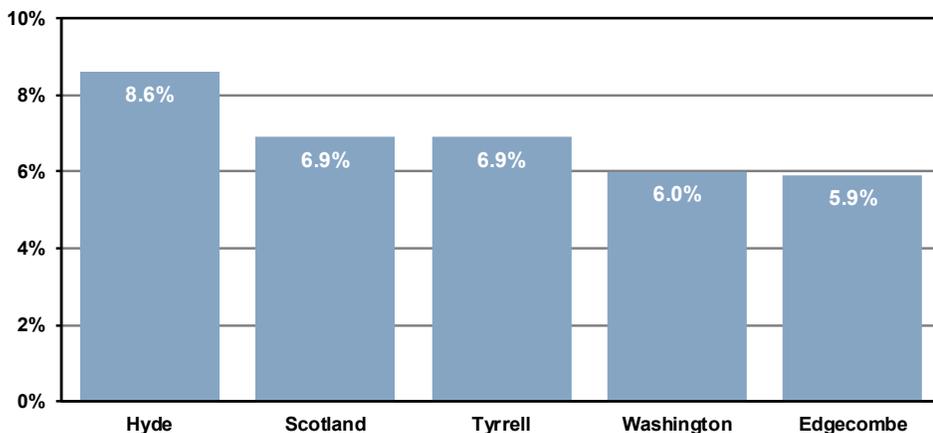


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates December 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

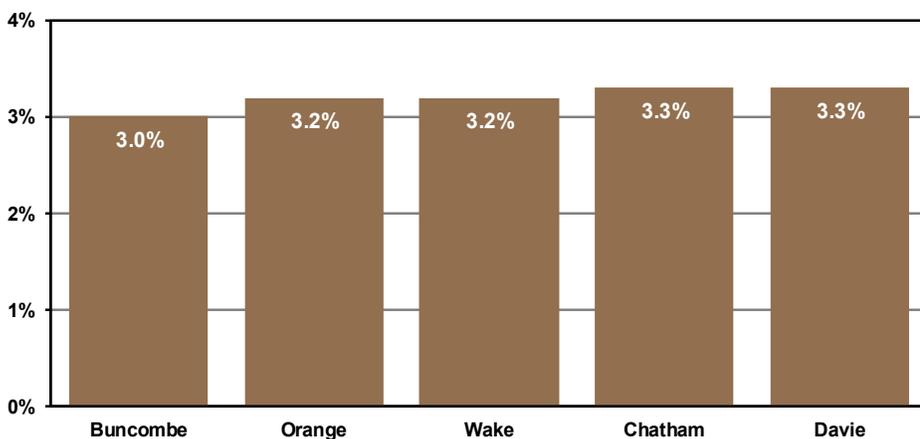


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.8 percent in December. This increased 0.3 of a percentage point from November's revised rate, while falling 0.5 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 99 of 100 counties. Forty-six counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.8 percent rate.

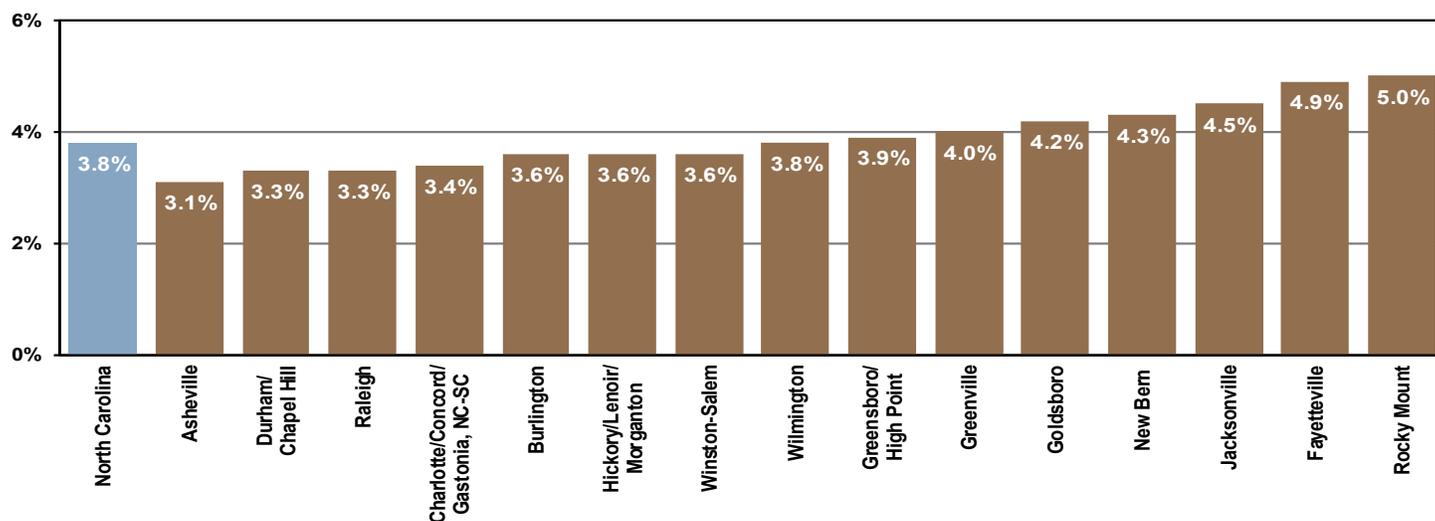
Hyde County recorded December's highest unemployment rate at 8.6 percent, followed by Scotland & Tyrrell at 6.9 percent, Washington at 6.0 percent, and Edgecombe at 5.9 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.0 percent, followed by Orange & Wake at 3.2 percent.

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



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 December at 5.0 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.9 percent, Jacksonville at 4.5 percent, New Bern at 4.3 percent, and Goldsboro at 4.2 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent, followed by Raleigh & Durham/Chapel Hill at 3.3 percent.

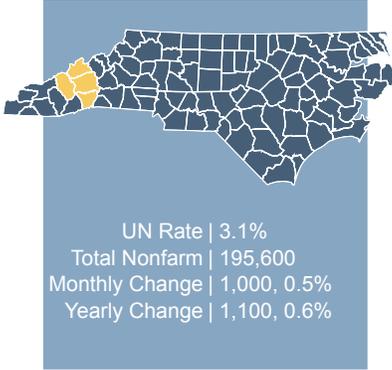
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates December 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



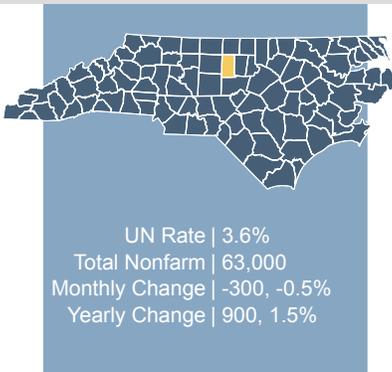
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -1.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 2.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.4%
Manufacturing	1,000 4.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 2.2%
Information	-100 -5.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -3.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.1%
Other Services	200 2.5%
Government	100 0.4%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



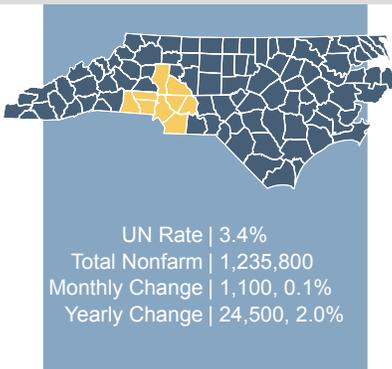
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.8%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -1.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.7%
Manufacturing	300 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 9.8%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 3.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

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



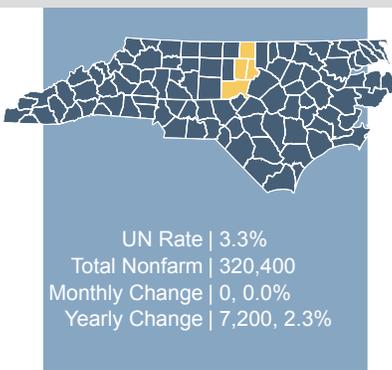
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500 -0.8%
Manufacturing	500 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,600 0.6%
Information	200 0.7%
Financial Activities	300 0.3%
Professional & Business Services	-2,700 -1.3%
Education & Health Services	900 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 0.4%
Other Services	700 1.7%
Government	-500 -0.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 1.6%
Manufacturing	100 0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,500 2.6%
Information	700 2.5%
Financial Activities	2,100 2.2%
Professional & Business Services	8,500 4.2%
Education & Health Services	4,200 3.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,400 -1.7%
Other Services	400 1.0%
Government	3,400 2.1%

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



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.2%
Manufacturing	200 0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -0.6%

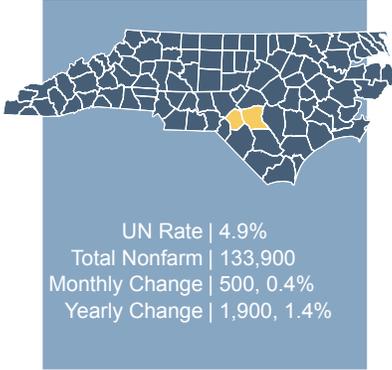
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.9%
Manufacturing	700 2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300 3.4%
Information	-100 -2.2%
Financial Activities	400 2.7%
Professional & Business Services	900 2.1%
Education & Health Services	1,700 2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 2.5%
Other Services	200 1.8%
Government	1,000 1.4%

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## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



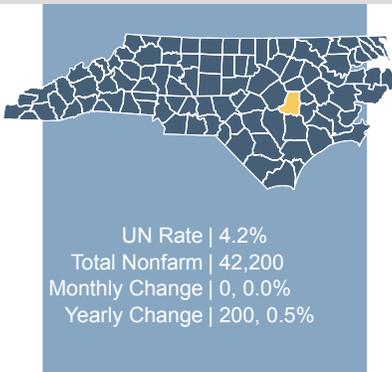
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.6%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.6%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	200 0.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

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

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



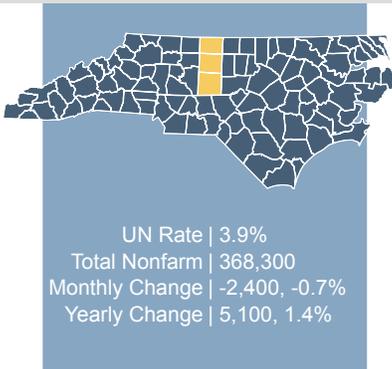
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	100 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	100 1.1%

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



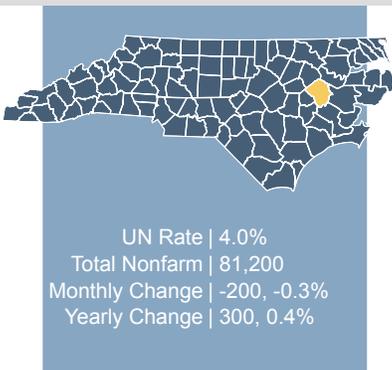
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	300 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-2,000 -4.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -1.9%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	-600 -1.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 6.7%
Manufacturing	1,100 2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,300 4.3%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,900 -3.8%
Education & Health Services	-200 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500 4.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 0.7%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 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	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

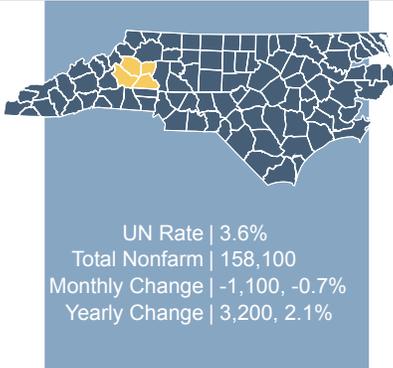
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.5%
Manufacturing	300 4.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.3%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	100 4.6%
Government	0 0.0%

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



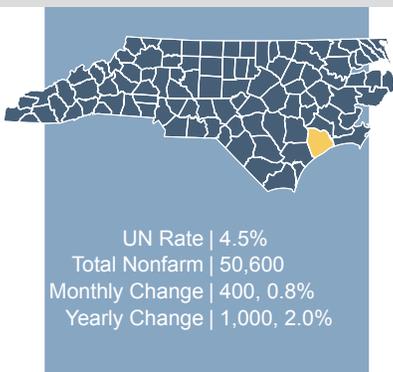
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.8%
Education & Health Services	100 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -5.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 7.5%
Manufacturing	800 1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,500 4.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -4.1%
Education & Health Services	200 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 6.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



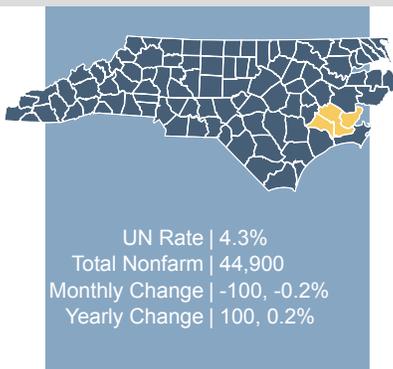
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	400 2.7%

### 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 | December 2018



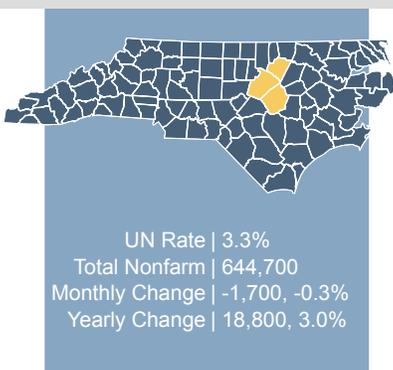
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 1.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400 1.2%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	200 0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100 -1.6%
Other Services	-300 -1.2%
Government	-1,900 -1.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,200 8.4%
Manufacturing	600 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,800 4.2%
Information	900 4.0%
Financial Activities	2,300 7.2%
Professional & Business Services	2,800 2.4%
Education & Health Services	3,200 4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 0.4%
Other Services	400 1.7%
Government	300 0.3%

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

# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



UN Rate | 5.0%  
 Total Nonfarm | 56,700  
 Monthly Change | -200, -0.4%  
 Yearly Change | -200, -0.4%

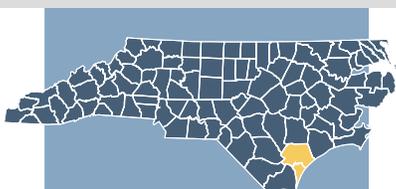
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 1.6%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -1.8%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 8.3%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.5%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.1%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	0 0.0%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2018



UN Rate | 3.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 127,000  
 Monthly Change | -800, -0.6%  
 Yearly Change | 800, 0.6%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -2.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -1.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 7.0%
Manufacturing	200 3.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300 5.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 3.4%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -4.2%
Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -3.9%
Other Services	-600 -11.8%
Government	400 1.7%

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



UN Rate | 3.6%  
 Total Nonfarm | 271,900  
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%  
 Yearly Change | 5,300, 2.0%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 0.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -2.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 3.8%
Manufacturing	-400 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,600 3.3%
Information	-100 -5.6%
Financial Activities	200 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	2,600 7.4%
Education & Health Services	700 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.3%

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

Over the month, net industry employment increased in four of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 1,100, followed by Asheville, 1,000; Fayetteville, 500; and Jacksonville, 400. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 0.8 of a percentage point, followed by Asheville, 0.5 of a percentage point; Fayetteville, 0.4 of a percentage point; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 0.1 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 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 24,500, followed by Raleigh, 18,800; Durham/Chapel Hill, 7,200; Winston-Salem, 5,300; Greensboro/High Point, 5,100; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 3,200. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 2.3 percent; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 2.1 percent.

