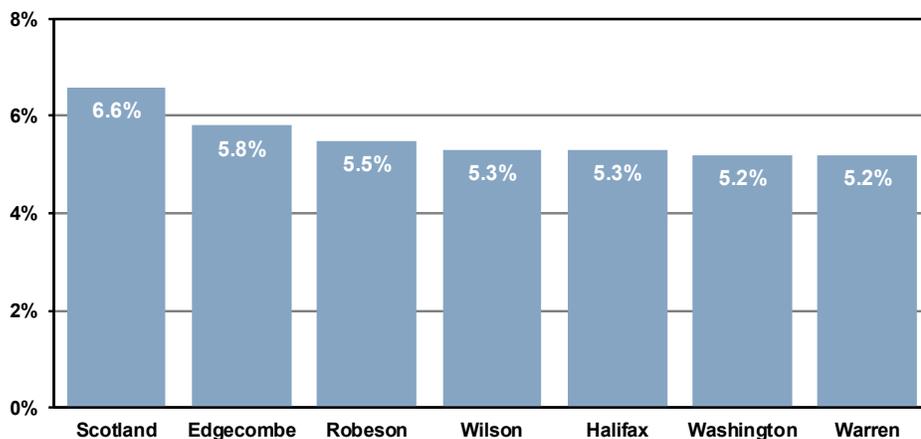
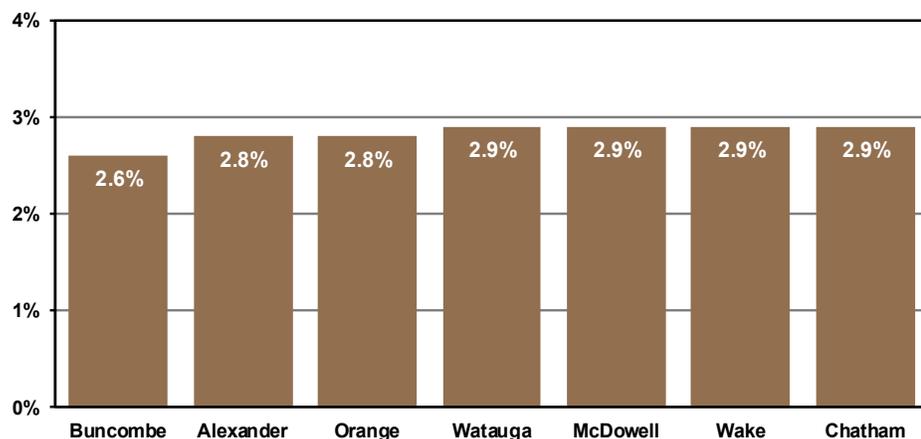


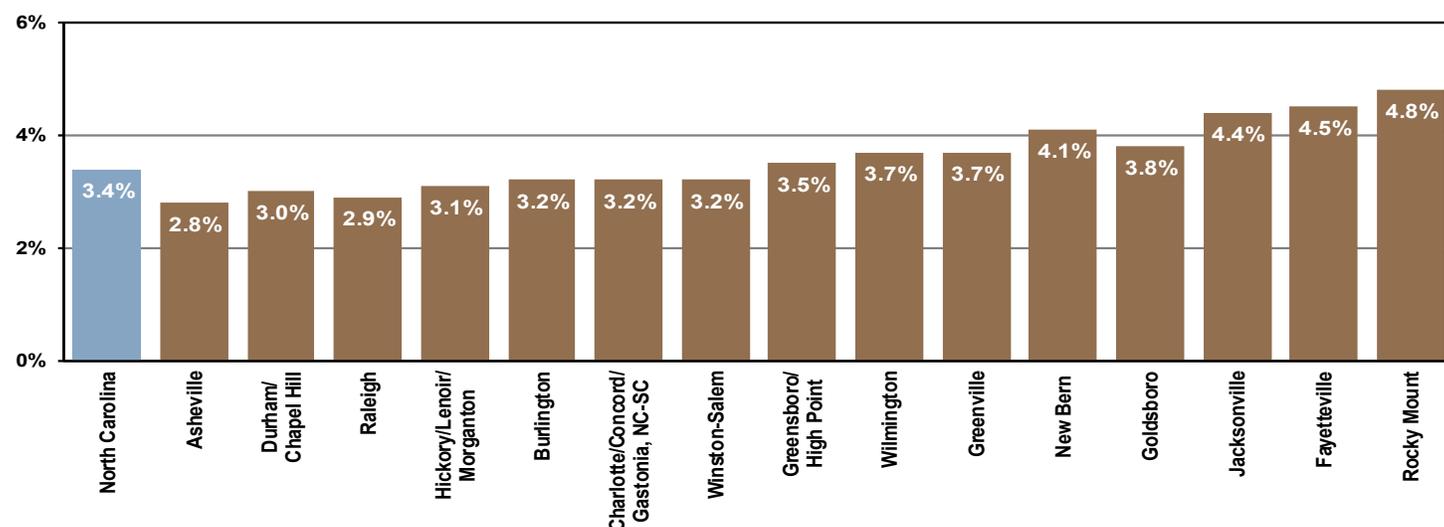
## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates October 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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



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



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.4 percent in October. This increased 0.3 of a percentage point from September's revised rate, while falling 0.9 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in all 100 counties. Forty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.4 percent rate.

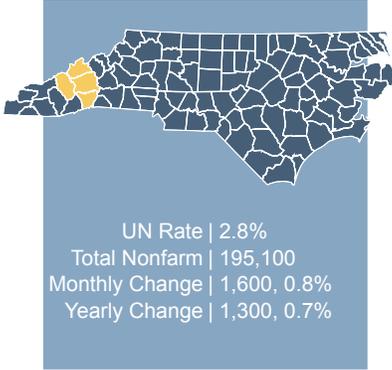
Scotland County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 6.6 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 5.8 percent, Robeson at 5.5 percent, and Halifax & Wilson at 5.3 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent, followed by Alexander & Orange at 2.8 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in October at 4.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.5 percent, Jacksonville at 4.4 percent, New Bern at 4.1 percent, and Goldsboro at 3.8 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent, followed by Raleigh at 2.9 percent, and Durham/Chapel Hill at 3.0 percent.

\*All October 2018 data are preliminary.

# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	800 4.7%
Education & Health Services	400 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 1.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.7%
Manufacturing	1,000 4.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -1.7%
Education & Health Services	-400 -1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.7%
Other Services	200 2.5%
Government	300 1.1%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



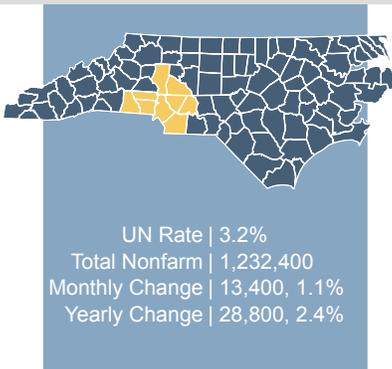
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 1.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 12.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	100 5.0%
Government	0 0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.6%
Manufacturing	200 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 7.7%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 5.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

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



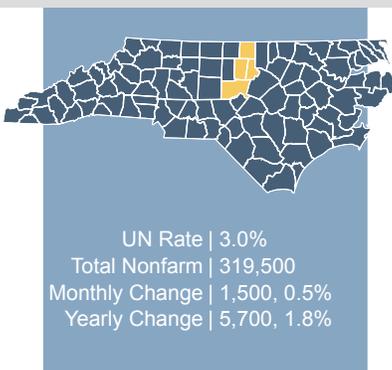
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -1.2%
Manufacturing	-500 -0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,300 0.9%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	700 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	4,500 2.1%
Education & Health Services	2,500 2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500 1.1%
Other Services	700 1.7%
Government	2,400 1.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	900 1.4%
Manufacturing	-1,400 -1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,300 2.2%
Information	800 2.9%
Financial Activities	3,000 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	11,500 5.6%
Education & Health Services	5,300 4.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -0.6%
Other Services	1,300 3.3%
Government	2,900 1.8%

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



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.2%
Manufacturing	300 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -1.4%
Education & Health Services	1,000 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 0.7%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	200 0.3%

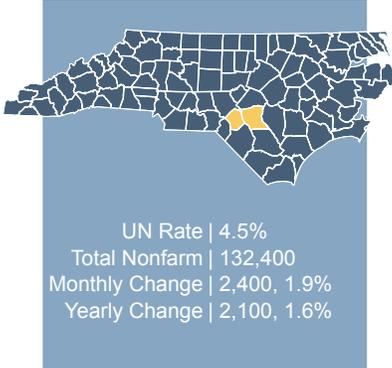
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.9%
Manufacturing	100 0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	400 2.7%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -1.4%
Education & Health Services	2,000 3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 2.5%
Other Services	300 2.7%
Government	1,700 2.4%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



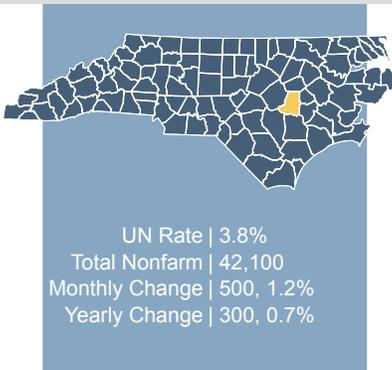
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	4.1%
Manufacturing	-200	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	500	4.2%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	3.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	700	1.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	6.3%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	2.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	2.6%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	700	1.7%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



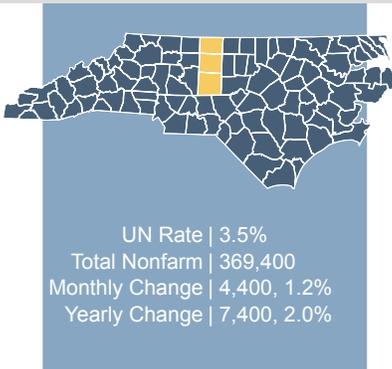
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	200	2.2%

### 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	0	0.0%

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



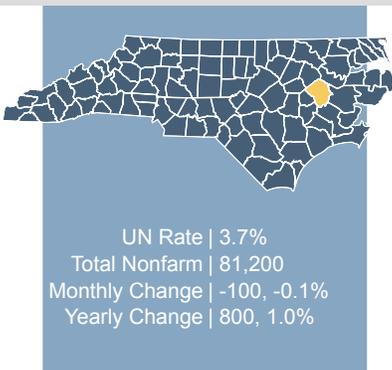
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	1.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,200	2.4%
Education & Health Services	400	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	0.8%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	1,400	3.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,200	8.1%
Manufacturing	1,300	2.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,000	4.0%
Information	-100	-2.1%
Financial Activities	100	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	800	1.6%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.4%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.4%
Education & Health Services	100	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	6.5%
Manufacturing	300	4.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	2.9%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	100	4.6%
Government	100	0.4%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



UN Rate | 3.1%  
 Total Nonfarm | 157,900  
 Monthly Change | 1,400, 0.9%  
 Yearly Change | 3,900, 2.5%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.4%
Education & Health Services	100 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 1.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 7.3%
Manufacturing	1,100 2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300 4.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.7%
Education & Health Services	200 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400 10.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.4%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%  
 Total Nonfarm | 50,500  
 Monthly Change | 1,200, 2.4%  
 Yearly Change | 1,400, 2.9%

### 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%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



UN Rate | 4.1%  
 Total Nonfarm | 45,000  
 Monthly Change | 600, 1.4%  
 Yearly Change | 300, 0.7%

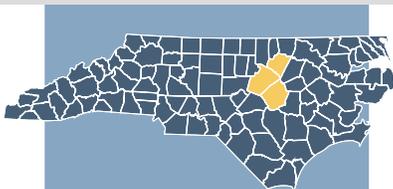
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 2.2%

### 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	0 0.0%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



UN Rate | 2.9%  
 Total Nonfarm | 645,400  
 Monthly Change | 5,000, 0.8%  
 Yearly Change | 20,800, 3.3%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 1.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.3%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	400 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	2,800 2.3%
Education & Health Services	-400 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	300 1.2%
Government	1,200 1.2%

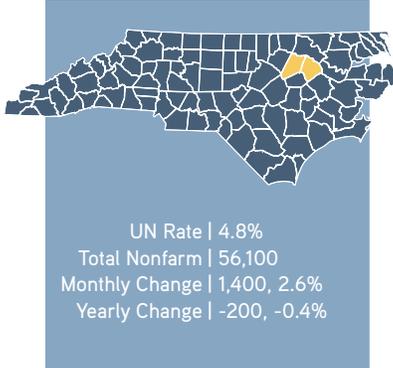
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,500 9.2%
Manufacturing	400 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,300 3.0%
Information	900 4.1%
Financial Activities	2,300 7.2%
Professional & Business Services	6,500 5.5%
Education & Health Services	1,800 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300 1.9%
Other Services	500 2.1%
Government	300 0.3%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



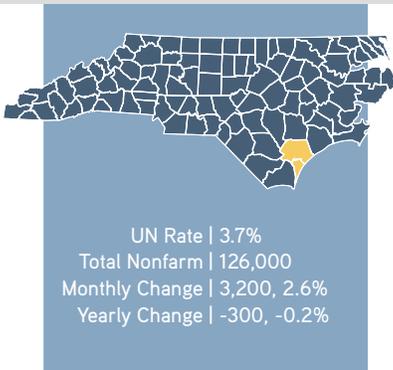
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	900 9.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 8.3%
Manufacturing	-200 -1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 4.4%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.2%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	0 0.0%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2018



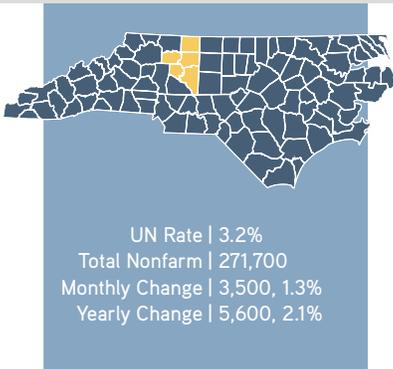
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.4%
Manufacturing	100 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 3.9%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400 8.6%
Other Services	100 2.2%
Government	400 1.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 4.2%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.7%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,400 -7.3%
Other Services	-500 -9.8%
Government	500 2.1%

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



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.9%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	900 2.5%
Education & Health Services	1,000 1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 0.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	800 2.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 4.8%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000 2.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	2,100 5.9%
Education & Health Services	2,000 3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	0 0.0%

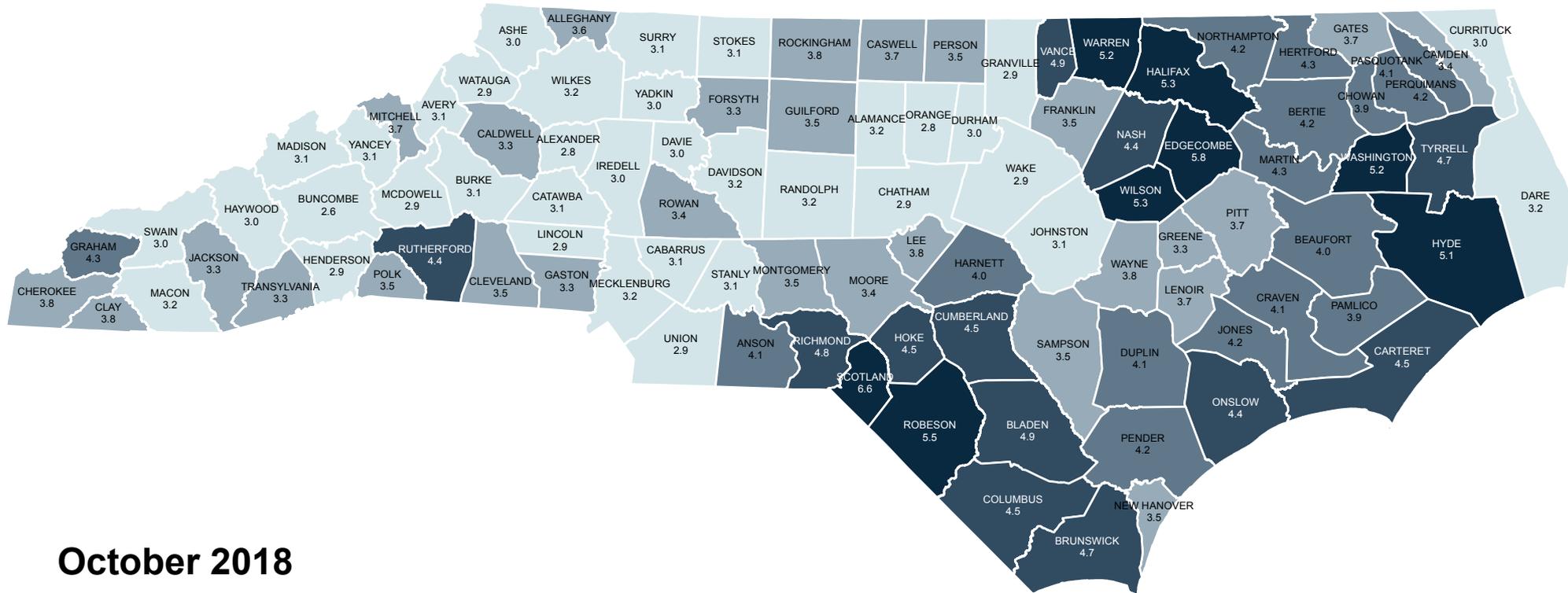
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 13,400, followed by Raleigh, 5,000; and Greensboro/High Point, 4,400. Wilmington & Rocky Mount experienced the greatest percentage increase at 2.6 percent, followed by Jacksonville, 2.4 percent; and Fayetteville, 1.9 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.

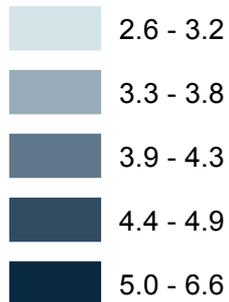
Over the year, employment increased in 13 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 28,800, followed by Raleigh, 20,800; Greensboro/High Point, 7,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,700; Winston-Salem, 5,600 and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 3,900. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.3 percent, followed by Jacksonville, 2.9 percent; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 2.5 percent; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.4 percent.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## October 2018



### October 2018



- ^ 100 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 0 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 0 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.4%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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