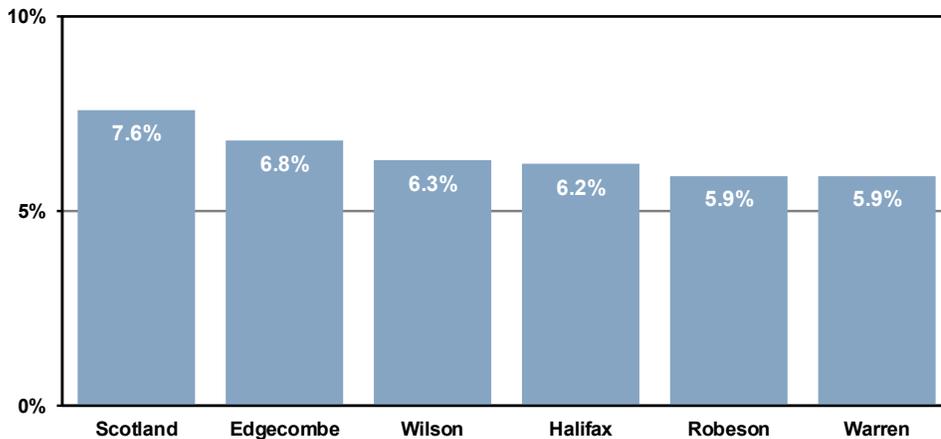


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates August 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

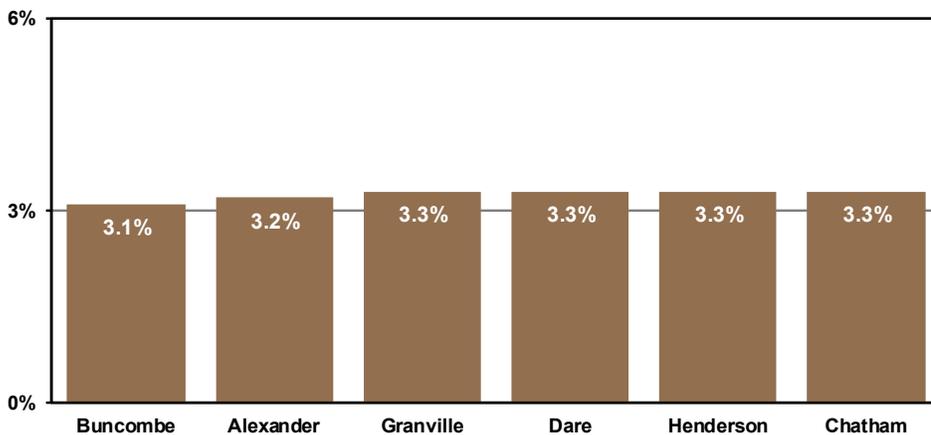


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.9 percent in August. This decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from July's revised rate, while falling 0.9 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 88 of 100 counties. Forty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.9 percent rate.

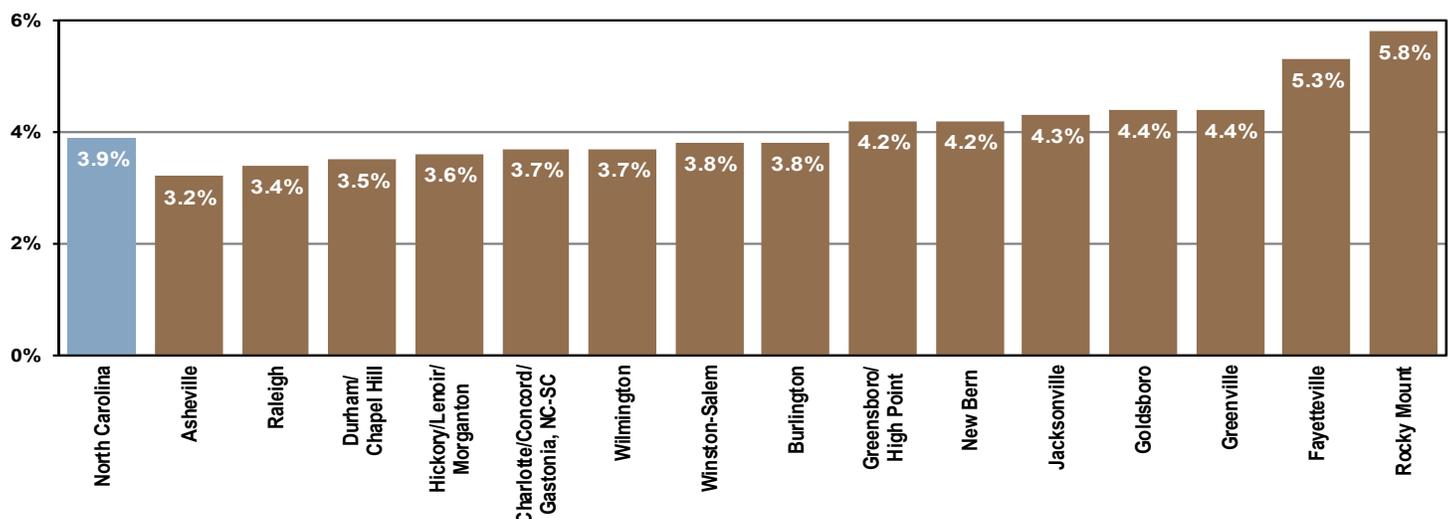
Scotland County recorded August's highest unemployment rate at 7.6 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 6.8 percent, Wilson at 6.3 percent, and Halifax at 6.2 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.2 percent, and Granville, Dare, Henderson & Chatham at 3.3 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates August 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in 14 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in August at 5.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.3 percent, and Goldsboro & Greenville at 4.4 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.4 percent.

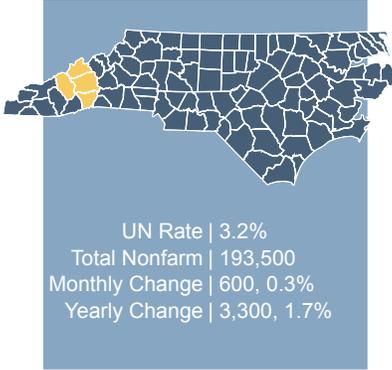
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates August 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



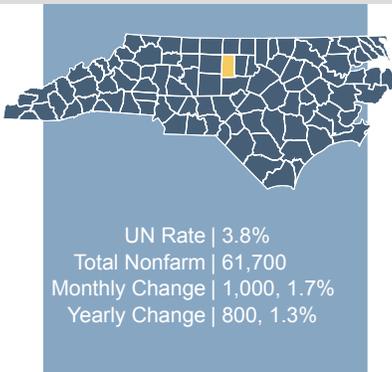
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -1.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,300 -4.0%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	2,300 10.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.5%
Manufacturing	900 4.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100 3.7%
Other Services	300 3.7%
Government	300 1.3%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



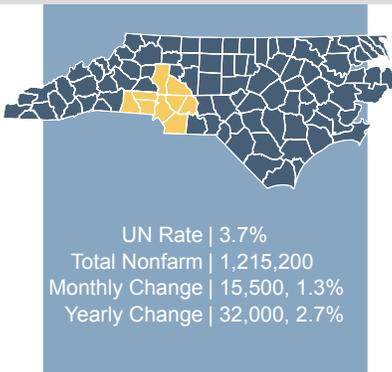
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	400 8.2%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	700 12.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.6%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 8.2%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	100 5.0%
Government	0 0.0%

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



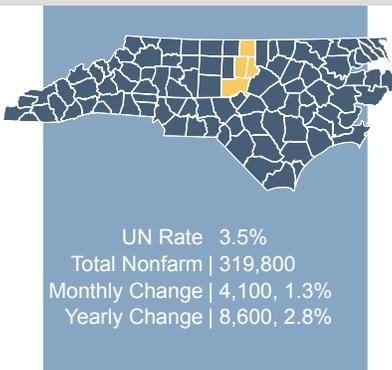
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 1.1%
Manufacturing	-800 -0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	300 0.3%
Professional & Business Services	2,400 1.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,700 -1.2%
Other Services	400 1.0%
Government	13,400 9.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 0.8%
Manufacturing	-1,600 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,700 3.2%
Information	1,200 4.3%
Financial Activities	1,700 1.8%
Professional & Business Services	6,800 3.3%
Education & Health Services	5,000 4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 0.5%
Other Services	2,200 5.5%
Government	7,800 5.4%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400 -1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,000 2.3%
Education & Health Services	300 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 0.7%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	2,900 4.3%

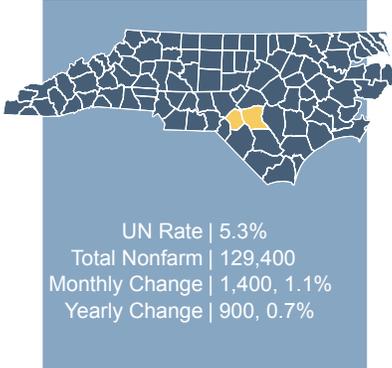
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.7%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 3.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	300 2.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 3.8%
Education & Health Services	700 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,400 8.5%
Other Services	300 2.7%
Government	2,000 2.9%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



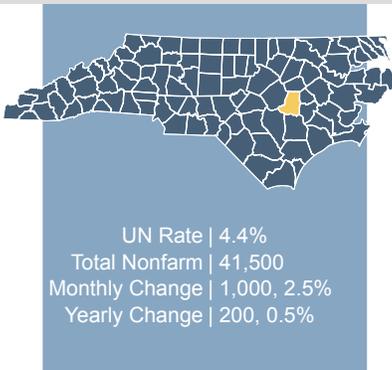
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.3%
Information	-100 -7.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,500 4.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.1%
Manufacturing	300 3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 2.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -4.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	700 1.9%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



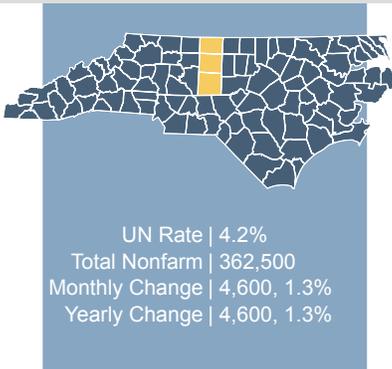
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	800 10.0%

### 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	200 2.3%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



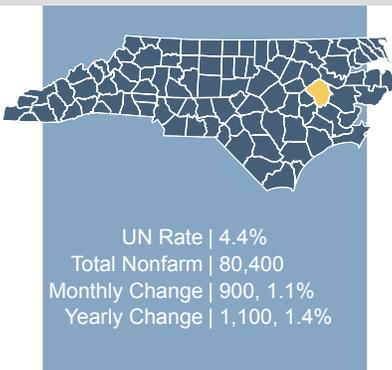
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.6%
Manufacturing	400 0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.4%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -1.0%
Education & Health Services	200 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -1.6%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	5,600 15.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	900 6.0%
Manufacturing	1,500 2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,900 2.6%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 0.6%
Education & Health Services	500 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -2.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 1.0%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-200 -2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 3.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,000 3.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 10.0%
Manufacturing	200 3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.2%
Professional & Business Services	200 2.9%
Education & Health Services	-300 -3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 4.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

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

# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



UN Rate | 3.6%  
 Total Nonfarm | 155,800  
 Monthly Change | 2,700, 1.8%  
 Yearly Change | 3,300, 2.2%

### 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	200 1.4%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 2.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	2,000 10.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 7.3%
Manufacturing	700 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400 4.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.4%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 3.5%
Other Services	100 2.3%
Government	0 0.0%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



UN Rate | 4.3%  
 Total Nonfarm | 49,700  
 Monthly Change | 2,500, 5.3%  
 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	2,800 24.6%

### 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 | August 2018



UN Rate | 4.2%  
 Total Nonfarm | 45,700  
 Monthly Change | 700, 1.6%  
 Yearly Change | 700, 1.6%

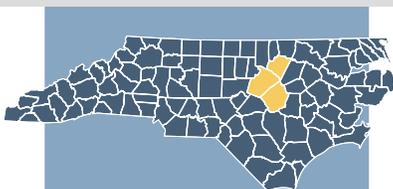
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	600 4.6%

### 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 | August 2018



UN Rate | 3.4%  
 Total Nonfarm | 641,800  
 Monthly Change | 3,200, 0.5%  
 Yearly Change | 19,600, 3.2%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-800 -0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	400 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	800 0.7%
Education & Health Services	100 0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -1.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	3,500 3.9%

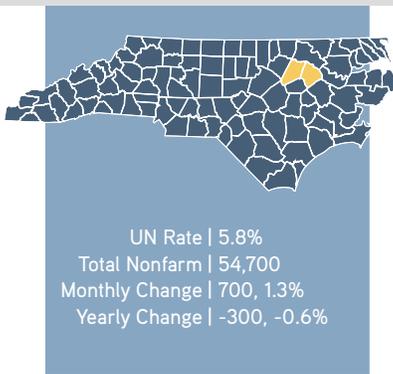
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	4,000 10.4%
Manufacturing	500 1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,100 2.8%
Information	1,200 5.4%
Financial Activities	2,100 6.6%
Professional & Business Services	5,700 4.9%
Education & Health Services	1,800 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700 3.8%
Other Services	400 1.7%
Government	-1,900 -2.0%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



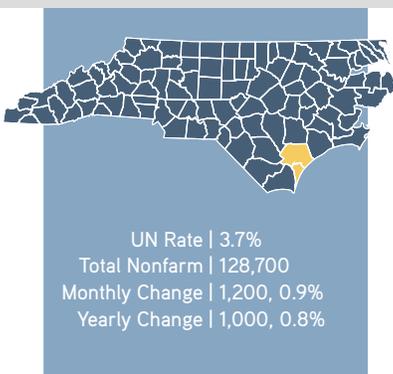
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
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	-100 -1.7%
Other Services	*
Government	600 6.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-500 -5.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 4.4%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.1%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -1.0%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



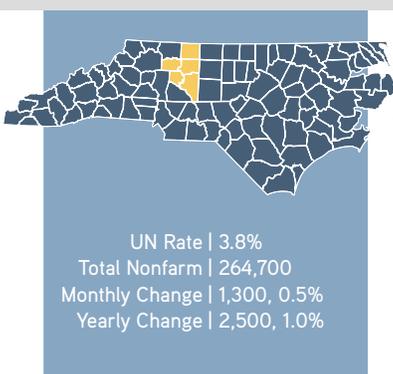
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	-100 -3.2%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.4%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -1.9%
Other Services	100 1.9%
Government	2,100 9.8%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.8%
Manufacturing	-300 -5.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 2.0%
Information	-100 -3.2%
Financial Activities	100 1.7%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.3%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.5%
Other Services	100 1.9%
Government	300 1.3%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.9%
Manufacturing	-500 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 0.6%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -2.4%
Other Services	-100 -1.1%
Government	2,600 10.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 4.8%
Manufacturing	-700 -2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000 2.1%
Information	-100 -5.6%
Financial Activities	100 0.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,800 5.2%
Education & Health Services	300 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.0%
Other Services	200 2.4%
Government	-300 -1.0%

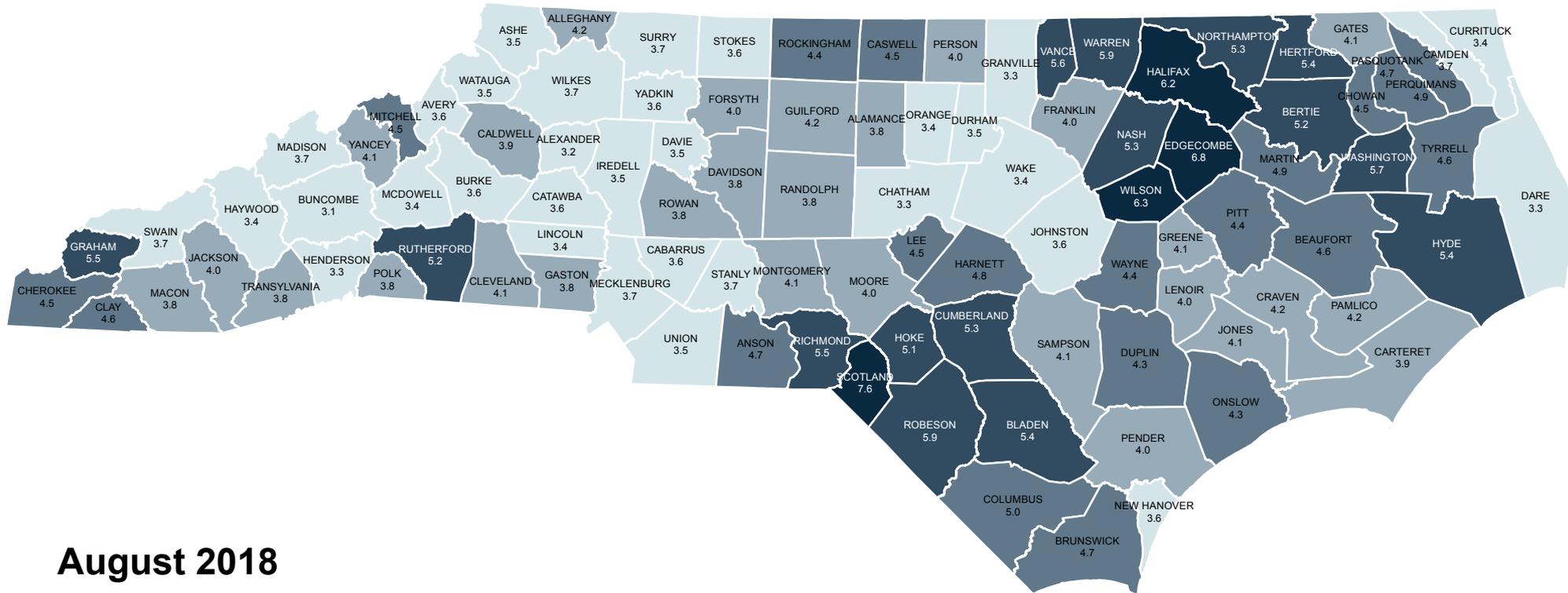
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in all of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 15,500, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 4,600; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 4,100. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 5.3 percent, followed by Goldsboro, 2.5 percent; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 1.8 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 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 32,000, followed by Raleigh, 19,600; Durham/Chapel Hill, 8,600; Greensboro/High Point, 4,600; Asheville, 3,300 and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 3,300. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.2 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 2.8 percent; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.7 percent.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## August 2018



### August 2018

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Counties Higher Than Previous Month

Counties Lower Than Previous Month

Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.9%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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