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Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates July 2019*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)







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



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.4 percent in July. This remained unchanged from June's revised rate, and increased 0.3 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 70 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Forty-nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.4 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded July's highest unemployment rate at 7.4 percent, followed by Wilson and Vance at 6.9 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Henderson and Haywood at 3.6 percent, and Dare and Alexander at 3.7%.

Unemployment rates decreased in 12 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in July at 6.0 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.8 percent, Jacksonville at 5.3 percent, and Greenville at 5.2 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill and Raleigh at 3.9 percent.

*All July 2019 data are preliminary.

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



UN Rate | 3.5% Total Nonfarm | 201,200 Monthly Change | -2,500, -1.2% Yearly Change | 8,300, 4.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	inge	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.9%	
Manufacturing	200	0.9%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	100	1.5%	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%	
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.5%	
Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.3%	
Other Services	100	1.1%	
Government	-3,100	-12.6%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	700	7.1%
Manufacturing	1,600	7.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,000	5.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	600	3.3%
Education & Health Services	2,900	7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.7%
Other Services	300	3.5%
Government	200	0.9%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ige	
Industry	Cha	inge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.9%
Education & Health Services	200	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-900	-13.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	е	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.5%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	4.1%
Education & Health Services	200	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-3.3%

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



UN Rate | 4.0% Total Nonfarm | 1,228,400 Monthly Change | -15,000, -1.2% Yearly Change | 31,600, 2.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction -300 -0.5% Manufacturing 600 0.5% 1,700 0.7% Trade, Transportation & Utilities Information 0.0% **Financial Activities** 0.8% 800 Professional & Business Services -800 -0.4% **Education & Health Services** -600 -0.5% Leisure & Hospitality -200 -0.1% Other Services 700 1.6% Government -16,900 -11.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Chai	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	-3,100	-4.7%
Manufacturing	1,700	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,500	2.7%
Information	600	2.0%
Financial Activities	3,400	3.6%
Professional & Business Services	9,600	4.6%
Education & Health Services	4,900	4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,900	4.7%
Other Services	2,600	6.3%
Government	-1,500	-1.1%

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

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	UN Rate 3.9%	
	Total Nonfarm 314,800	
	Monthly Change -2,500, -0.8%	
	Yearly Change 4,800, 1.6%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.5%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	100	0.7%	
Professional & Business Services	300	0.7%	
Education & Health Services	-800	-1.2%	
Leisure & Hospitality	200	0.7%	
Other Services	100	0.9%	
Government	-2,600	-3.9%	

Over-the-Year Employment Chan	ge	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.3%
Manufacturing	200	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	300	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	800	1.8%
Education & Health Services	-2,200	-3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	5.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	4,000	6.6%

Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All July 2019 data are preliminary.

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Total Nonfarm | 129,900 Monthly Change | -3,400, -2.6% Yearly Change | 2,600, 2.0%

Over-the-Month	Employmen	t Change
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Industry	Cha	nge	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.3%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.8%	
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	-3,600	-8.8%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Chai	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	3.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	900	8.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.2%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	900	2.5%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Char	nge
Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-1,200 -12.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Char	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	200	2.5%

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



UN Rate | 4.7% Total Nonfarm | 355,000 Monthly Change | -4,800, -1.3% Yearly Change | 2,000, 0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Cha	inge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	1.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.1%
Education & Health Services	600	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-6,200	-14.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change				
Industry	Cha	nge		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.6%		
Manufacturing	700	1.3%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,000	4.0%		
Information	-100	-2.2%		
Financial Activities	0	0.0%		
Professional & Business Services	-1,200	-2.5%		
Education & Health Services	800	1.6%		
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,400	-3.8%		
Other Services	100	0.8%		
Government	0	0.0%		

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019

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	UN Rate 5.2%	
	Total Nonfarm 79,400	
	Monthly Change -1,500, -1.9%	
	Yearly Change 200, 0.3%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change				
Change				
100	2.7%			
0	0.0%			
-300	-2.6%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
-100	-1.4%			
100	1.0%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
-1,300	-4.6%			
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Over-the-Year Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 300 8.6% Manufacturing -100 -1.6% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 0.0% 0 Information 0.0% **Financial Activities** -300 -10.3% Professional & Business Services 0.0% **Education & Health Services** 200 2.1% Leisure & Hospitality -200 -2.1% Other Services -100 -4.4% 400 Government 1.5%

*Data not collected for these industrial sectors. Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All July 2019 data are preliminary.

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Industry Mining, Logging & Construction 0 0.0%

Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-2,500	-11.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	900	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200	-8.3%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	100	0.5%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Total Nonfarm | 47,400 /onthly Change | -2,400, -4.8% Yearly Change | 0, 0.0%

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	-2.600	-18.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change				
Industry	Char	ige		
Mining, Logging & Construction	*			
Manufacturing				
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*			
Information	*			
Financial Activities	*			
Professional & Business Services	*			
Education & Health Services	*			
Leisure & Hospitality	*			
Other Services	*			
Government	100	0.9%		

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Char	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality		
Other Services	*	
Government	-800	-5.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Chan	ge	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*		
Manufacturing			
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*		
Information	*		
Financial Activities	*		
Professional & Business Services	*		
Education & Health Services	*		
Leisure & Hospitality	*		
Other Services	*		
Government	100	0.8%	

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Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019

		Over-the-Month Employment Change			Over-the-Year Employment Change	
		Industry	Char	nge	Industry	
		Mining, Logging & Construction	400	1.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	
CZ.		Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	
		Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	0.5%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2
		Information	0	0.0%	Information	
UN Rate 3.9%	Financial Activities	500	1.5%	Financial Activities		
	Professional & Business Services	400	0.3%	Professional & Business Services		
	Total Nonfarm 645,500	Education & Health Services	1,200	1.5%	Education & Health Services	4
	Monthly Change -2,900, -0.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	-900	-1.2%	Leisure & Hospitality	2
	Yearly Change 13,200, 2.1%	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	
		Government	-5,100	-5.2%	Government	

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



UN Rate | 6.0% Total Nonfarm | 54,500 Monthly Change | -1,100, -2.0% Yearly Change | -300, -0.6%

Over-the-worth Employment Change				
Industry	Change			
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.7%		
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	0	0.0%		
Other Services	*			
Government	-900	-8.7%		

Over the Month Employment Change

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-600	-6.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	500	10.2%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	5.3%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Cha	nge		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.8%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	100	1.6%	
Professional & Business Services	100	0.6%	
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.9%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	-1,200	-5.2%	

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	е	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.1%
Manufacturing	100	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.6%
Information	100	3.1%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.2%
Education & Health Services	-500	-3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	6.0%
Other Services	-200	-3.6%
Government	200	0.9%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2019

		Over-the-Month Employment Change		Over-the-Year Employment Change			
		Industry	Change		Industry		Change
UN Rate 4.2% Total Nonfarm 269,400		Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	700	6.5%
		Manufacturing	300	0.9%	Manufacturing	800	2.5%
		Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.2%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	1.9%
		Information	0	0.0%	Information	-100	-5.3%
		Financial Activities	-100	-0.8%	Financial Activities	-100	-0.8%
	UN Rate 4.2%	Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.3%	Professional & Business Services	900	2.5%
		Education & Health Services	300	0.5%	Education & Health Services	2,500	4.6%
_	Monthly Change -4,200, -1.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	200	0.7%	Leisure & Hospitality	1,500	5.1%
	Yearly Change 6,900, 2.6%	Other Services	100	1.1%	Other Services	0	0.0%
_		Government	-4,600	-14.9%	Government	-200	-0.8%

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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 15,000, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 4,800; Winston-Salem, 4,200; Fayetteville, 3,400; and Raleigh, 2,900. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage decrease at 4.8 percent, followed by Goldsboro & Fayetteville, 2.6 percent; and Rocky Mount, 2.0 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 31,600, followed by Raleigh, 13,200; Asheville, 8,300; and Winston-Salem, 6,900. Asheville had the greatest percentage increase at 4.3 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC & Winston-Salem, 2.6 percent; and Raleigh, 2.1 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County July 2019



July 2019

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- Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- 70 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- 25 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.4% Not Seasonally Adjusted