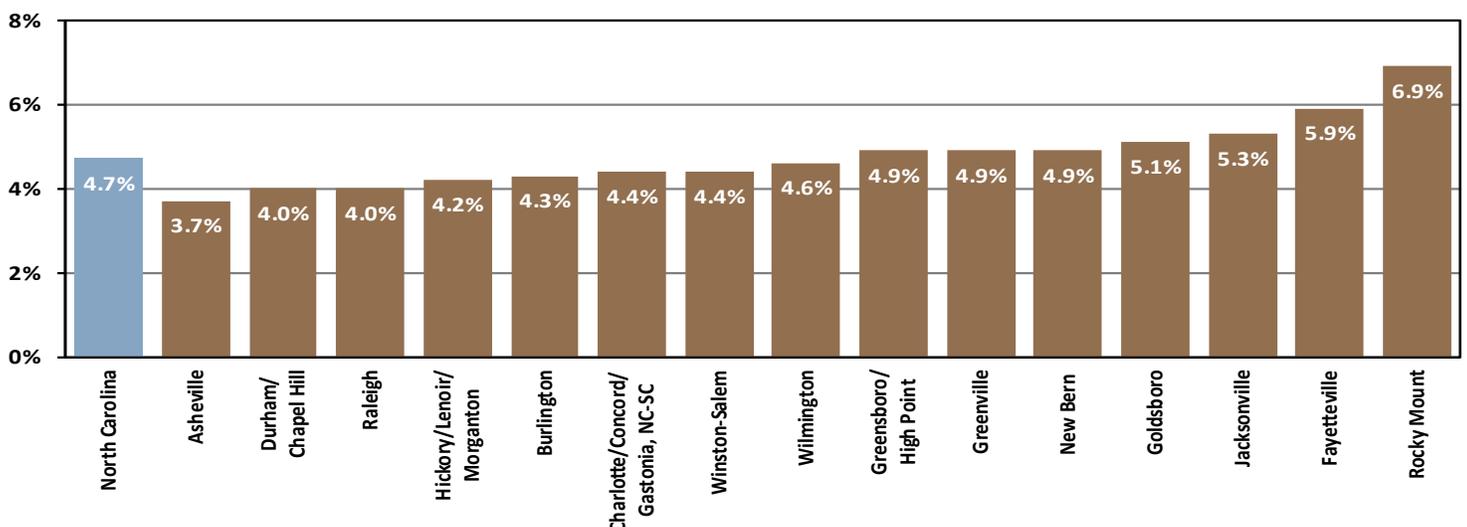
Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.7 percent in January. This increased 0.3 of a percentage point from December's benchmarked rate, while falling 0.5 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 93 of 100 counties. Forty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.7 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded January's highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent, followed by Tyrrell at 10.6 percent, Dare at 10.5 percent, Scotland at 8.7 percent, and Edgecombe & Graham at 8.4 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.7 percent, and Orange at 3.8 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in 14 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in January at 6.9 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.9 percent, and Jacksonville at 5.3 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill & Raleigh at 4.0 percent.

*All January 2018 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 3.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 191,100
 Monthly Change | (-3,400) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (4,700) 2.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-4.5%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000	-2.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	-600	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-1.8%
Other Services	-100	-1.2%
Government	-300	-1.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.7%
Manufacturing	700	3.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.4%
Information	-100	-4.8%
Financial Activities	200	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	1,000	5.9%
Education & Health Services	500	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	4.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	400	1.6%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 60,800
 Monthly Change | (-1,300) -2.1%
 Yearly Change | (100) 0.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.7%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700	-5.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-1.5%
Information	-100	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.3%
Other Services	100	5.0%
Government	100	1.5%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,188,100
 Monthly Change | (-23,200) -1.9%
 Yearly Change | (34,800) 3.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,600	-2.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-10,700	-4.3%
Information	-100	-0.4%
Financial Activities	-800	-0.9%
Professional & Business Services	-3,700	-1.8%
Education & Health Services	-1,400	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,000	-1.5%
Other Services	-900	-2.2%
Government	-2,000	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,000	3.4%
Manufacturing	1,600	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300	0.6%
Information	900	3.3%
Financial Activities	2,800	3.1%
Professional & Business Services	3,700	1.9%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	9,200	7.3%
Other Services	1,100	2.8%
Government	8,300	5.4%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 307,400
 Monthly Change | (-5,800) -1.9%
 Yearly Change | (3,300) 1.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-3.7%
Manufacturing	-300	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-3.2%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.2%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-2,600	-3.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.3%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.4%
Professional & Business Services	700	1.7%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.1%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	1,700	2.5%

Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All January 2018 data are preliminary.

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 129,400
 Monthly Change | (-2,600) -2.0%
 Yearly Change | (400) 0.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-4.2%
Manufacturing	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-4.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-500	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	7.0%
Manufacturing	200	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.4%
Information	-100	-7.7%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-300	-1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	1.3%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,400
 Monthly Change | (-600) -1.4%
 Yearly Change | (-100) -0.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	100	1.1%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 355,300
 Monthly Change | (-7,900) -2.2%
 Yearly Change | (500) 0.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-2.7%
Manufacturing	-500	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,300	-3.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100	-2.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,400	-2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	-900	-2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.4%
Manufacturing	200	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	0.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-500	-2.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,300	2.7%
Education & Health Services	-500	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	500	1.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 79,300
 Monthly Change | (-1,600) -2.0%
 Yearly Change | (800) 1.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.2%
Manufacturing	-200	-3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-4.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-300	-1.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	7.1%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	400	6.3%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.4%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 153,000
 Monthly Change | (-1,900) -1.2%
 Yearly Change | (1,200) 0.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.5%
Manufacturing	-300	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-1.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-3.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.6%
Manufacturing	300	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.4%
Information	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300	2.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 48,700
 Monthly Change | (-900) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (0) 0.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-300	-2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,000
 Monthly Change | (-800) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (-400) -0.9%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-200	-1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 616,400
 Monthly Change | (-9,500) -1.5%
 Yearly Change | (17,000) 2.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	600	1.6%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,600	-2.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	-2,000	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	-800	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,900	-4.2%
Other Services	-200	-0.8%
Government	-1,500	-1.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,000	8.4%
Manufacturing	400	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,900	2.7%
Information	1,200	5.7%
Financial Activities	1,300	4.2%
Professional & Business Services	5,800	5.3%
Education & Health Services	800	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.4%
Government	1,600	1.7%

*Data not collected for these industrial sectors. Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All January 2018 data are preliminary.

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 6.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 54,900
 Monthly Change | (-2,000) -3.5%
 Yearly Change | (-1,100) -2.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-600	-5.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-4.1%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-2.1%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	-300	-2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.4%
Manufacturing	-500	-4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-300	-6.0%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.6%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 122,800
 Monthly Change | (-3,400) -2.7%
 Yearly Change | (1,200) 1.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900	-3.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000	-6.1%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-3.9%
Other Services	-100	-2.0%
Government	-400	-1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	2.5%
Information	-100	-3.2%
Financial Activities	300	5.4%
Professional & Business Services	500	3.3%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-3.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	2.2%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 262,700
 Monthly Change | (-3,900) -1.5%
 Yearly Change | (3,100) 1.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-1.9%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,500	-3.1%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-700	-2.0%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.4%
Other Services	-100	-1.2%
Government	-400	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-0.8%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	200	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.3%
Education & Health Services	2,500	4.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.6%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All January 2018 data are preliminary.

Over the month, net industry employment decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 23,200, followed by Raleigh, 9,500; Greensboro/High Point, 7,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,800; and Winston-Salem, 3,900. Rocky Mount experienced the greatest percentage decrease at 3.5 percent, followed by Wilmington, 2.7 percent; and Greensboro/High Point, 2.2 percent. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series.

Over the year, employment increased in 11 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 34,800, followed by Raleigh, 17,000; Asheville, 4,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,300; and Winston-Salem, 3,100. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Raleigh, 2.8 percent; and Asheville, 2.5 percent.

