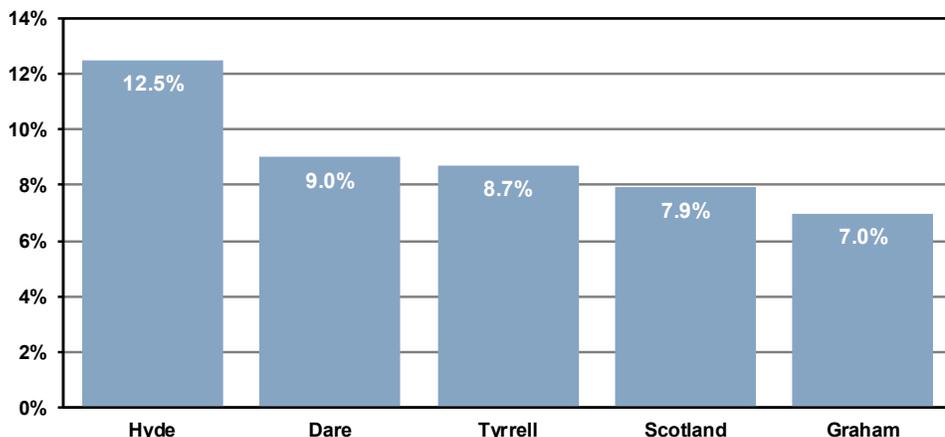


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates February 2019\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

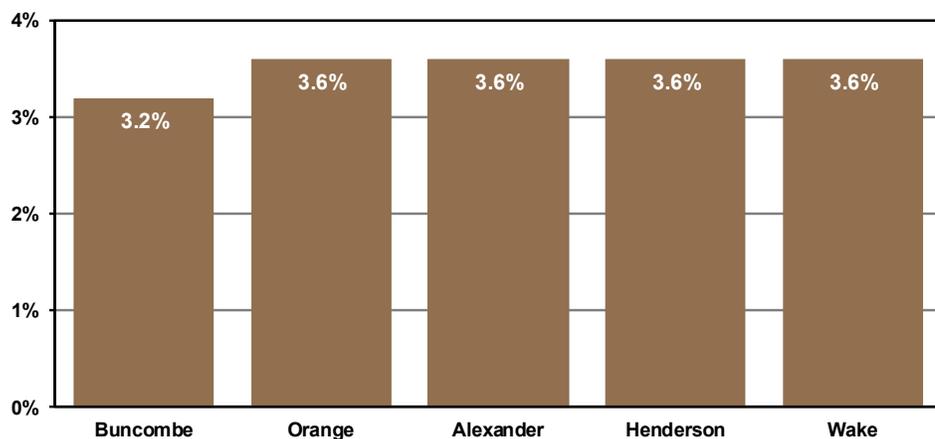


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.2 percent in February. This decreased 0.3 of a percentage point from January's revised rate, and fell 0.2 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Dare reported the only increase at 0.2 of a percentage point. Forty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.2 percent rate.

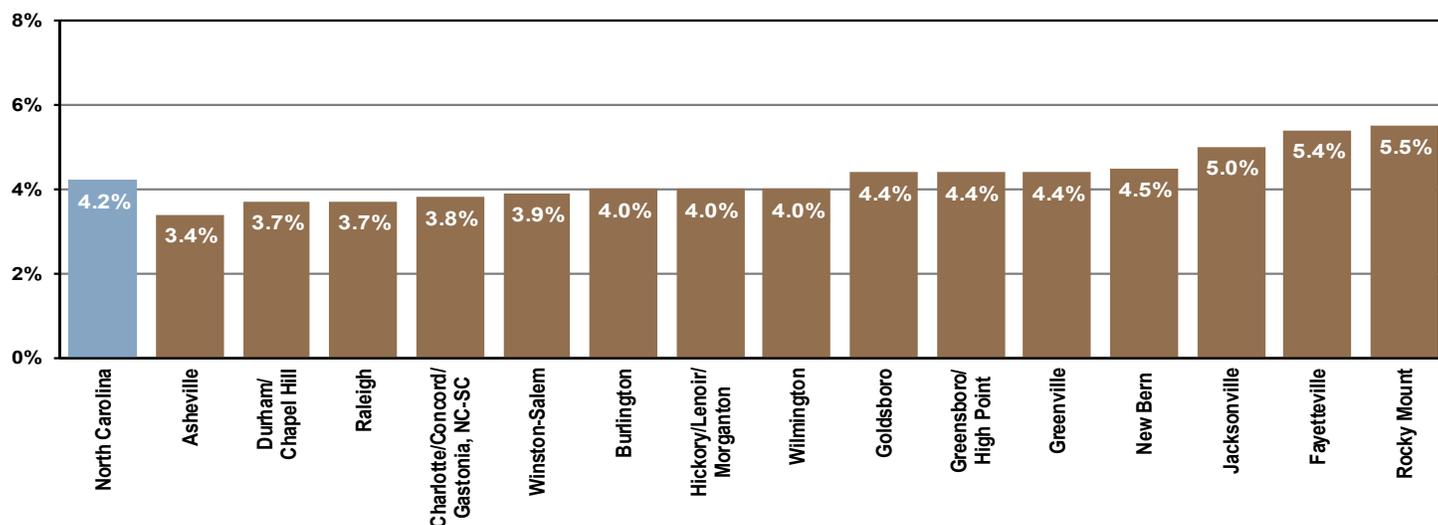
Hyde County recorded February's highest unemployment rate at 12.5 percent, followed by Dare at 9.0 percent, Tyrrell at 8.7 percent, and Scotland at 7.9 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates February 2019\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in February at 5.5 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.4 percent, Jacksonville at 5.0 percent, and New Bern at 4.5 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill & Raleigh at 3.7 percent.

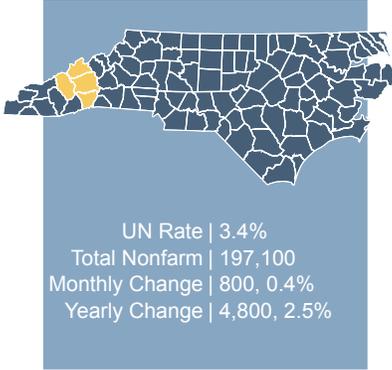
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates February 2019\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



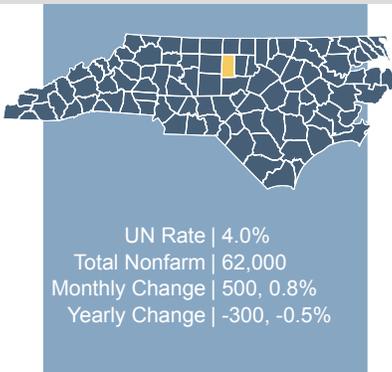
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 1.8%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	200 0.8%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 11.2%
Manufacturing	1,300 6.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.6%
Information	100 5.3%
Financial Activities	200 3.1%
Professional & Business Services	1,000 5.7%
Education & Health Services	300 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 1.8%
Other Services	200 2.4%
Government	0 0.0%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



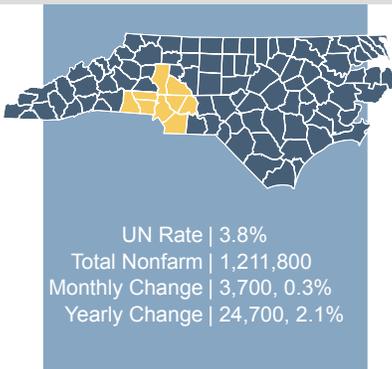
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 4.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 4.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -4.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -3.9%
Education & Health Services	200 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	100 5.0%
Government	0 0.0%

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



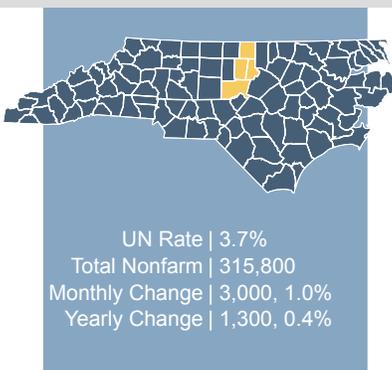
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,200 -1.9%
Manufacturing	1,700 1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,200 -0.9%
Information	100 0.3%
Financial Activities	400 0.4%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 1.0%
Education & Health Services	300 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 0.9%
Other Services	100 0.2%
Government	1,300 0.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -1.3%
Manufacturing	3,600 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,700 1.1%
Information	700 2.4%
Financial Activities	2,400 2.6%
Professional & Business Services	6,500 3.2%
Education & Health Services	4,000 3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100 4.6%
Other Services	1,500 3.7%
Government	-2,000 -1.3%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	500 1.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 2.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,800 2.7%

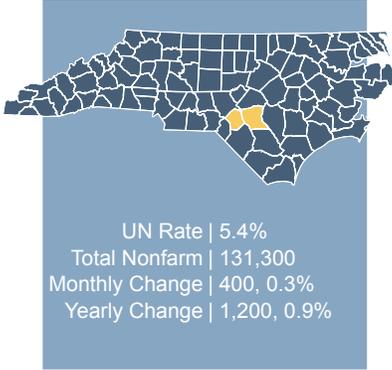
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.6%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,100 4.8%
Education & Health Services	100 0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	-500 -4.4%
Government	-400 -0.6%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



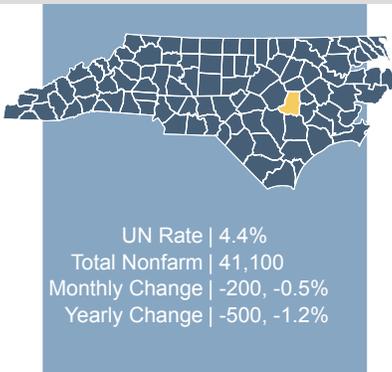
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	-100 -8.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	500 1.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 7.6%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	-100 -8.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.7%
Education & Health Services	-400 -2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 3.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	600 1.5%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



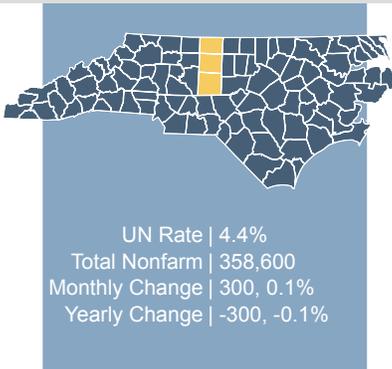
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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 | February 2019



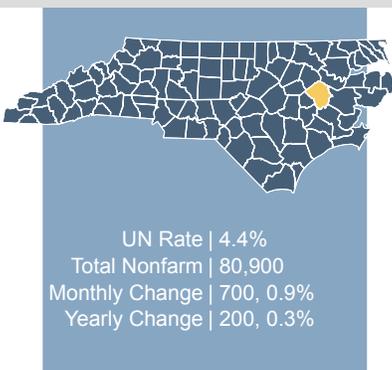
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.7%
Manufacturing	300 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-900 -1.9%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.6%
Other Services	100 0.8%
Government	500 1.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 2.0%
Manufacturing	-700 -1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 1.2%
Information	-100 -2.2%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -1.5%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.2%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 1.4%

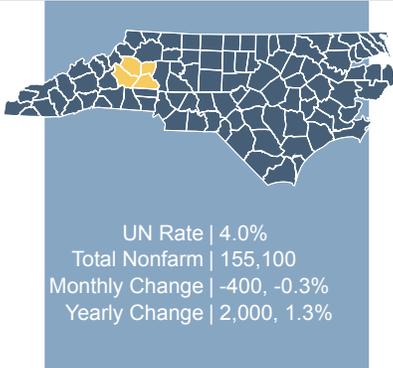
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 9.4%
Manufacturing	-200 -3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-300 -10.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 3.0%
Education & Health Services	-400 -4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -2.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	500 1.8%

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## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



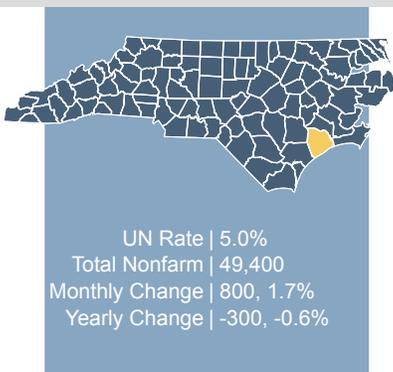
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 3.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -4.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.4%
Manufacturing	1,000 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	400 2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.7%
Other Services	100 2.2%
Government	0 0.0%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



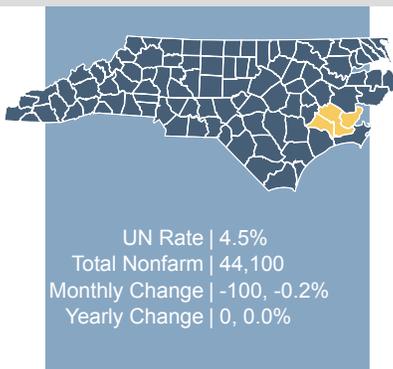
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	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	0 0.0%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



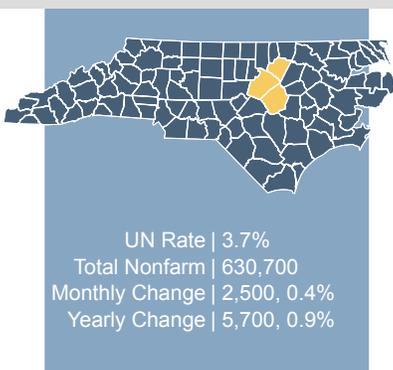
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	200 1.4%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 0.5%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.1%
Information	100 0.5%
Financial Activities	-300 -0.9%
Professional & Business Services	700 0.6%
Education & Health Services	200 0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -0.4%
Other Services	100 0.4%
Government	1,900 1.9%

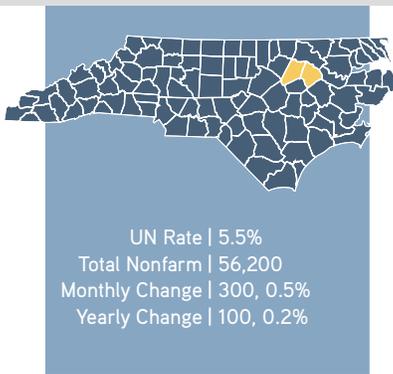
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,700 4.4%
Manufacturing	400 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 0.4%
Information	200 0.9%
Financial Activities	900 2.8%
Professional & Business Services	600 0.5%
Education & Health Services	1,200 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -1.0%
Other Services	200 0.8%
Government	800 0.8%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



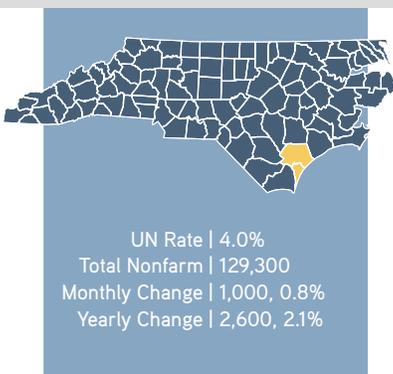
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.9%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	300 6.0%
Education & Health Services	200 3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -0.9%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



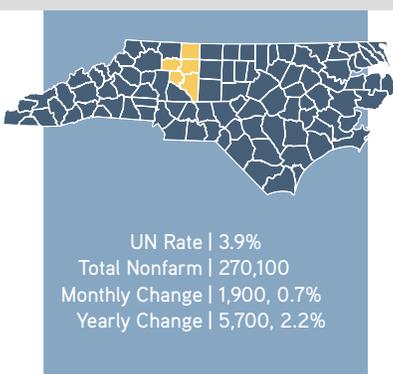
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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 1.3%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 3.1%
Other Services	100 2.0%
Government	400 1.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -3.4%
Manufacturing	300 5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	300 10.0%
Financial Activities	200 3.4%
Professional & Business Services	500 3.2%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700 9.2%
Other Services	-200 -3.8%
Government	200 0.8%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2019



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	300 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -1.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	700 1.9%
Education & Health Services	300 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 2.8%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	200 0.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 6.7%
Manufacturing	500 1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400 -0.8%
Information	-100 -5.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,800 5.1%
Education & Health Services	1,700 3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700 6.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.6%

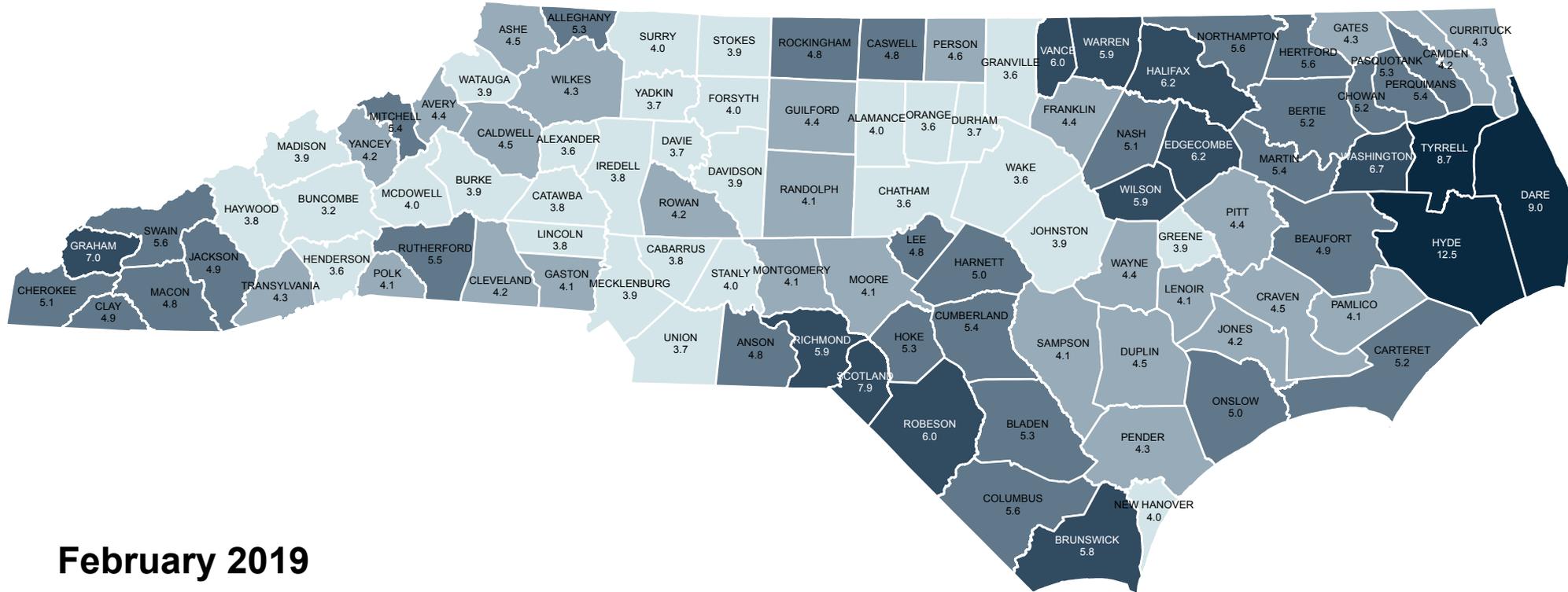
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 12 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 3,700, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,000; Raleigh, 2,500; and Winston-Salem, 1,900. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.7 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.0 percent; Greenville, 0.9 percent; and Burlington & Wilmington, 0.8 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.

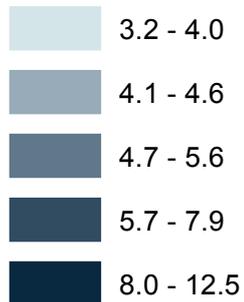
Over the year, employment increased in 10 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 24,700, followed by Winston-Salem, 5,700; Raleigh, 5,700; Asheville, 4,800; Wilmington, 2,600; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 2,000. Asheville had the greatest percentage increase at 2.5 percent, followed by Winston-Salem, 2.2 percent; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC & Wilmington, 2.1 percent.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## February 2019



### February 2019



- ^ 1 County Higher Than Previous Month
- v 99 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 0 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.2%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted