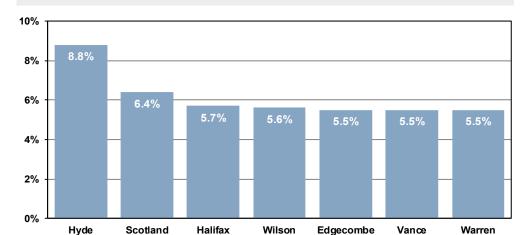
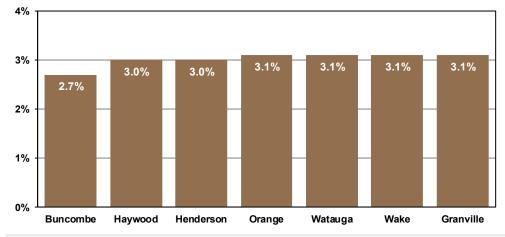
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Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates October 2019*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



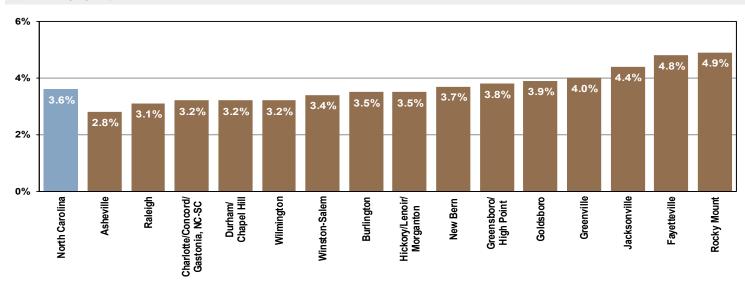
North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.6 percent in October. This increased 0.1 of a percentage point from September's revised rate, and remained unchanged over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 86 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Forty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.6 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 8.8 percent, followed by Scotland at 6.4 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.7 percent, followed by Haywood & Henderson at 3.0 percent.

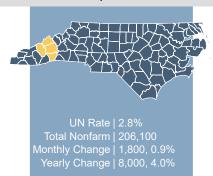
Unemployment rates increased in 14 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in October at 4.9 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.8 percent, Jacksonville at 4.4 percent, and Greenville at 4.0 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent.

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



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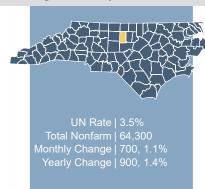
Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction -100 -0.9% Manufacturing -300 -1.3% -200 Trade, Transportation & Utilities -0.5% Information 0.0% Financial Activities 100 1.5% Professional & Business Services **Education & Health Services** 500 1.2% Leisure & Hospitality 700 Other Services 100 1.2% Government 700 2.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	600	6.0%
Manufacturing	900	4.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,000	5.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.1%
Education & Health Services	2,300	6.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	4.1%
Other Services	300	3.5%
Government	300	1.1%

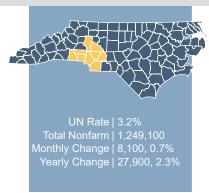
Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.9%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	300	4.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	100	1.1%	
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	400	4.9%	
Other Services	100	4.8%	
Government	100	1.4%	

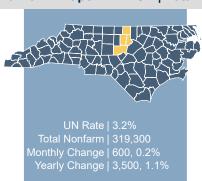
Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	0.5%
Manufacturing	-400	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,000	0.8%
Information	100	0.3%
Financial Activities	1,100	1.1%
Professional & Business Services	300	0.1%
Education & Health Services	1,100	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,900	1.3%
Other Services	-800	-1.9%
Government	2,500	1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	е	
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,200	-3.4%
Manufacturing	800	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,200	2.1%
Information	900	3.1%
Financial Activities	4,400	4.6%
Professional & Business Services	6,600	3.1%
Education & Health Services	4,600	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,900	4.9%
Other Services	900	2.2%
Government	-200	-0.1%

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

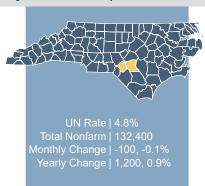


Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-1.3%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	1,500	2.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	•		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.1%	
Manufacturing	200	0.7%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	2.2%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	400	2.7%	
Professional & Business Services	-800	-1.8%	
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.3%	
Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	5.8%	
Other Services	-100	-0.9%	
Government	1,500	2.2%	

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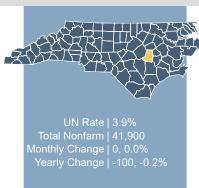
Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction 0.0% Manufacturing 0.0% -200 Trade, Transportation & Utilities -0.8% Information -100 -8.3% 2.6% **Financial Activities** 100 Professional & Business Services -0.8% **Education & Health Services** 100 0.7% Leisure & Hospitality -0.6% -100 Other Services 0 0.0% 200 0.5% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	100	1.2%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.4%	
Information	-100	-8.3%	
Financial Activities	100	2.6%	
Professional & Business Services	300	2.6%	
Education & Health Services	300	2.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.6%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	300	0.7%	

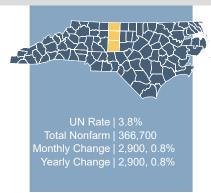
Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Chang	е	
Industry	Chan	ge
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	Char	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality		
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

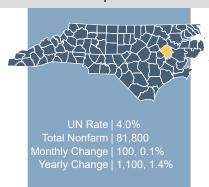
Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.6%
Manufacturing	100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	0.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.1%
Education & Health Services	600	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	3.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	800	1.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.6%
Manufacturing	500	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,100	4.1%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	-200	-1.1%
Professional & Business Services	-2,400	-4.9%
Education & Health Services	700	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	2.8%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.4%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019

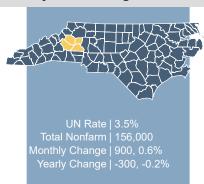


Over-the-Month Employment Change	je	
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.2%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	е		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	5.7%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	4.4%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	-200	-7.1%	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%	
Education & Health Services	300	3.2%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.2%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	500	1.8%	

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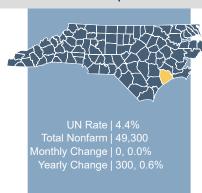
Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction -100 -2.2% 200 Manufacturing 0.5% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 0.7% -100 -11.1% Information Financial Activities 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services 100 0.7% Education & Health Services 100 0.5% Leisure & Hospitality 0.8% Other Services 0.0% 0 Government 400 1.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	800	1.9%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.7%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	100	3.2%	
Professional & Business Services	-600	-4.1%	
Education & Health Services	200	1.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-7.8%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	-200	-0.9%	

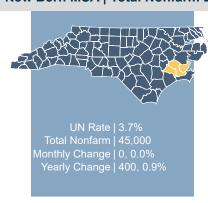
Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ge	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	•	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-300	-2.1%

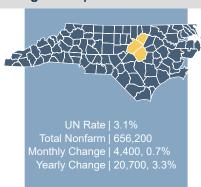
New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ge	
Industry	Chan	ige
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	е	
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	0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019

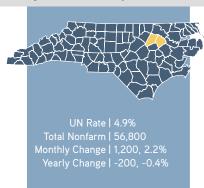


Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ge	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.2%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	700	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	800	0.6%
Education & Health Services	-600	-0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	2.5%
Other Services	300	1.2%
Government	1,500	1.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,100	2.7%
Manufacturing	400	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,200	2.9%
Information	700	3.2%
Financial Activities	800	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	5,000	4.1%
Education & Health Services	3,800	4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,700	5.3%
Other Services	500	2.0%
Government	1.500	1.5%

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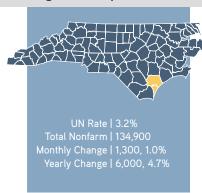
Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	700	7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	*	
Government	300	2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.7%
Manufacturing	-200	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	300	4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	3.6%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

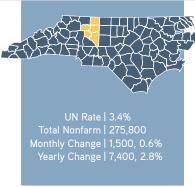
Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.1%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	500	3.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	1.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	400	1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	•		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.4%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.9%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	200	3.2%	
Professional & Business Services	900	5.6%	
Education & Health Services	400	2.7%	
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000	15.0%	
Other Services	200	3.9%	
Government	400	1.7%	

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change				
Industry	Change			
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.9%		
Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.2%		
Information	0	0.0%		
Financial Activities	100	0.8%		
Professional & Business Services	400	1.0%		
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%		
Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.3%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	700	2.2%		

Over-the-rear Employment Change	3	
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	4.6%
Manufacturing	500	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,900	5.1%
Education & Health Services	1,900	3.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,200	7.7%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	-100	-0.3%

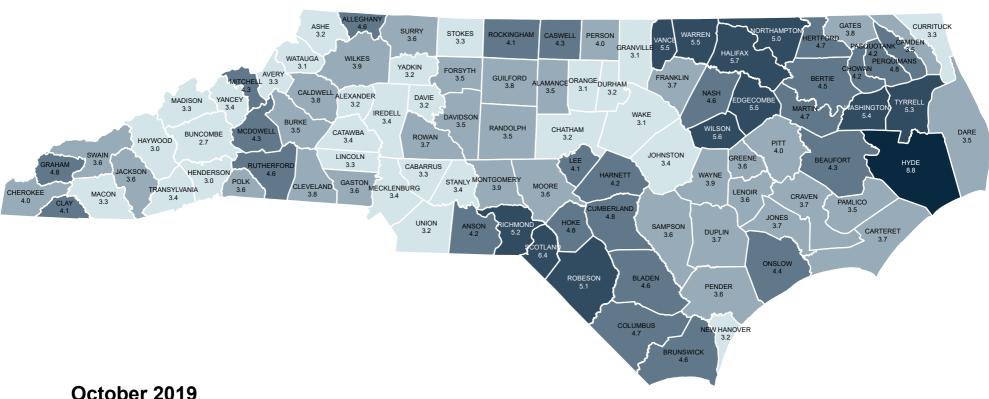
Over-the-Vear Employment Change

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Over the month, net industry employment increased in eleven of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 8,100, followed by Raleigh, 4,400; and Greensboro/High Point, 2,900. Rocky Mount experienced the greatest percentage increase at 2.2 percent, followed by Burlington, 1.1 percent; and Wilmington, 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.

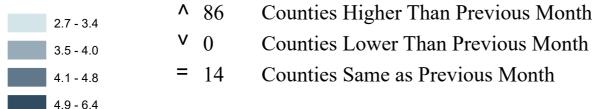
Over the year, employment increased in 12 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 27,900, followed by Raleigh, 20,700; Asheville, 8,000; Winston-Salem; 7,400; and Wilmington, 6,000. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 4.7 percent, followed by Asheville, 4.0 percent; Raleigh, 3.3 percent; Winston-Salem, 2.8 percent; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.3 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County October 2019



October 2019

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North Carolina Rate 3.6% Not Seasonally Adjusted