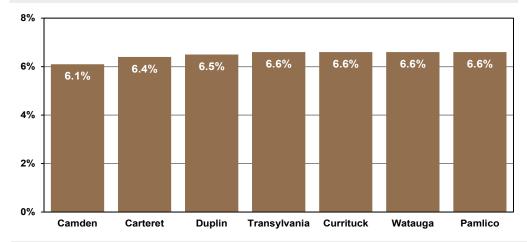


### **Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates July 2020\***





North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 8.9 percent in July. This increased 1.2 percentage points from June's revised rate, and grew 4.6 percentage points over the year.

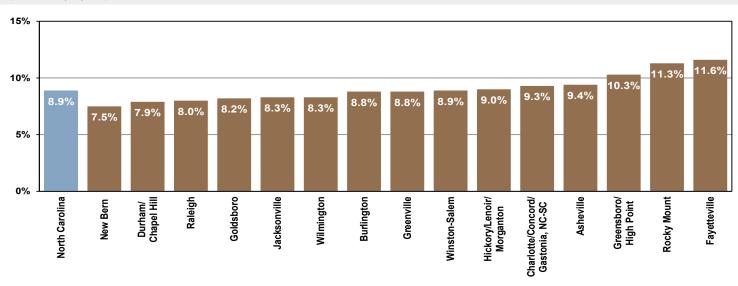
Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Seventy counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 8.9 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded July's highest unemployment rate at 14.1 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 13.3 percent. Camden had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.1 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in July at 11.6 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 11.3 percent, and Greensboro/High Point at 10.3 percent. New Bern reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 7.5 percent, followed by Durham/ Chapel Hill at 7.9 percent, and Raleigh at 8.0 percent.

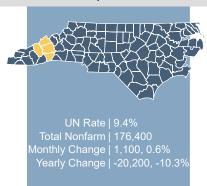
### **Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates July 2020\***

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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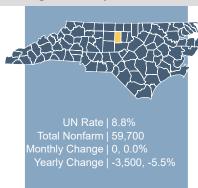
### Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



#### Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction 100 1.0% Manufacturing 100 0.5% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 500 1.5% 0.0% Information **Financial Activities** 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services **Education & Health Services** -300 -0.9% Leisure & Hospitality ,800 Other Services 0.0% 0 -1,200 -5.3% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	-2,000	-8.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,000	-5.4%
Information	-400	-21.1%
Financial Activities	-100	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-800	-4.3%
Education & Health Services	-3,900	-10.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,300	-32.0%
Other Services	-1,300	-13.8%
Government	500	2.4%

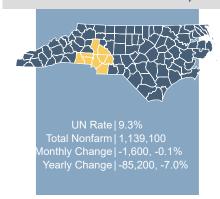
### **Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020**



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Char	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	200	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-8.2%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.4%
Other Services	100	5.3%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.9%
Manufacturing	-1,200	-12.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,100	-8.3%
Information	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-900	-16.7%
Education & Health Services	200	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800	-9.6%
Other Services	-200	-9.1%
Government	700	11.5%

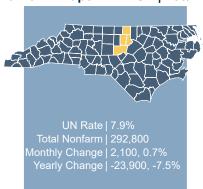
### Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Char	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	400	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,900	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,100	1.1%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-400	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400	1.4%
Other Services	900	2.2%
Government	-6,900	-4.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-900	-1.3%
Manufacturing	-7,800	-7.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-8,300	-3.4%
Information	-1,400	-5.8%
Financial Activities	2,000	1.9%
Professional & Business Services	-11,400	-5.3%
Education & Health Services	-9,800	-7.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-46,300	-30.6%
Other Services	-1,600	-3.7%
Government	300	0.2%

### Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Char	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200	3.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.2%
Education & Health Services	1,000	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	1.7%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	200	0.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.1%	
Manufacturing	-7,000	-24.8%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300	-3.2%	
Information	-200	-4.2%	
Financial Activities	-400	-2.5%	
Professional & Business Services	-3,900	-8.7%	
Education & Health Services	-4,400	-6.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-11,300	-39.1%	
Other Services	-400	-3.4%	
Government	4,900	8.2%	

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### Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



#### **Over-the-Month Employment Change** Change Mining, Logging & Construction -100 -1.9% Manufacturing -300 -3.8% 300 Trade, Transportation & Utilities 1.3% Information 0.0% **Financial Activities** 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services 1.0% **Education & Health Services** 0.0% Leisure & Hospitality 600 Other Services 0 0.0% -2,400 -6.3% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-900	-14.8%
Manufacturing	-1,000	-11.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-800	-3.4%
Information	-100	-9.1%
Financial Activities	-200	-5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-900	-8.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,600	-10.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,500	-26.0%
Other Services	-1,000	-21.7%
Government	-1,000	-2.7%

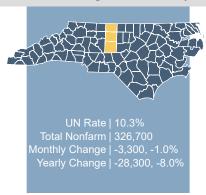
### Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month 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	-900	-10.0%

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	1.2%

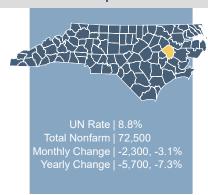
### Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Char	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-0.9%
Education & Health Services	500	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	0.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-3,600	-9.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-1.9%
Manufacturing	-7,900	-14.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,800	-2.3%
Information	-400	-8.5%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-5,400	-11.3%
Education & Health Services	-3,700	-7.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-9,200	-23.8%
Other Services	-400	-3.1%
Government	900	2.7%

### **Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020**

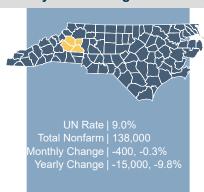


Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	-800	-11.8%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-3.1%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%	
Education & Health Services	100	1.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	-1,200	-5.1%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.6%	
Manufacturing	-500	-7.7%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	6.0%	
Information	-100	-14.3%	
Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-500	-7.7%	
Education & Health Services	600	6.4%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,400	-25.8%	
Other Services	-300	-13.6%	
Government	-3,200	-12.5%	

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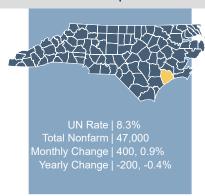
### Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



#### Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction 0 0.0% Manufacturing -300 -0.8% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 1.1% 0.0% Information **Financial Activities** 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services 500 3.9% **Education & Health Services** 0.0% 1.8% Leisure & Hospitality Other Services 0.0% 0 -1,100 -5.3% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-4.3%
Manufacturing	-6,300	-15.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,600	-5.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-800	-5.7%
Education & Health Services	-2,200	-11.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,200	-22.1%
Other Services	-400	-8.7%
Government	-200	-1.0%

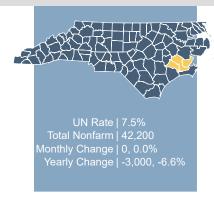
### Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Chan	ige	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*		
Manufacturing	*		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*		
Information	*		
Financial Activities	*		
Professional & Business Services	*		
Education & Health Services	*		
Leisure & Hospitality	*		
Other Services	*		
Government	-500	-3.7%	

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	1,800	15.9%	

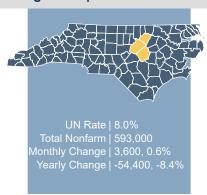
### New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month 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	-300	-2.2%	

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	-200	-1.5%	

### Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020

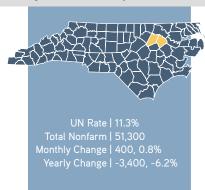


Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	0.7%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	0.3%
Information	100	0.5%
Financial Activities	200	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.1%
Education & Health Services	800	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700	5.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-800	-0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	0.5%	
Manufacturing	-3,900	-10.5%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,600	-5.0%	
Information	-900	-3.9%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-2,700	-2.1%	
Education & Health Services	-13,300	-16.3%	
Leisure & Hospitality	-22,800	-30.0%	
Other Services	-1,300	-5.0%	
Government	-4 100	-4 6%	

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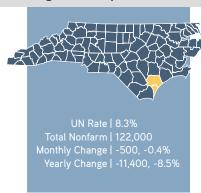
### Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



#### Over-the-Month Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 0.0% Manufacturing 0.0% Trade, Transportation & Utilities 200 1.7% Information **Financial Activities** Professional & Business Services 200 3.8% Education & Health Services 0 0.0% Leisure & Hospitality 100 2.7% Other Services -300 -3.5% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.4%
Manufacturing	-1,700	-17.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	600	12.5%
Education & Health Services	-1,100	-16.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,000	-34.5%
Other Services	*	
Government	-1,100	-11.8%

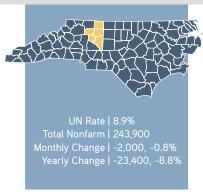
### Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-2.4%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	3.5%
Other Services	100	1.9%
Government	-1,200	-5.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.1%
Manufacturing	1,300	21.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700	-2.7%
Information	-300	-9.4%
Financial Activities	-700	-10.8%
Professional & Business Services	-900	-5.3%
Education & Health Services	-1,800	-11.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,900	-31.7%
Other Services	-300	-5.2%
Government	-900	-4.2%

### Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Change		
100	1.0%	
-300	-1.0%	
0	0.0%	
0	0.0%	
0	0.0%	
100	0.3%	
-200	-0.4%	
800	3.6%	
0	0.0%	
-2,500	-8.4%	
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Over-the-rear Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,100	-9.5%
Manufacturing	-2,400	-7.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,600	-5.4%
Information	-100	-5.3%
Financial Activities	-200	-1.4%
Professional & Business Services	-4,900	-13.2%
Education & Health Services	-6,100	-10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,600	-22.2%
Other Services	-700	-7.6%
Government	1,300	5.0%

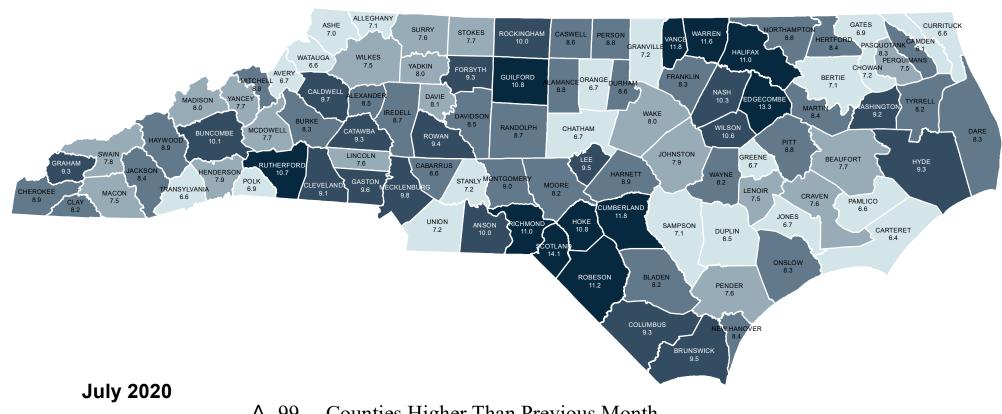
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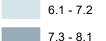
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Over the month, five of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Raleigh had the largest net employment increase with 3,600, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 2,100; Asheville, 1,100; Jacksonville, 400; and Rocky Mount, 400. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage increase at 0.9 of a percentage point, followed by Rocky Mount, 0.8%, Durham/Chapel Hill, 0.7%, Raleigh, 0.6% and Asheville, 0.6%. 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 decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 85,200, followed by Raleigh, 54,400; Greensboro/High Point, 28,300; Durham/Chapel Hill; 23,900; and Winston-Salem, 23,400. Goldsboro had the greatest percentage decrease at 10.4 percent, followed by Asheville, 10.3 percent; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 9.8 percent; and Fayetteville, 9.4 percent.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County July 2020









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### Counties Higher Than Previous Month 99

Counties Lower Than Previous Month

County Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 8.9% Not Seasonally Adjusted

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