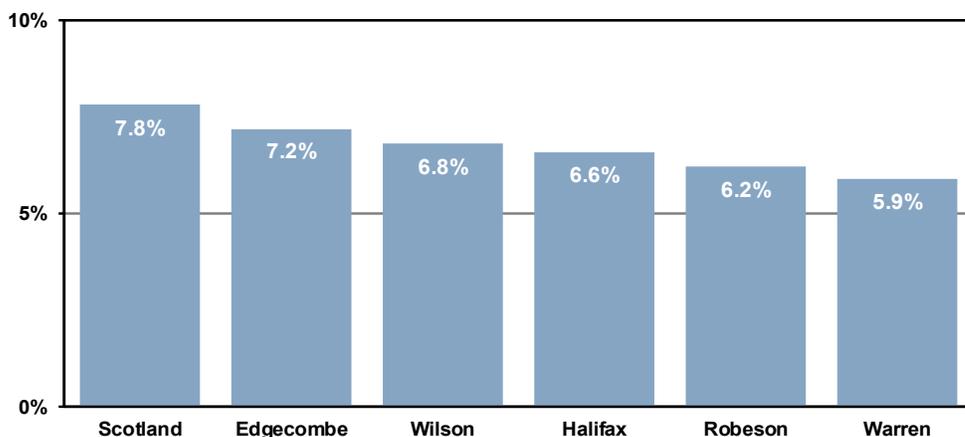


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

July 2018*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.1 percent in July. This decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from June's revised rate, while falling 0.7 of a percentage point over the year.

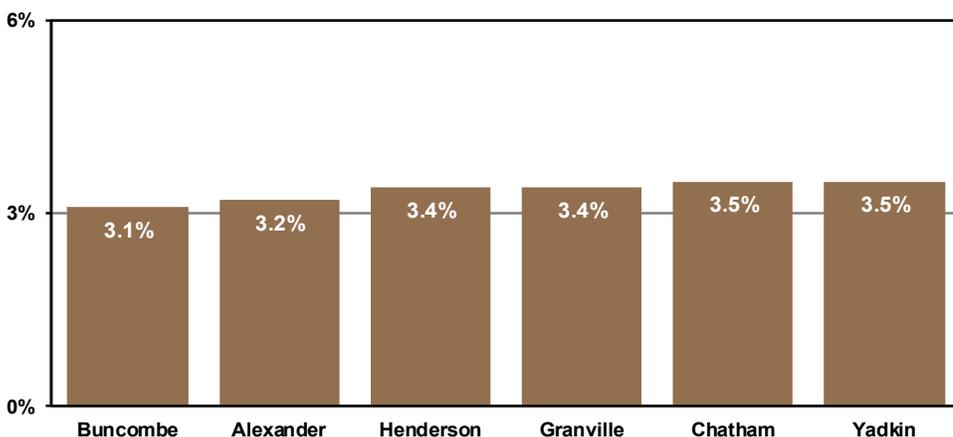
Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 84 of 100 counties. Fifty counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.1 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded July's highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.2 percent, Wilson at 6.8 percent, and Halifax at 6.6 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.2 percent, and Henderson & Granville at 3.4 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

July 2018*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

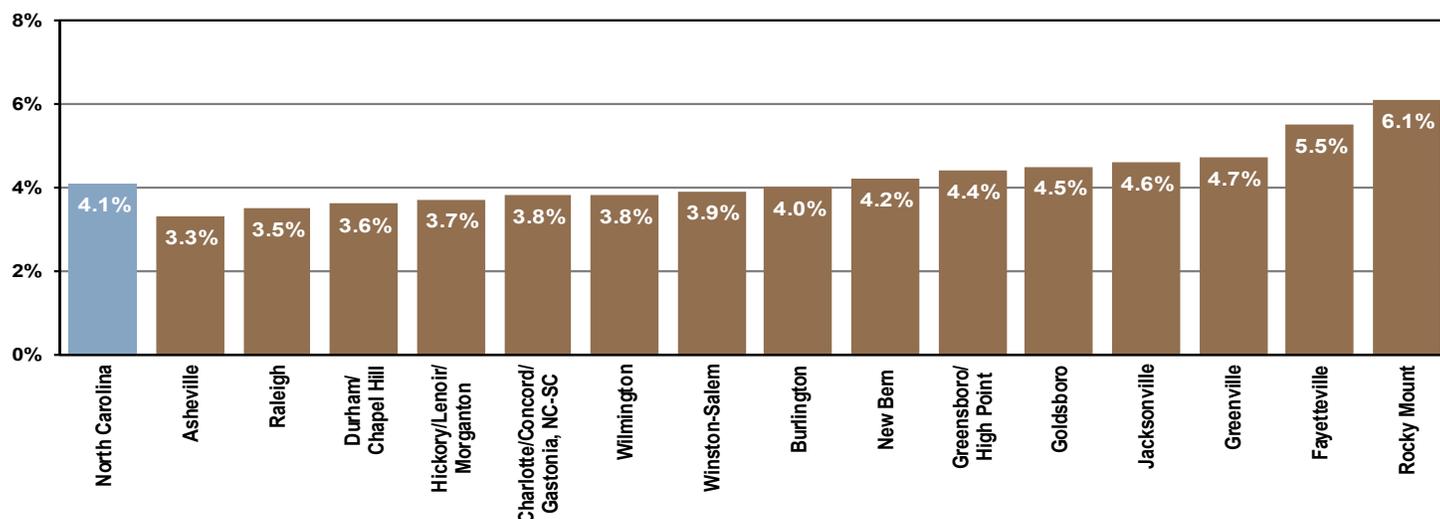


Unemployment rates decreased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in July at 6.1 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.5 percent, and Greenville at 4.7 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.5 percent and Durham/Chapel Hill at 3.6 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

July 2018*

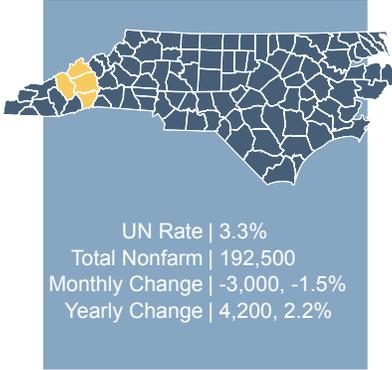
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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



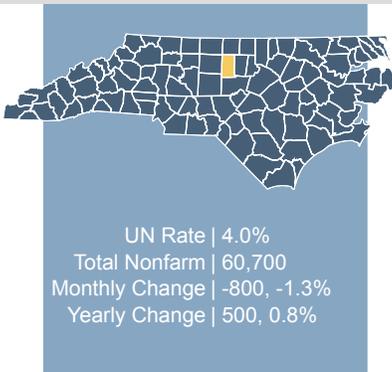
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 1.1% |
| Manufacturing | 200 0.9% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.3% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -200 -1.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 200 0.5% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -400 -1.2% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -3,000 -12.2% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 400 4.5% |
| Manufacturing | 1,000 4.8% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 500 1.4% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 1.5% |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 300 0.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,400 4.6% |
| Other Services | 200 2.4% |
| Government | 300 1.4% |

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



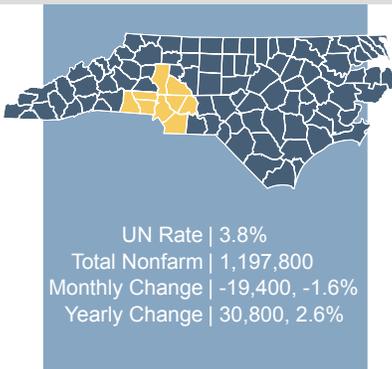
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.8% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 200 1.7% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -100 -1.3% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -1,000 -14.7% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 3.6% |
| Manufacturing | 100 1.1% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 200 1.6% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -200 -3.9% |
| Education & Health Services | 300 2.5% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | 100 5.0% |
| Government | -100 -1.7% |

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



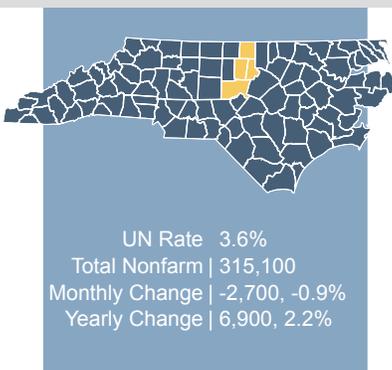
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | -800 -1.3% |
| Manufacturing | 600 0.6% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,000 0.4% |
| Information | 200 0.7% |
| Financial Activities | -100 -0.1% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,600 0.8% |
| Education & Health Services | -800 -0.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -1,900 -1.3% |
| Other Services | -400 -1.0% |
| Government | -18,800 -11.9% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | -200 -0.3% |
| Manufacturing | -400 -0.4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 7,900 3.3% |
| Information | 1,100 3.9% |
| Financial Activities | 1,700 1.8% |
| Professional & Business Services | 4,200 2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 5,400 4.5% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,800 2.0% |
| Other Services | 1,500 3.8% |
| Government | 6,800 5.1% |

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 1.2% |
| Manufacturing | 200 0.7% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.3% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 0.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 900 2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | -600 -0.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -200 -0.7% |
| Other Services | -100 -0.9% |
| Government | -3,200 -4.5% |

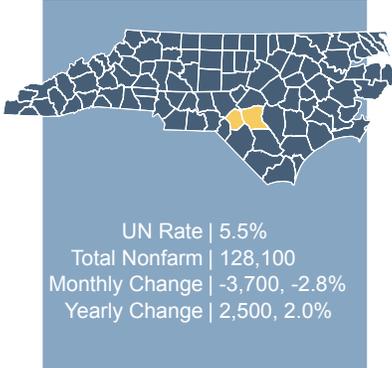
Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 300 3.7% |
| Manufacturing | -200 -0.7% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,500 4.0% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 300 2.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 800 1.9% |
| Education & Health Services | -400 -0.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,400 8.5% |
| Other Services | 200 1.8% |
| Government | 2,000 3.0% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



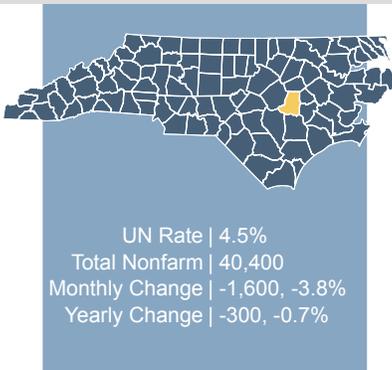
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | -100 -1.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -300 -1.2% |
| Information | 100 8.3% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 300 2.5% |
| Education & Health Services | -100 -0.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 300 1.9% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -3,900 -9.5% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 200 4.3% |
| Manufacturing | 400 5.1% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 400 1.7% |
| Information | 100 8.3% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 100 0.8% |
| Education & Health Services | 100 0.7% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 200 1.2% |
| Other Services | 100 2.2% |
| Government | 900 2.5% |

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



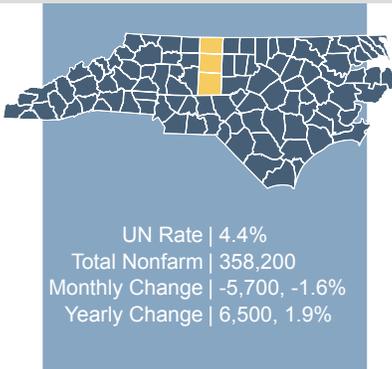
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | * |
| Manufacturing | * |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | * |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | * |
| Education & Health Services | * |
| Leisure & Hospitality | * |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | -1,300 -14.0% |

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 | July 2018



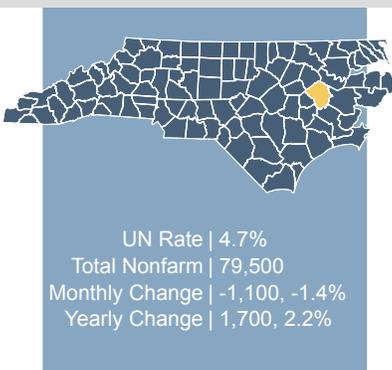
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 0.6% |
| Manufacturing | 200 0.4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0 0.0% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 0.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | 800 1.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -1,000 -2.7% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -5,900 -13.9% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 700 4.6% |
| Manufacturing | 1,100 2.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,700 3.6% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,500 3.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 400 0.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -100 -0.3% |
| Other Services | -200 -1.6% |
| Government | 400 1.1% |

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.9% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | -100 -3.2% |
| Professional & Business Services | 100 1.5% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -1,200 -4.4% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 300 9.7% |
| Manufacturing | 300 4.8% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 400 3.5% |
| Information | -100 -12.5% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 200 2.9% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 300 3.3% |
| Other Services | 100 4.6% |
| Government | 200 0.8% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



UN Rate | 3.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 153,000
 Monthly Change | -2,900, -1.9%
 Yearly Change | 2,700, 1.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 100 0.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.3% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -300 -2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -200 -1.4% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -2,600 -11.9% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 300 7.3% |
| Manufacturing | 400 1.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,500 5.1% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 3.2% |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 300 1.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 200 1.4% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -100 -0.5% |

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



UN Rate | 4.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 47,200
 Monthly Change | -2,700, -5.4%
 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 | -2,700 -19.2% |

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 0.9% |

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 45,100
 Monthly Change | -600, -1.3%
 Yearly Change | 600, 1.4%

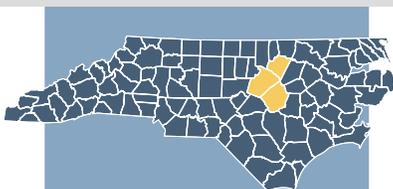
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | * |
| Manufacturing | * |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | * |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | * |
| Education & Health Services | * |
| Leisure & Hospitality | * |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | -800 -5.8% |

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 -0.8% |

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



UN Rate | 3.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 639,200
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | 23,800, 3.9%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 300 0.7% |
| Manufacturing | 100 0.3% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 300 0.3% |
| Information | 200 0.9% |
| Financial Activities | 200 0.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,500 2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,700 2.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -5,100 -5.3% |

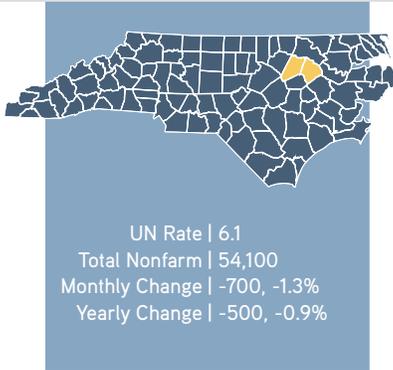
Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 4,100 10.7% |
| Manufacturing | 500 1.4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 4,400 4.0% |
| Information | 1,100 5.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,700 5.3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 5,300 4.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 2,800 3.7% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,800 3.9% |
| Other Services | 200 0.8% |
| Government | 900 1.0% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



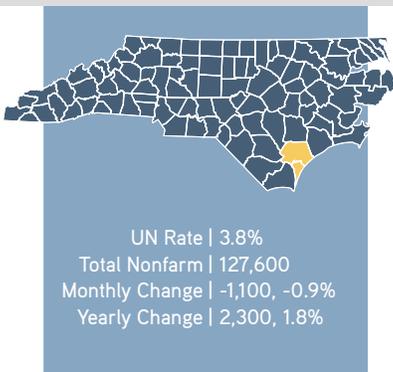
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 4.0% |
| Manufacturing | 100 1.1% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0 0.0% |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | -100 -1.5% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | -1,000 -9.6% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 4.0% |
| Manufacturing | -400 -4.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 400 3.5% |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 200 3.5% |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | 0 0.0% |

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



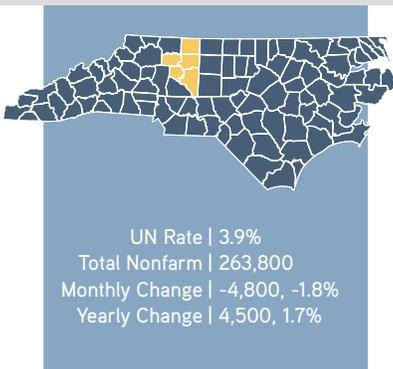
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 1.4% |
| Manufacturing | 100 1.8% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.4% |
| Information | 100 3.3% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -200 -1.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -1,300 -5.7% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 200 2.8% |
| Manufacturing | -300 -5.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 900 3.7% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 1.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 700 4.4% |
| Education & Health Services | 200 1.3% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 200 1.0% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | 300 1.4% |

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2018



Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | -100 -0.3% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -100 -0.2% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 500 1.4% |
| Education & Health Services | -200 -0.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -200 -0.7% |
| Other Services | 100 1.2% |
| Government | -4,800 -15.6% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 4.7% |
| Manufacturing | -400 -1.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,200 2.5% |
| Information | -100 -5.6% |
| Financial Activities | 100 0.8% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,200 3.4% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,500 2.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 500 1.7% |
| Other Services | 100 1.2% |
| Government | -100 -0.4% |

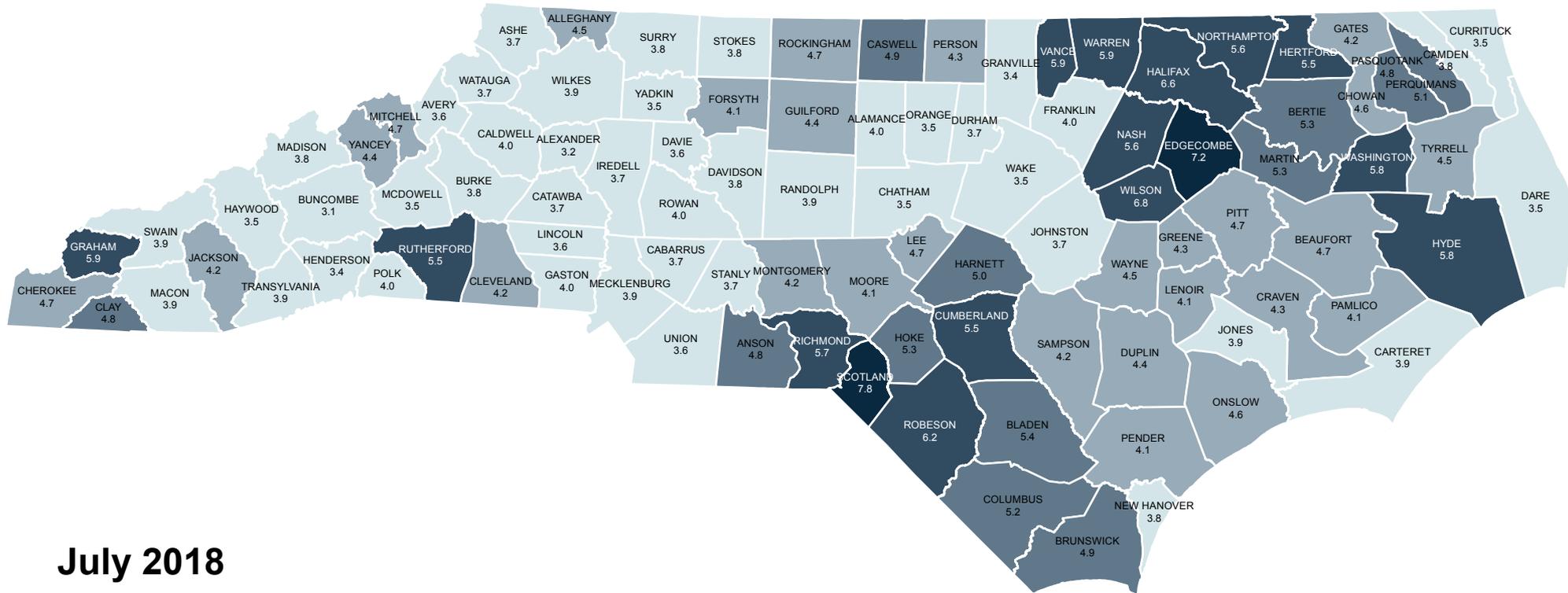
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Over the month, net industry employment decreased in 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 19,400, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 5,700; and Winston-Salem, 4,800. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 5.4 percent, followed by Goldsboro, 3.8 percent; and Fayetteville, 2.8 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.

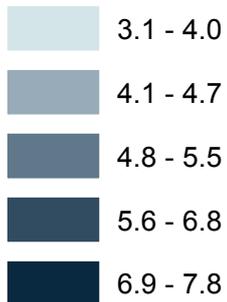
Over the year, employment increased in 13 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 30,800, followed by Raleigh, 23,800; Durham/Chapel Hill, 6,900; Greensboro/High Point, 6,500; and Winston-Salem, 4,500. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.9 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.6 percent; and Asheville, Durham/Chapel Hill, and Greenville, 2.2 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

July 2018



July 2018



^ 4 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
 v 84 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
 = 12 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.1%
 Not Seasonally Adjusted