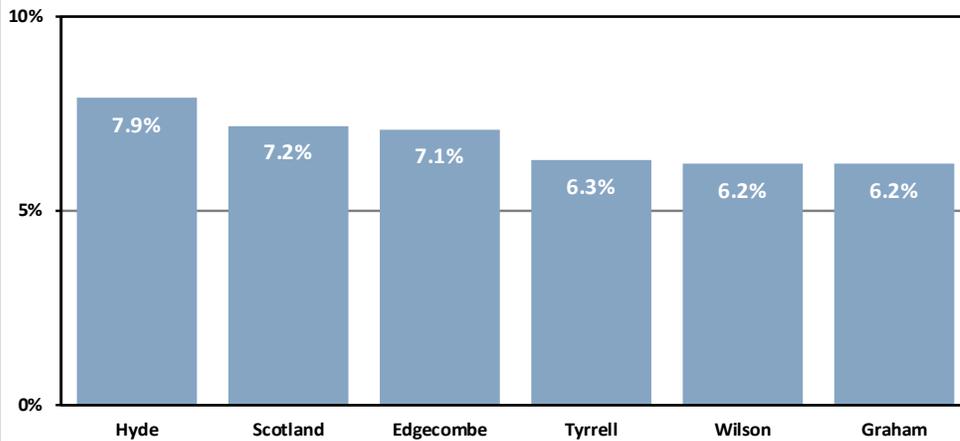


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

April 2018*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.7 percent in April. This decreased 0.6 of a percentage point from April's revised rate, while falling 0.4 of a percentage point over the year.

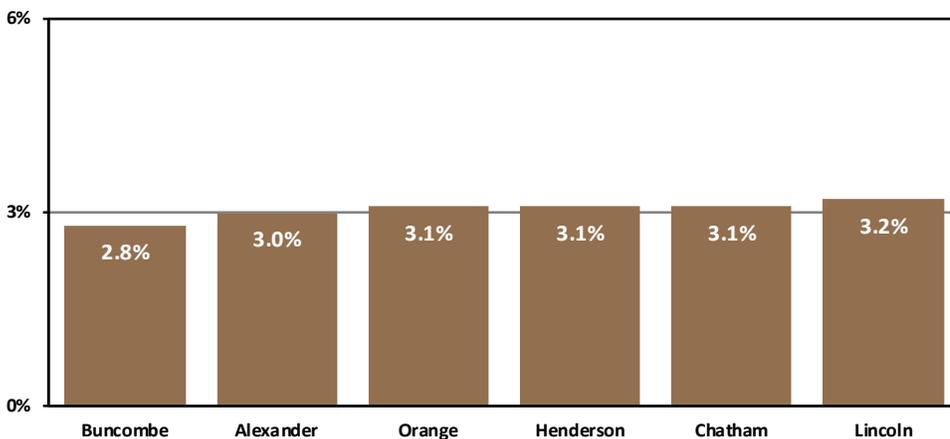
Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all 100 counties. Forty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.7 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded April's highest unemployment rate at 7.9 percent, followed by Scotland at 7.2 percent, Edgecombe at 7.1 percent, and Tyrrell at 6.3 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.0 percent, and Orange, Henderson & Chatham at 3.1 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

April 2018*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

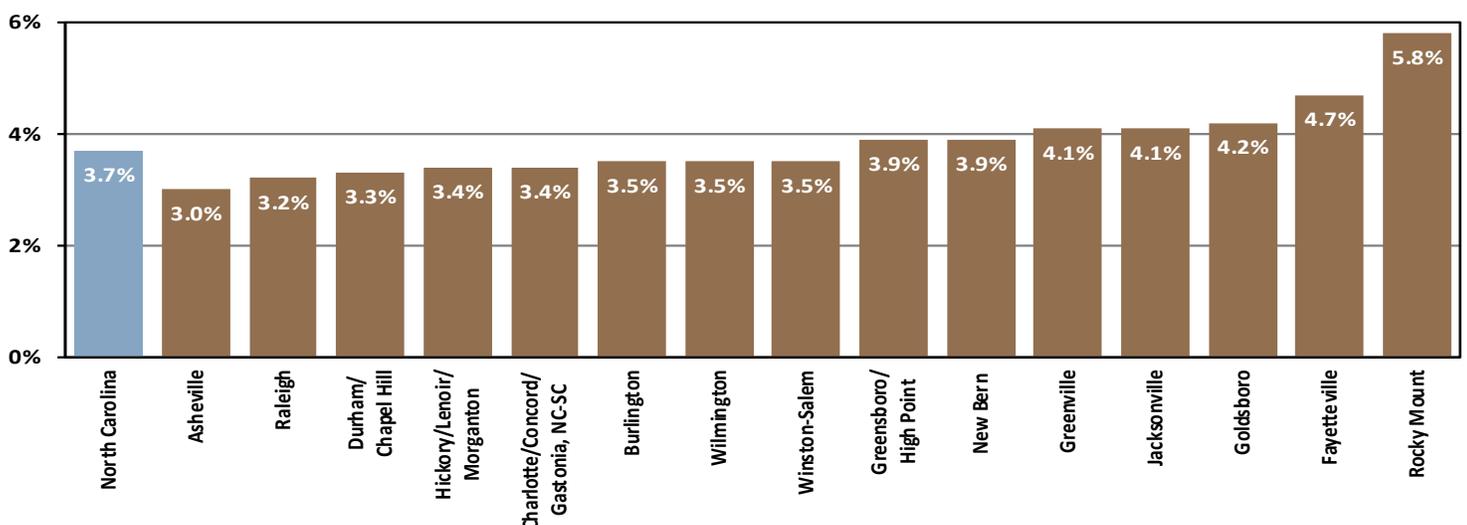


Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in April at 5.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.7 percent, and Goldsboro at 4.2 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.0 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.2 percent and Durham/Chapel Hill at 3.3 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

April 2018*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



*All April 2018 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 3.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 193,300
 Monthly Change | 1,800, 0.9%
 Yearly Change | 3,500, 1.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.5%
Manufacturing	400	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300	1.7%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	2.9%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	4.7%
Manufacturing	1,100	5.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.1%
Information	-100	-4.8%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	700	4.1%
Education & Health Services	200	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	0.7%
Other Services	200	2.5%
Government	400	1.5%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018

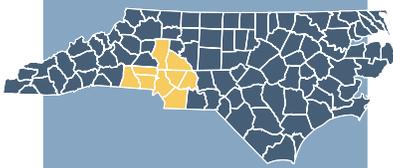


UN Rate | 3.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 61,400
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | -100, -0.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.7%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-300	-2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.7%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	-100	-20.0%
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 | April 2018



UN Rate | 3.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,205,300
 Monthly Change | 4,300, 0.4%
 Yearly Change | 32,500, 2.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	0.6%
Manufacturing	900	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900	-0.4%
Information	-100	-0.4%
Financial Activities	600	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-700	-0.4%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,200	2.4%
Other Services	300	0.7%
Government	800	0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,800	3.0%
Manufacturing	300	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,800	2.4%
Information	1,200	4.4%
Financial Activities	3,000	3.3%
Professional & Business Services	200	0.1%
Education & Health Services	4,100	3.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	4.3%
Other Services	2,000	5.1%
Government	8,300	5.3%

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



UN Rate | 3.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 313,800
 Monthly Change | 500, 0.2%
 Yearly Change | 3,600, 1.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.2%
Manufacturing	100	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-0.9%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	300	0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.5%
Manufacturing	100	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100	3.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	300	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	500	1.2%
Education & Health Services	-2,000	-2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400	5.0%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	1,900	2.8%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 4.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 131,300
 Monthly Change | 700, 0.5%
 Yearly Change | 800, 0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.1%
Manufacturing	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	2.6%
Other Services	-100	-2.2%
Government	200	0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	9.1%
Manufacturing	200	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-4.8%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.6%
Other Services	-100	-2.2%
Government	600	1.5%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,600
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | -800, -1.9%

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	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	0	0.0%

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



UN Rate | 3.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 363,100
 Monthly Change | 2,600, 0.7%
 Yearly Change | 2,700, 0.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	2.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	0.8%
Information	-100	-2.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.2%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	3.7%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	800	1.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	3.3%
Manufacturing	400	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,600	2.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-200	-1.1%
Professional & Business Services	800	1.6%
Education & Health Services	-1,100	-2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	0.8%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	500	1.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 4.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 80,400
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | 700, 0.9%

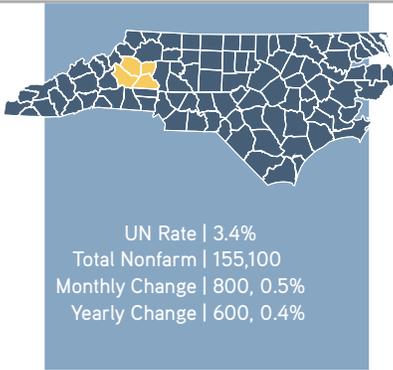
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.1%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	6.5%
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	-200	-2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.7%

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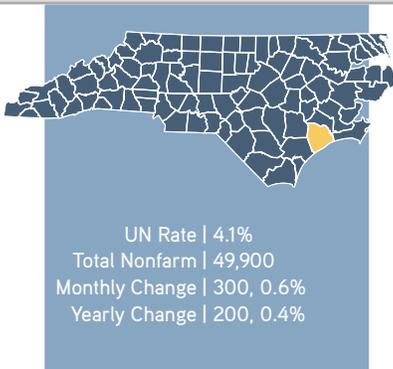
Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.4%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	2.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	5.0%
Manufacturing	200	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100	3.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-4.0%
Education & Health Services	200	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-3.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

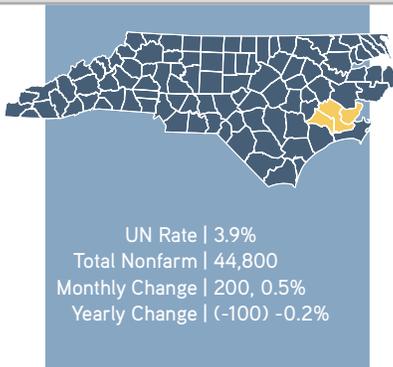
Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



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	200	1.4%

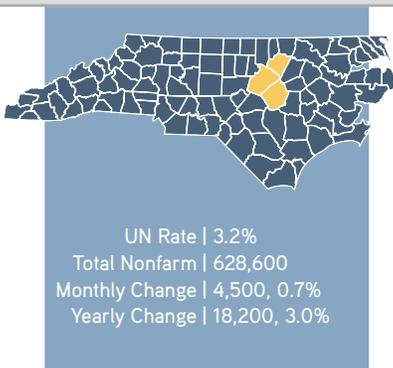
New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



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	-100	-0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.3%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200	1.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	400	1.2%
Professional & Business Services	1,800	1.6%
Education & Health Services	100	0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	1.9%
Other Services	100	0.4%
Government	-400	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,200	5.9%
Manufacturing	500	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,400	4.1%
Information	1,000	4.6%
Financial Activities	1,900	6.1%
Professional & Business Services	6,400	5.8%
Education & Health Services	200	0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	1.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	900	0.9%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 5.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 55,500
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | -400, -0.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	5.3%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-200	-4.0%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.5%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 3.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 127,000
 Monthly Change | 1,200, 1.0%
 Yearly Change | 1,100, 0.9%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400	2.5%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	4.2%
Other Services	100	2.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.4%
Manufacturing	-300	-5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.9%
Information	-200	-6.3%
Financial Activities	200	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.3%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	300	1.3%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2018



UN Rate | 3.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 267,500
 Monthly Change | 2,400, 0.9%
 Yearly Change | 4,600, 1.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.9%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,100	3.2%
Education & Health Services	200	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	3.8%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	3.9%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	0.6%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	300	2.3%
Professional & Business Services	700	2.0%
Education & Health Services	1,600	3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400	4.9%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 11 of 15 MSAs. Raleigh had the largest net employment increase with 4,500, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 4,300; Greensboro/High Point, 2,600; Winston-Salem, 2,400; and Asheville, 1,800. Wilmington experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.0 percent, followed by Asheville & Winston-Salem, 0.9 of a percentage point; and Raleigh & Greensboro/High Point, 0.7 of a percentage point. 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 32,500, followed by Raleigh, 18,200; Winston-Salem, 4,600; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,600 and Asheville, 3,500. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.8 percent; and Asheville & Winston-Salem, 1.8 percent.

