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

Scotland	Hyde	Vance	Wilson	Halifax	Edgecombe	Warren	Washington
6.2%	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates
September 2019*
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Buncombe	Henderson	Haywood	Orange	Wake	Watauga	Chatham	Alexander
2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

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

North Carolina	Asheville	Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC	Durham/Chapel Hill	Raleigh	Wilmington	Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton	Winston-Salem	Burlington	New Bern	Goldsboro	Greensboro/High Point	Greenville	Jacksonville	Fayetteville	Rocky Mount
3.5%	2.7%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	4.6%	4.8%

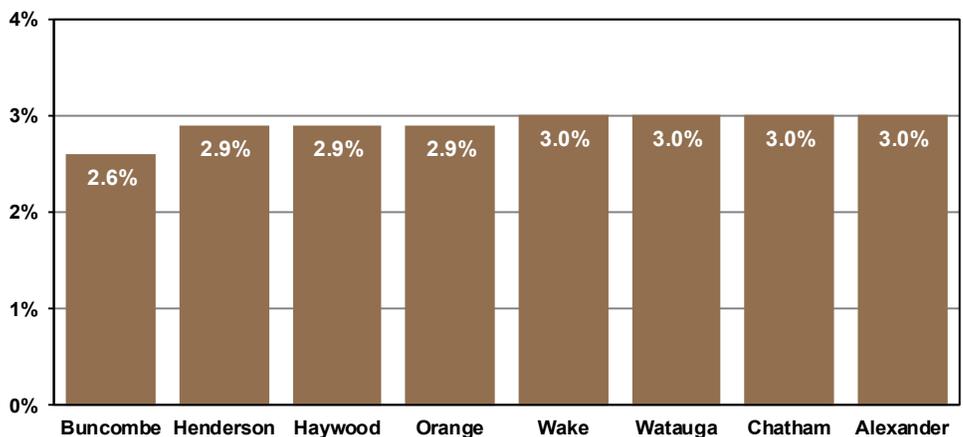*All September 2019 data are preliminary.

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.5 percent in September. This decreased 0.8 of a percentage point from August's revised rate, and remained unchanged over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Forty-nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.5 percent rate.
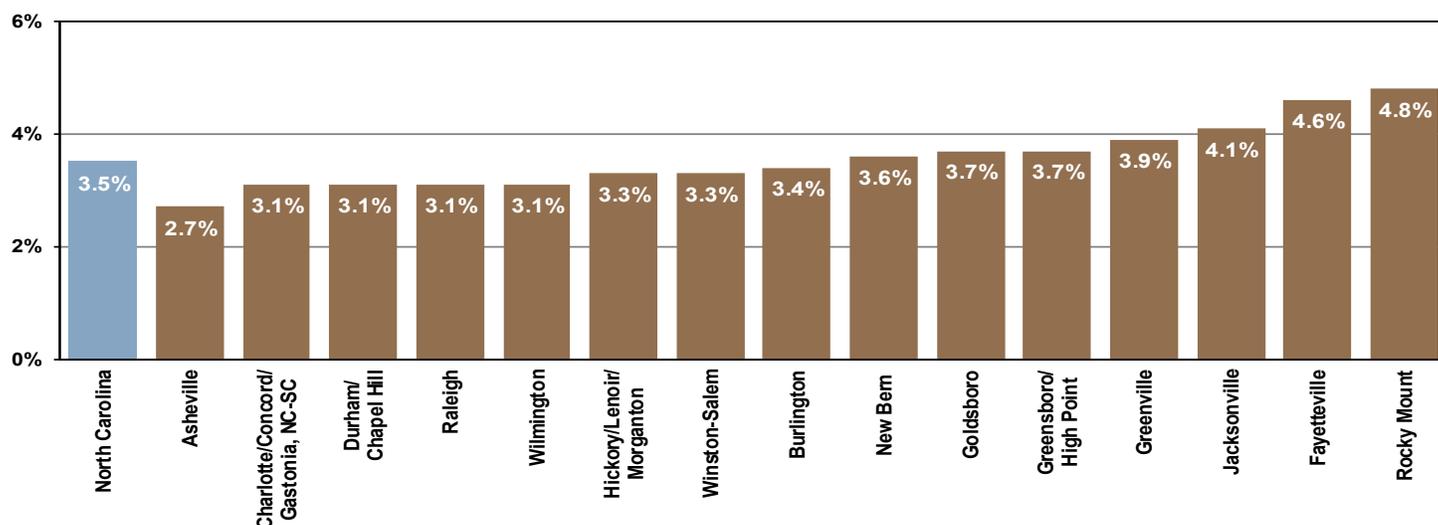
Scotland County recorded September's highest unemployment rate at 6.2 percent, followed by Hyde & Vance at 5.6 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent, followed by Henderson, Haywood & Orange at 2.9 percent.

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 September at 4.8 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.6 percent, Jacksonville at 4.1 percent, and Greenville at 3.9 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.7 percent.
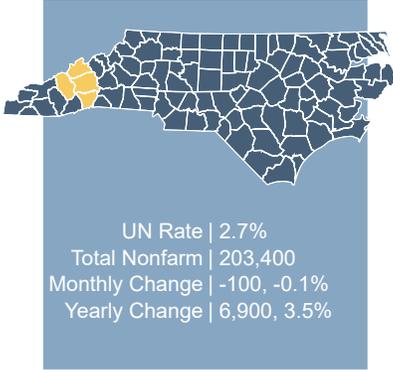
North Carolina **County Labor Market Conditions**

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 2.7%
Total Nonfarm | 203,400
Monthly Change | -100, -0.1%
Yearly Change | 6,900, 3.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.9%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.5%
Education & Health Services	-900	-2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-900	-3.0%
Other Services	-100	-1.1%
Government	2,100	8.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

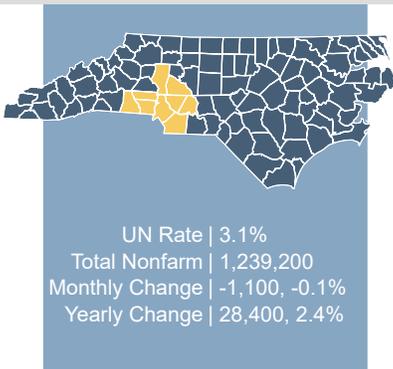| Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	700	7.1%
Manufacturing	1,000	4.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,300	6.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	800	4.4%
Education & Health Services	1,900	5.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.0%
Other Services	200	2.4%
Government	100	0.4%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
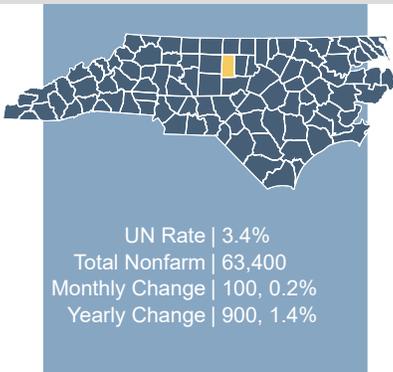
UN Rate | 3.4%
Total Nonfarm | 63,400
Monthly Change | 100, 0.2%
Yearly Change | 900, 1.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-400	-4.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-1.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	400	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.5%
Other Services	100	4.8%
Government	500	7.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300	5.9%
Education & Health Services	500	3.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.5%
Other Services	100	4.8%
Government	0	0.0%

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

UN Rate | 3.1%
Total Nonfarm | 1,239,200
Monthly Change | -1,100, -0.1%
Yearly Change | 28,400, 2.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500	-0.8%
Manufacturing	-1,200	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,700	-0.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	800	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200	-0.6%
Education & Health Services	2,700	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,500	-5.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	8,500	6.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-3,400	-5.2%
Manufacturing	700	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,100	2.1%
Information	900	3.1%
Financial Activities	4,200	4.4%
Professional & Business Services	9,300	4.5%
Education & Health Services	5,800	4.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,900	3.5%
Other Services	2,500	6.1%
Government	-1,600	-1.1%

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

UN Rate | 3.1%
Total Nonfarm | 318,700
Monthly Change | 3,000, 1.0%
Yearly Change | 4,600, 1.5%
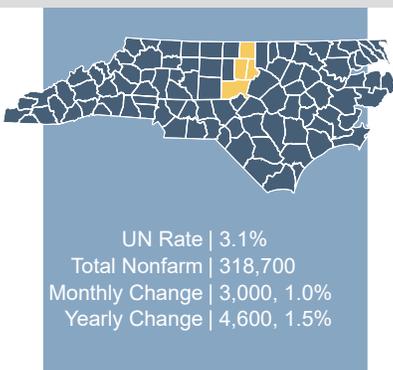
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.2%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.2%
Education & Health Services	1,200	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.7%
Other Services	-100	-0.9%
Government	2,900	4.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.2%
Manufacturing	600	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	400	2.7%
Professional & Business Services	-800	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	1,100	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,100	7.6%
Other Services	-100	-0.9%
Government	700	1.0%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
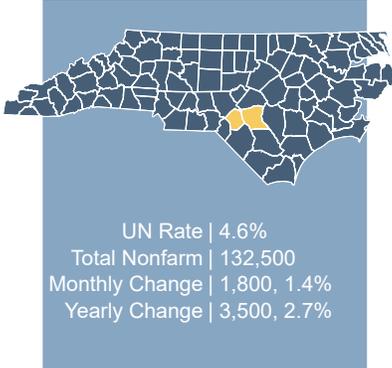
UN Rate | 4.6%
Total Nonfarm | 132,500
Monthly Change | 1,800, 1.4%
Yearly Change | 3,500, 2.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.8%
Information	-100	-8.3%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.2%
Other Services	-100	-2.2%
Government	1,800	4.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	3.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	2.6%
Information	-100	-8.3%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	900	8.1%
Education & Health Services	300	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	900	5.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	700	1.8%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
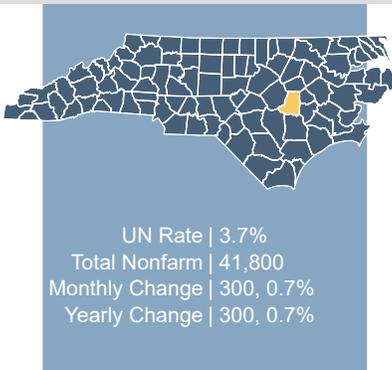
UN Rate | 3.7%
Total Nonfarm | 41,800
Monthly Change | 300, 0.7%
Yearly Change | 300, 0.7%

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	400	4.4%

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	1.1%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 3.7%
Total Nonfarm | 363,800
Monthly Change | 3,000, 0.8%
Yearly Change | 2,900, 0.8%
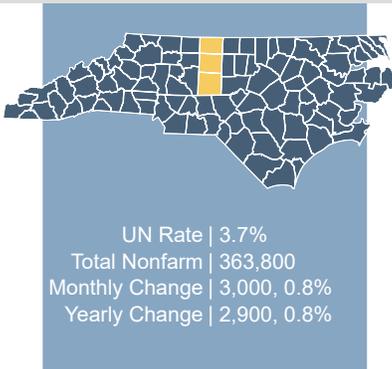
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.6%
Manufacturing	-400	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000	1.3%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	500	1.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-1.9%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	2,900	7.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	300	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,500	4.7%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	-200	-1.1%
Professional & Business Services	-800	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	300	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.6%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	0	0.0%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
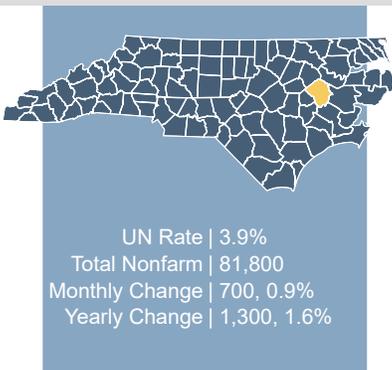
UN Rate | 3.9%
Total Nonfarm | 81,800
Monthly Change | 700, 0.9%
Yearly Change | 1,300, 1.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.4%
Education & Health Services	200	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	-100	-4.4%
Government	600	2.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	5.7%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-200	-7.1%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.5%
Education & Health Services	400	4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	1.8%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
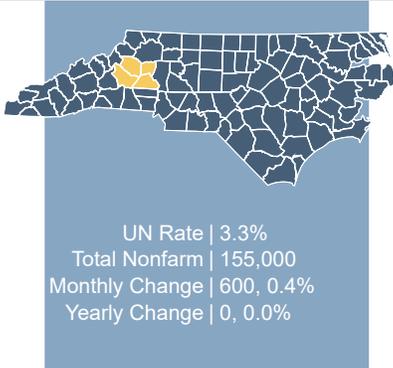
UN Rate | 3.3%
Total Nonfarm | 155,000
Monthly Change | 600, 0.4%
Yearly Change | 0, 0.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
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	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-5.2%
Other Services	-100	-2.1%
Government	1,200	5.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

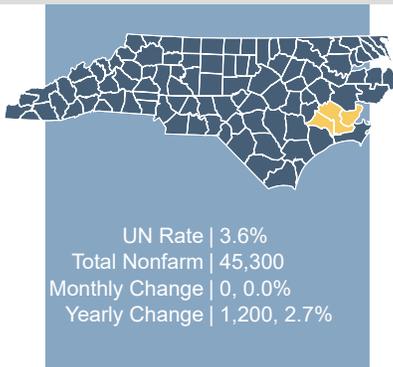| Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.3%
Manufacturing	800	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-3.5%
Education & Health Services	300	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-7.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019
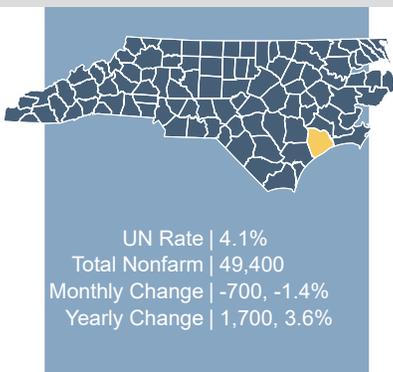
UN Rate | 4.1%
Total Nonfarm | 49,400
Monthly Change | -700, -1.4%
Yearly Change | 1,700, 3.6%

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%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 3.6%
Total Nonfarm | 45,300
Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
Yearly Change | 1,200, 2.7%

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	100	0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 3.1%
Total Nonfarm | 651,200
Monthly Change | -900, -0.1%
Yearly Change | 20,200, 3.2%
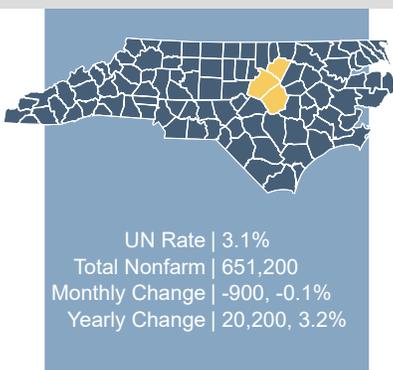
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500	-1.2%
Manufacturing	-300	-0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	-200	-0.9%
Financial Activities	-400	-1.2%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.1%
Education & Health Services	500	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,700	-3.6%
Other Services	-300	-1.2%
Government	3,100	3.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,100	2.7%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,200	3.8%
Information	600	2.7%
Financial Activities	300	0.9%
Professional & Business Services	6,000	5.0%
Education & Health Services	4,500	5.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	2.6%
Other Services	600	2.5%
Government	1,000	1.0%

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

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 4.8%
Total Nonfarm | 56,000
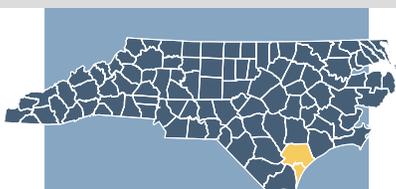Monthly Change | 700, 1.3%
Yearly Change | 300, 0.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	600	6.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.9%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.3%
Other Services	*	
Government	300	2.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	200	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	100	1.9%
Education & Health Services	300	4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	5.5%
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-0.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 3.1%
Total Nonfarm | 133,600
Monthly Change | -700, -0.5%
Yearly Change | 8,000, 6.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-1.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.6%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800	-3.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	2.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.5%
Manufacturing	100	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300	5.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.3%
Professional & Business Services	900	5.8%
Education & Health Services	400	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,300	23.4%
Other Services	200	3.9%
Government	300	1.3%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2019

UN Rate | 3.3%
Total Nonfarm | 274,900
Monthly Change | 1,800, 0.7%
Yearly Change | 8,800, 3.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.9%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-0.8%
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	-100	-1.2%
Government	2,800	9.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	3.6%
Manufacturing	500	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	1.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	2,000	5.4%
Education & Health Services	2,300	4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700	9.5%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

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

Over the month, net industry employment increased in nine of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Durham/Chapel Hill & Greensboro/High Point had the largest net employment increase with 3,000, followed by Fayetteville & Winston-Salem, 1,800. Fayetteville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.4 percent, followed by Rocky Mount, 1.3 percent; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.0 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 14 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 28,400, followed by Raleigh, 20,200; Winston-Salem, 8,800; and Wilmington, 8,000. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 6.4 percent, followed by Jacksonville, 3.6 percent; Asheville, 3.5%; and Winston-Salem, 3.3 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County
September 2019

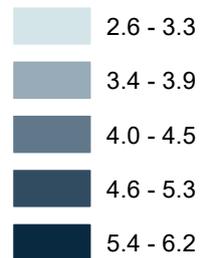| County	Rate
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ASHE	3.1
SURRY	3.4
STOKES	3.2
ROCKINGHAM	3.9
CASWELL	4.1
PERSON	3.9
GRANVILLE	3.1
VANCE	5.6
WARREN	5.4
NORTHAMPTON	4.9
HERTFORD	4.6
GATES	3.7
CURRITUCK	3.2
CAMDEN	3.2
PASQUOTANK	4.0
WATAUGA	3.0
WILKES	3.7
YADKIN	3.0
FORSYTH	3.4
GUILFORD	3.7
ALAMANCE	3.4
ORANGE	2.9
DURHAM	3.1
FRANKLIN	3.6
NASH	4.5
HALIFAX	5.5
EDGECOMBE	5.4
BERTIE	4.3
CHOWAN	4.2
PERQUIMANS	4.4
AVERY	3.0
MITCHELL	3.9
MADISON	3.3
YANCEY	3.3
CALDWELL	3.7
ALEXANDER	3.0
DAVIE	3.1
DAVIDSON	3.3
WAKE	3.0
WILSON	5.5
MARTIN	4.7
WASHINGTON	5.2
TYRRELL	4.8
HAYWOOD	2.9
BUNCOMBE	2.6
MCDOWELL	3.6
BURKE	3.4
IREDELL	3.3
ROWAN	3.6
RANDOLPH	3.4
CHATHAM	3.0
JOHNSTON	3.3
GREENE	3.4
PITT	3.9
BEAUFORT	4.2
DARE	3.2
GRAHAM	4.4
SWAIN	3.3
JACKSON	3.4
HENDERSON	2.9
RUTHERFORD	4.5
LINCOLN	3.1
CATAWBA	3.3
CABARRUS	3.3
STANLY	3.5
MONTGOMERY	3.8
MOORE	3.5
LEE	4.1
HARNETT	4.1
WAYNE	3.7
LENOIR	3.5
CRAVEN	3.6
PAMLICO	3.3
HYDE	5.6
CHEROKEE	3.9
CLAY	4.1
MACON	3.3
TRANSYLVANIA	3.2
POLK	3.5
CLEVELAND	3.8
GASTON	3.5
MECKLENBURG	3.3
UNION	3.1
ANSON	4.1
RICHMOND	4.9
HOKE	4.6
CUMBERLAND	4.6
SAMPSON	3.5
DUPLIN	3.7
JONES	3.4
ONSLOW	4.1
CARTERET	3.5
SCOTLAND	6.2
ROBESON	5.0
BLADEN	4.5
PENDER	3.4
COLUMBUS	4.6
NEW HANOVER	3.1
BRUNSWICK	4.5

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Range
2.6 - 3.3
3.4 - 3.9
4.0 - 4.5
4.6 - 5.3
5.4 - 6.2

∧ 0 Counties Higher Than Previous Month

∨ 100 Counties Lower Than Previous Month

= 0 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.5%
Not Seasonally Adjusted