North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

March **2 0 2 0**

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates March 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates March 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates March 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

6% 5.5% 5.5% 4.9% 4.5% A A% 4.4% 4% 4 3% 4.2% 4.1% 4.0% 4.0% 4.0% 3.9% 3.7% 3.6% 3.6% 2% 0% Burlington Greensboro/ High Point Durham/ Chapel Hill Raleigh Hickory/Lenoir/ Wilmington Winston-Salem Fayetteville North Carolina Asheville Charlotte/Concord/ Gastonia, NC-SC Greenville Goldsboro acksonville **Rocky Mount** New Bern Morganton

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.2 percent in March. This increased 0.5 of a percentage point from February's revised rate, and grew 0.2 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Thirty-eight counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.2 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded March's highest unemployment rate at 13.1 percent, followed by Tyrrell at 7.5 percent. Buncombe, Alexander, and Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA and Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in March at 5.5 percent, followed by Jacksonville at 4.9 percent, and Goldsboro at 4.5 percent. Asheville and Durham/ Chapel Hill reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.7 percent.

*All March 2020 data are preliminary.

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Total Nonfarm | 195,500 Monthly Change | -1,800, -0.9% Yearly Change | -2,800, -1.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

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Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-2.2%
Education & Health Services	-400	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,500	-5.3%
Other Services	100	1.1%
Government	200	0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.0%	
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-1.1%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	300	4.7%	
Professional & Business Services	-600	-3.2%	
Education & Health Services	-1,000	-2.6%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,800	-6.3%	
Other Services	500	5.6%	
Government	400	1.5%	

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020

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	UN Rate 4.1% Total Nonfarm 63,200 Monthly Change -700, -1.1% Yearly Change -200, -0.3%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	-300	-3.2%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.6%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.9%	
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.8%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-6.0%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	100	1.4%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change	e		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.1%	
Manufacturing	-300	-3.2%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-2.3%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	100	5.3%	
Professional & Business Services	200	4.1%	
Education & Health Services	100	0.8%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.7%	
Other Services	100	4.6%	
Government	100	1.4%	

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



UN Rate | 3.9% Total Nonfarm | 1,241,600 Monthly Change | -2,100, -0.2% Yearly Change | 16,300, 1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 900 1.3% Manufacturing -1,500 -1.3% -1.100 Trade, Transportation & Utilities -0.4% Information 0.4% **Financial Activities** 1,200 1.1% Professional & Business Services -1,500 -0.7% **Education & Health Services** 0 0.0% Leisure & Hospitality -0.8% -1,100 Other Services -300 -0.7% Government 1,200 0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	е		
Industry	Chai	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,100	4.6%	
Manufacturing	200	0.2%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	0.4%	
Information	100	0.4%	
Financial Activities	5,800	5.8%	
Professional & Business Services	500	0.2%	
Education & Health Services	700	0.6%	
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500	1.8%	
Other Services	-100	-0.2%	
Government	2.600	1.7%	

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020

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	UN Rate 3.6%	
	Total Nonfarm 324,900	
	Monthly Change -800, -0.3%	
	Yearly Change 3,700, 1.2%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.0%	
Manufacturing	-600	-2.1%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	0.8%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	300	0.7%	
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.1%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-800	-2.9%	
Other Services	100	0.9%	
Government	100	0.1%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change	ge	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	600	6.7%
Manufacturing	-300	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	2.1%
Information	200	4.2%
Financial Activities	400	2.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,100	2.4%
Education & Health Services	1,600	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,300	-4.6%
Other Services	300	2.6%
Government	300	0.4%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Char	ige	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.4%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	200	1.9%	

Education & Health Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change

-0.6%

-1.8%

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Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-4.9%	
Manufacturing	200	2.4%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900	-3.8%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-700	-6.2%	
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
Other Services	100	2.2%	
Government	100	0.3%	

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Total Nonfarm | 40,200 Ionthly Change | -700, -1.7% Yearly Change | -1,400, -3.4%

Over-the-Month 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	0	0.0%

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	0	0.0%		

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Total Nonfarm | 362,000 Monthly Change | -200, -0.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.3%
Manufacturing	-900	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	0.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	400	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	1,200	2.6%
Education & Health Services	-500	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200	-3.2%
Other Services	100	0.8%
Government	100	0.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction -100 -0.6% Manufacturing -1.400 -2.6% 0.5% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 400 100 2.2% Information **Financial Activities** 800 4.3% Professional & Business Services -700 -1.4% **Education & Health Services** -300 -0.6% Leisure & Hospitality -1,500 -4.0% Other Services 0 0.0% Government -100 -0.2%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020

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	UN Rate 4.4%	
	Total Nonfarm 80,600	
	Monthly Change -500, -0.6%	
	Yearly Change -1,200, -1.5%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change				
Industry	Chai	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.6%		
Manufacturing	-100	-1.6%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%		
Information	0	0.0%		
Financial Activities	0	0.0%		
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.6%		
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-7.3%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	300	1.1%		

Over-the-Year Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 300 8.3% Manufacturing -200 -3.1% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 200 1.7% Information 0.0% **Financial Activities** -200 -7.7% Professional & Business Services -800 -11.6% **Education & Health Services** -200 -2.1% Leisure & Hospitality -800 -8.3% Other Services 0 0.0% 500 1.8% Government

*Data not collected for these industrial sectors. Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All March 2020 data are preliminary.

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

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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	-200	-1.4%		
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.5%		
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.4%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	100	0.4%		

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	nge		
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.2%		
Manufacturing	0	0.0%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%		
Information	0	0.0%		
Financial Activities	100	3.1%		
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.4%		
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.5%		
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	0	0.0%		

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



UN Rate | 4.9% Total Nonfarm | 49,800 /lonthly Change | -1,000, -2.0% Yearly Change | -300, -0.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

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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	Char	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%		

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Monthly Change | -500, -1.1% Yearly Change | -600, -1.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

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Over-the-Year 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	300	2.1%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020

		Over-the-Month Employment Change Over-the-Year Employm		Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je		
		Industry	Cha	nge	Industry	Cha	inge
-		Mining, Logging & Construction	900	2.2%	Mining, Logging & Construction	1,600	3.9%
ĽX		Manufacturing	-300	-0.8%	Manufacturing	-800	-2.2%
		Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.2%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	0.7%
		Information	100	0.4%	Information	300	1.3%
		Financial Activities	200	0.6%	Financial Activities	2,000	6.0%
	UN Rate 3.7%	Professional & Business Services	-300	-0.2%	Professional & Business Services	4,100	3.4%
	Total Nonfarm 657,300	Education & Health Services	-400	-0.5%	Education & Health Services	900	1.1%
	Monthly Change -300, -0.1%	Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-0.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	2,100	2.9%
	Yearly Change 13,100, 2.0%	Other Services	300	1.2%	Other Services	600	2.3%
		Government	0	0.0%	Government	1.500	1.5%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



UN Rate | 5.5% Total Nonfarm | 55,100 Monthly Change | -1,000, -1.8% Yearly Change | -1,600, -2.8%

Over-the-worth Employment Change				
Industry	Change			
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%		
Manufacturing	-200	-2.0%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.7%		
Information				
Financial Activities	*			
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%		
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.8%		
Other Services	*			
Government	100	0.9%		

Over the Month Employment Change

Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	-200	-2.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%	
Information			
Financial Activities	*		
Professional & Business Services	-200	-4.0%	
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.5%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.8%	
Other Services	*		
Government	-200	-1.8%	

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change							
Industry	Change						
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.1%					
Manufacturing	0	0.0%					
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-1.6%					
Information	100	3.2%					
Financial Activities	0	0.0%					
Professional & Business Services	-300	-1.8%					
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%					
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.0%					
Other Services	100	1.8%					
Government	0	0.0%					

Over-the-Year Employment Change	e	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.3%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600	-2.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	300	4.9%
Professional & Business Services	300	1.8%
Education & Health Services	100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.0%
Other Services	400	7.4%
Government	300	1.2%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2020

		Over-the-Month Employment Change		Over-the-Year Employment Change			
		Industry	Change		Industry	Change	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.9%	Mining, Logging & Construction	600	5.4%	
212		Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%	Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%
		Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.4%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-0.8%
	X ZY	Information	0	0.0%	Information	-100	-5.3%
	UN Rate 4.0% Total Nonfarm 270,100 Monthly Change -500, -0.2% Yearly Change -900, -0.3%	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	300	2.2%
		Professional & Business Services	100	0.3%	Professional & Business Services	-1,100	-2.9%
		Education & Health Services	100	0.2%	Education & Health Services	-500	-0.9%
		Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Yearly Change -900, -0.		Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	400	4.6%
		Government	200	0.6%	Government	100	0.3%

Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All March 2020 data are preliminary.

Over the month, net industry employment decreased in 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 2,100, followed by Asheville, 1,800; Rocky Mount, 1,000; Jacksonville, 1,000; Durham/Chapel Hill, 800; Goldsboro, 700; and Burlington, 700. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage decrease at 2.0 percent, followed by Rocky Mount, 1.8%, Goldsboro, 1.7%, New Bern, 1.1%, and Burlington, 1.1%. 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 four of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 16,300, followed by Raleigh, 13,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,700; and Wilmington; 1,200. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 2.0 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 1.3 percent; Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.2 percent; and Wilmington, 0.9 of a percentage point.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County March 2020



March 2020

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- 97 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- 2 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- 1 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.2% Not Seasonally Adjusted