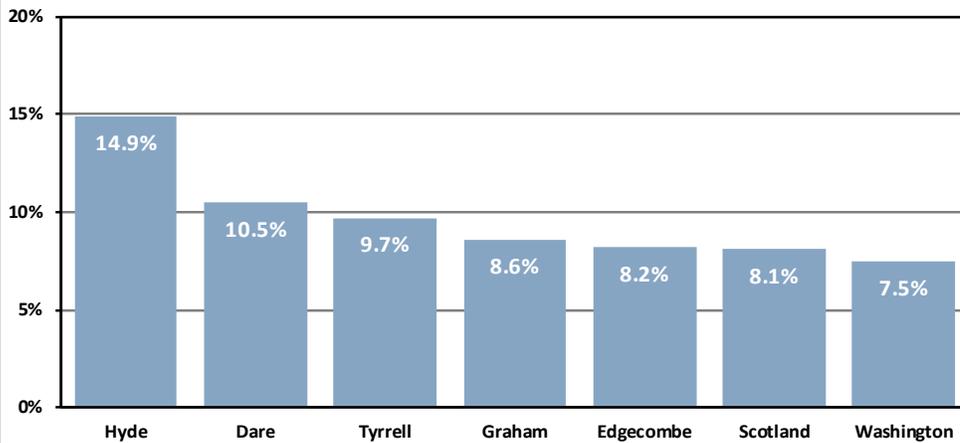


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates February 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

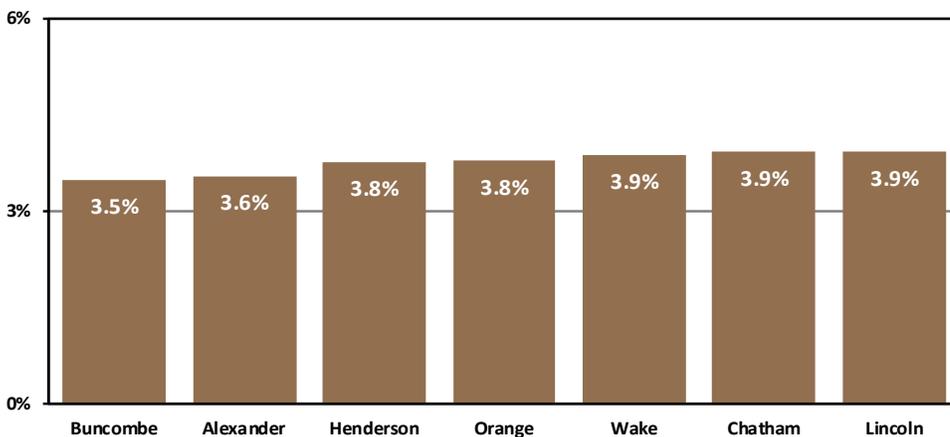


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.6 percent in February. This decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from January's revised rate, while falling 0.4 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 74 of 100 counties. Forty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.6 percent rate.

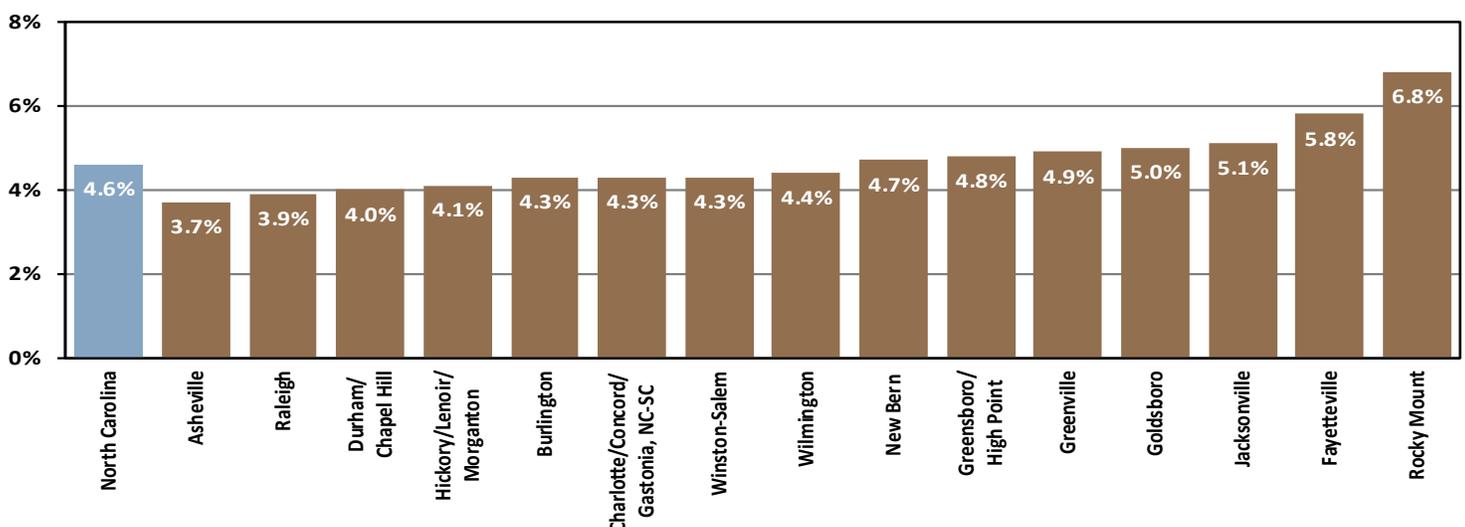
Hyde County recorded February's highest unemployment rate at 14.9 percent, followed by Dare at 10.5 percent, Tyrrell at 9.7 percent, Graham at 8.6 percent, and Edgecombe at 8.2 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.6 percent, and Henderson & Orange at 3.8 percent.

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



Unemployment rates decreased in 11 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in February at 6.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.8 percent, and Jacksonville at 5.1 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.9 percent.

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



*All February 2018 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 3.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 190,800
 Monthly Change | (0) 0.0%
 Yearly Change | (2,400) 1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.2%
Manufacturing	100	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-2.2%
Education & Health Services	400	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800	-2.9%
Other Services	100	1.3%
Government	300	1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.4%
Manufacturing	400	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	1.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.2%
Education & Health Services	600	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.7%
Other Services	100	1.3%
Government	400	1.5%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 61,000
 Monthly Change | (600) 1.0%
 Yearly Change | (-300) -0.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	100	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	2.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	-100	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-2.0%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	100	5.0%
Government	0	0.0%

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



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,190,100
 Monthly Change | (4,500) 0.4%
 Yearly Change | (31,000) 2.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.2%
Manufacturing	-300	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200	0.5%
Information	100	0.4%
Financial Activities	400	0.4%
Professional & Business Services	1,600	0.8%
Education & Health Services	500	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-0.5%
Other Services	400	1.0%
Government	1,400	0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,300	2.2%
Manufacturing	600	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,500	1.9%
Information	1,000	3.6%
Financial Activities	2,700	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,000	1.5%
Education & Health Services	3,100	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	4.0%
Other Services	1,400	3.6%
Government	8,300	5.4%

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



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 310,900
 Monthly Change | (3,500) 1.1%
 Yearly Change | (3,000) 1.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.6%
Manufacturing	300	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	700	1.7%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	1.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	1,400	2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.3%
Manufacturing	100	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	2.5%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	200	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	300	0.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,100	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	1,900	2.8%

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

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 5.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 129,000
 Monthly Change | (-400) -0.3%
 Yearly Change | (-800) -0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.2%
Manufacturing	-400	-4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-1.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-3.2%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	6.8%
Manufacturing	-200	-2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-2.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-3.2%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.3%
Other Services	-100	-2.2%
Government	500	1.3%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 5.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,400
 Monthly Change | (100) 0.2%
 Yearly Change | (-200) -0.5%

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	100	1.1%

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	200	2.2%

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



UN Rate | 4.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 359,600
 Monthly Change | (3,800) 1.1%
 Yearly Change | (2,000) 0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	2.7%
Manufacturing	300	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600	3.3%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	400	0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	2.0%
Manufacturing	100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,700	2.3%
Information	-100	-2.1%
Financial Activities	-500	-2.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,800	3.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,000	-2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-1.4%
Other Services	-200	-1.6%
Government	400	0.9%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 79,800
 Monthly Change | (600) 0.8%
 Yearly Change | (300) 0.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.3%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	3.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.3%
Manufacturing	100	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.7%
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	100	0.4%

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

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



UN Rate | 4.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 153,900
 Monthly Change | (600) 0.4%
 Yearly Change | (1,000) 0.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.5%
Manufacturing	200	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.4%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	7.9%
Manufacturing	300	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.4%
Information	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400	2.8%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-3.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 5.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 49,500
 Monthly Change | (800) 1.6%
 Yearly Change | (300) 0.6%

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	300	2.1%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 4.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,300
 Monthly Change | (300) 0.7%
 Yearly Change | (-300) -0.7%

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	100	0.7%

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%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 3.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 621,500
 Monthly Change | (4,900) 0.8%
 Yearly Change | (16,200) 2.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	700	1.8%
Manufacturing	200	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	0.4%
Information	100	0.5%
Financial Activities	100	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	300	0.3%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	1.5%
Other Services	100	0.4%
Government	2,100	2.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,800	7.7%
Manufacturing	300	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,300	3.1%
Information	1,100	5.1%
Financial Activities	1,600	5.2%
Professional & Business Services	5,400	4.9%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	0.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	1,500	1.5%

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

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 6.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 55,200
 Monthly Change | (300) 0.6%
 Yearly Change | (-1,500) -2.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.4%
Manufacturing	-200	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	100	2.1%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	*	
Government	200	1.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-800	-7.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.6%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-300	-5.9%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.6%
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-0.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 124,200
 Monthly Change | (1,600) 1.3%
 Yearly Change | (1,100) 0.9%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.4%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.3%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	3.5%
Other Services	100	2.0%
Government	400	1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-500	-8.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	3.4%
Information	-200	-6.3%
Financial Activities	300	5.4%
Professional & Business Services	400	2.6%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.6%
Other Services	100	2.0%
Government	300	1.3%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2018



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 264,000
 Monthly Change | (1,300) 0.5%
 Yearly Change | (1,900) 0.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.9%
Manufacturing	300	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	200	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	2.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.9%
Manufacturing	200	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.4%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	200	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200	-3.4%
Education & Health Services	1,500	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	4.4%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

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

Over the month, net industry employment increased in 13 of 15 MSAs. Raleigh had the largest net employment increase with 4,900, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 4,500; Greensboro/High Point, 3,800; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,500; and Wilmington, 1,600. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.6 percent, followed by Wilmington, 1.3 percent; and Durham/Chapel Hill & Greensboro/High Point, 1.1 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 10 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 31,000, followed by Raleigh, 16,200; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,000; Asheville, 2,400 and Greensboro/High Point, 2,000. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC & Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 2.7 percent, followed by Asheville, 1.3 percent; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.0 percent.

