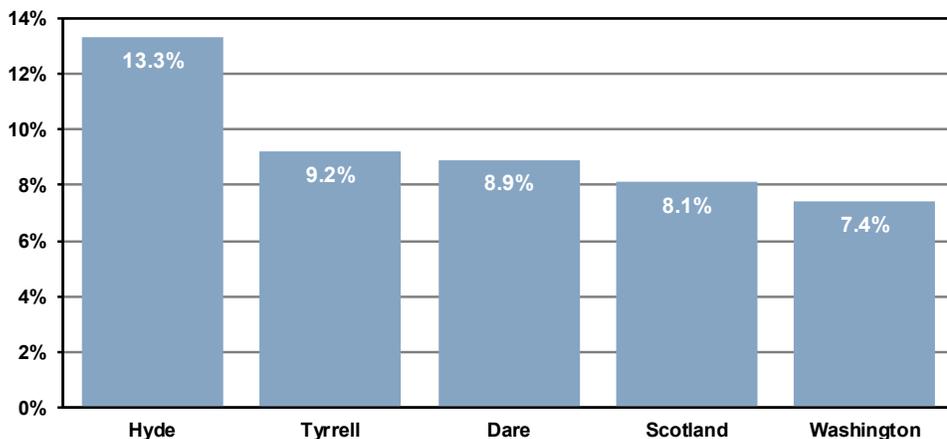


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates January 2019* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

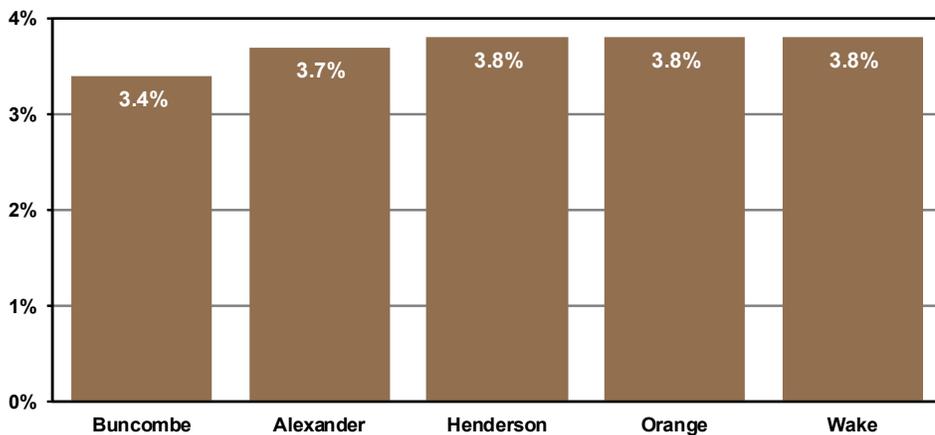


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.5 percent in January. This increased 0.8 of a percentage point from December's revised rate, and increased 0.1 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in all 100 counties. Forty-one counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.5 percent rate.

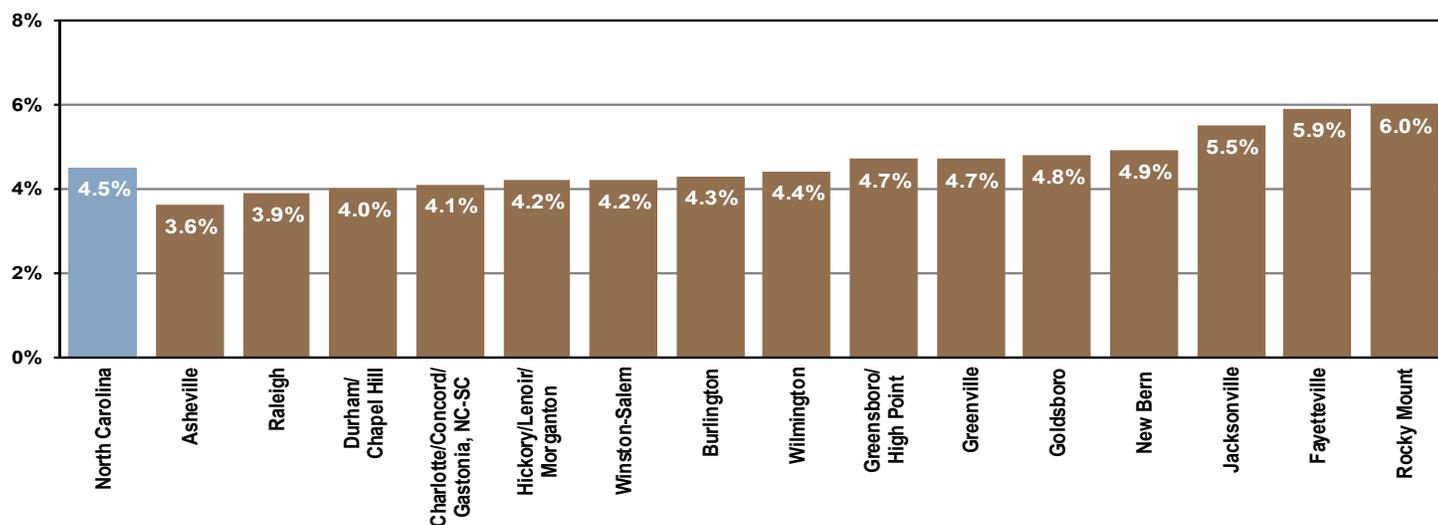
Hyde County recorded January's highest unemployment rate at 13.3 percent, followed by Tyrrell at 9.2 percent, Dare at 8.9 percent, and Scotland at 8.1 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.7 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates January 2019* (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 January at 6.0 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.9 percent, Jacksonville at 5.5 percent, New Bern at 4.9 percent, and Goldsboro at 4.8 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.9 percent.

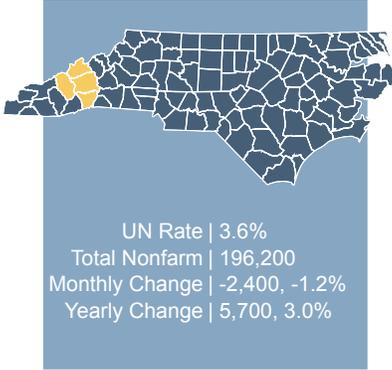
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates January 2019* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



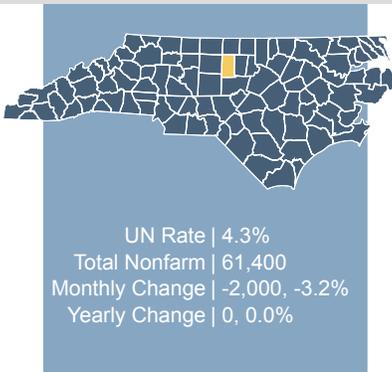
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	400 1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200 -3.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.5%
Education & Health Services	200 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,300 -4.6%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	-200 -0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,200 13.6%
Manufacturing	1,500 7.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.1%
Information	100 5.3%
Financial Activities	300 4.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 9.4%
Education & Health Services	800 2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -1.5%
Other Services	200 2.4%
Government	0 0.0%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



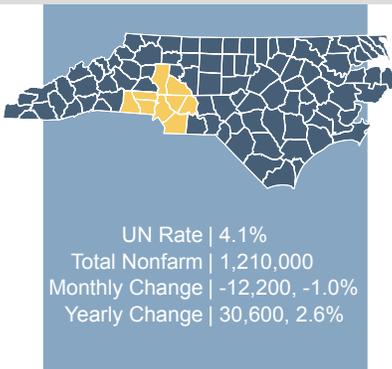
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -6.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -4.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -11.1%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -5.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.9%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -4.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 2.5%
Other Services	100 5.0%
Government	-100 -1.5%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



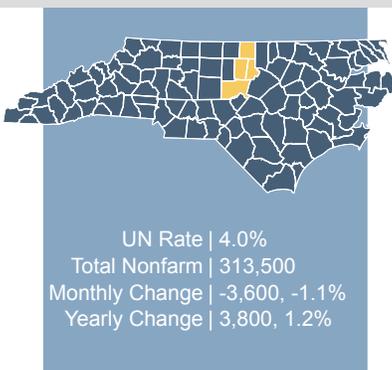
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -0.3%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-8,300 -3.3%
Information	-100 -0.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.1%
Professional & Business Services	-2,500 -1.2%
Education & Health Services	800 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 0.1%
Other Services	200 0.5%
Government	-1,900 -1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,600 2.6%
Manufacturing	2,600 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,600 1.9%
Information	900 3.1%
Financial Activities	2,700 2.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,400 2.7%
Education & Health Services	5,900 4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,300 5.5%
Other Services	1,800 4.5%
Government	-2,200 -1.4%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200 -3.1%
Information	-100 -2.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -1.3%
Education & Health Services	300 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -2.9%
Other Services	-100 -0.9%
Government	-800 -1.2%

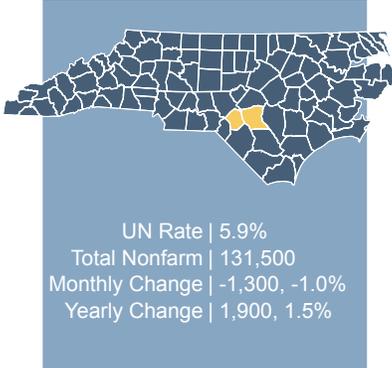
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 6.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 1.4%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 4.6%
Education & Health Services	1,200 1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.1%
Other Services	-400 -3.6%
Government	600 0.9%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



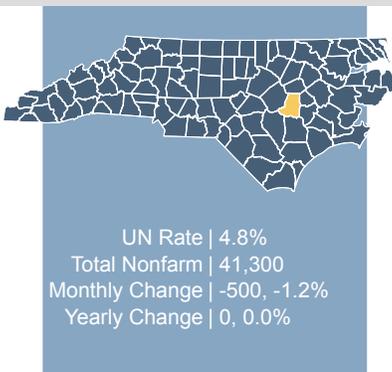
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.7%
Manufacturing	-300 -3.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -2.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 9.6%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	-100 -7.7%
Financial Activities	-100 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.9%
Education & Health Services	-300 -1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000 6.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,000 2.5%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



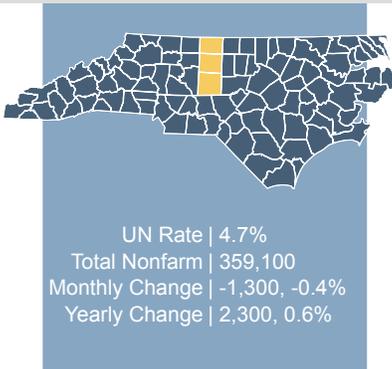
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	100 1.1%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



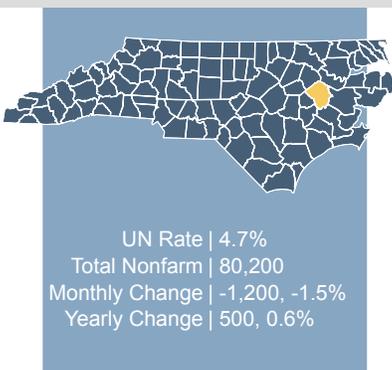
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.7%
Manufacturing	-400 -0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200 -1.6%
Information	-100 -2.2%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,300 2.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.3%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	-400 -0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 2.7%
Manufacturing	-1,000 -1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 1.2%
Information	-200 -4.3%
Financial Activities	200 1.1%
Professional & Business Services	600 1.3%
Education & Health Services	900 1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 1.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.8%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -5.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 12.9%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-300 -10.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 6.3%
Education & Health Services	-200 -2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 1.5%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 155,500
 Monthly Change | -800, -0.5%
 Yearly Change | 3,200, 2.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -4.3%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 4.9%
Manufacturing	1,000 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	500 2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 6.7%
Other Services	200 4.6%
Government	0 0.0%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



UN Rate | 5.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 48,700
 Monthly Change | -900, -1.8%
 Yearly Change | -400, -0.8%

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	0 0.0%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,200
 Monthly Change | -700, -1.6%
 Yearly Change | 400, 0.9%

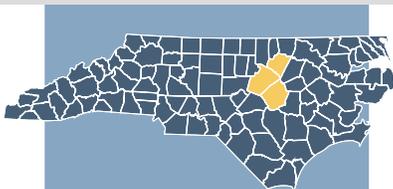
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-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	200 1.4%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



UN Rate | 3.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 630,000
 Monthly Change | -5,400, -0.9%
 Yearly Change | 10,400, 1.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 0.8%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,700 -3.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.3%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -0.3%
Education & Health Services	-400 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.3%
Other Services	-100 -0.4%
Government	-1,000 -1.0%

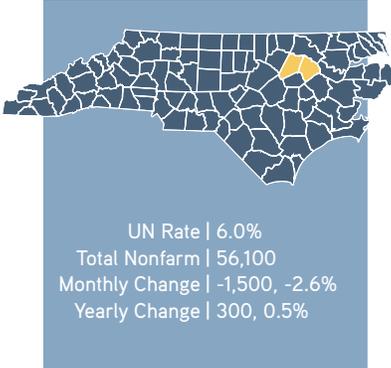
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,400 6.3%
Manufacturing	800 2.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.3%
Information	500 2.3%
Financial Activities	1,300 4.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 1.7%
Education & Health Services	1,600 2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 0.7%
Other Services	300 1.2%
Government	700 0.7%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



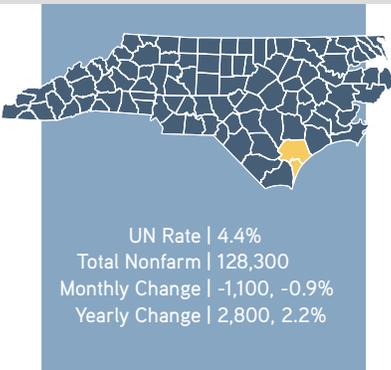
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.7%
Manufacturing	-400 -3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -2.5%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.9%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	-300 -2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	400 4.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.7%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	0 0.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



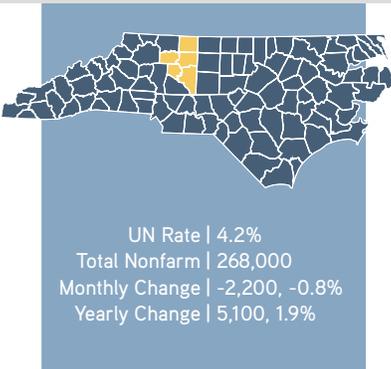
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.2%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -2.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.3%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -3.4%
Manufacturing	300 5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 2.9%
Information	300 10.0%
Financial Activities	200 3.4%
Professional & Business Services	500 3.2%
Education & Health Services	-300 -2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400 7.7%
Other Services	-200 -3.9%
Government	200 0.8%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.9%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,000 -4.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -1.3%
Education & Health Services	800 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.4%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	-400 -1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 6.7%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.4%
Information	-100 -5.3%
Financial Activities	100 0.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,400 4.0%
Education & Health Services	2,000 3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 4.4%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	-300 -0.9%

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Over the month, net industry employment decreased in all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 12,200, followed by Raleigh, 5,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,600; and Asheville, 2,400. Burlington experienced the greatest percentage decrease at 3.2 percent, followed by Rocky Mount, 2.6 percent; Jacksonville, 1.8 percent; and New Bern, 1.6 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 12 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 30,600, followed by Raleigh, 10,400; Asheville, 5,700; Winston-Salem, 5,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,800; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 3,200. Asheville had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.6 percent; and Wilmington, 2.2 percent.

