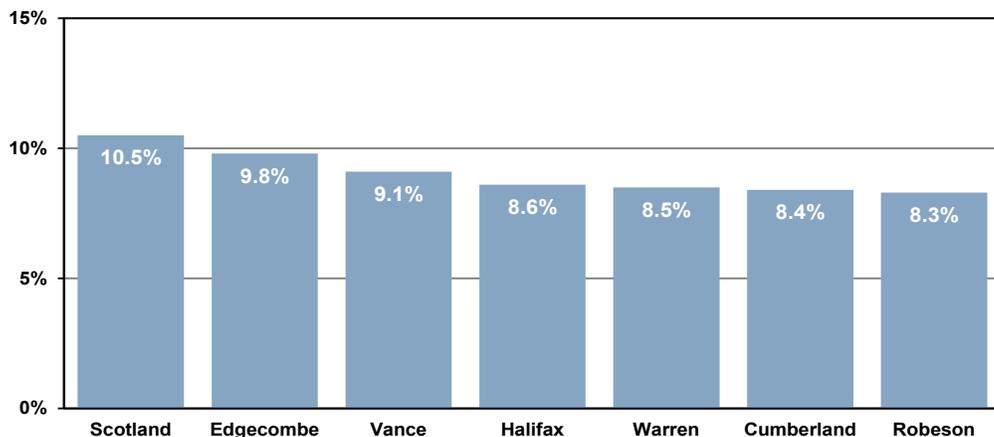


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates October 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

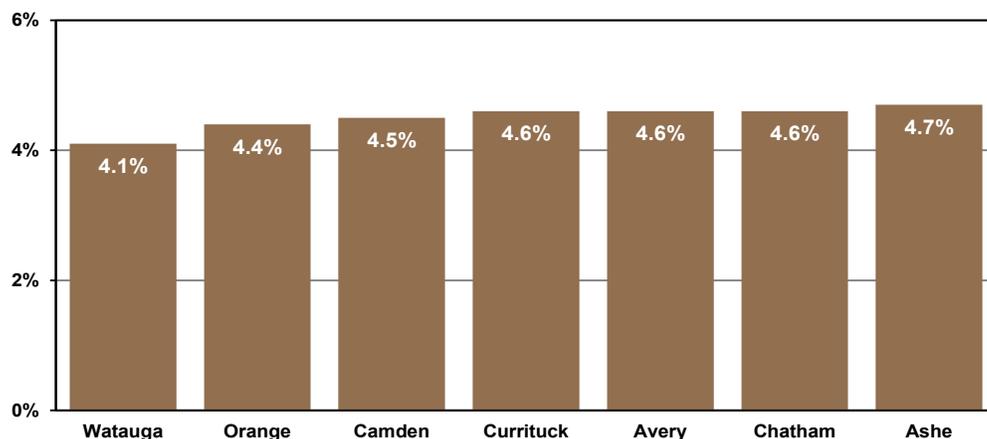


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 6.1 percent in October. This decreased 0.8 of a percentage point from September's revised rate, and grew 2.6 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Sixty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 6.1 percent rate.

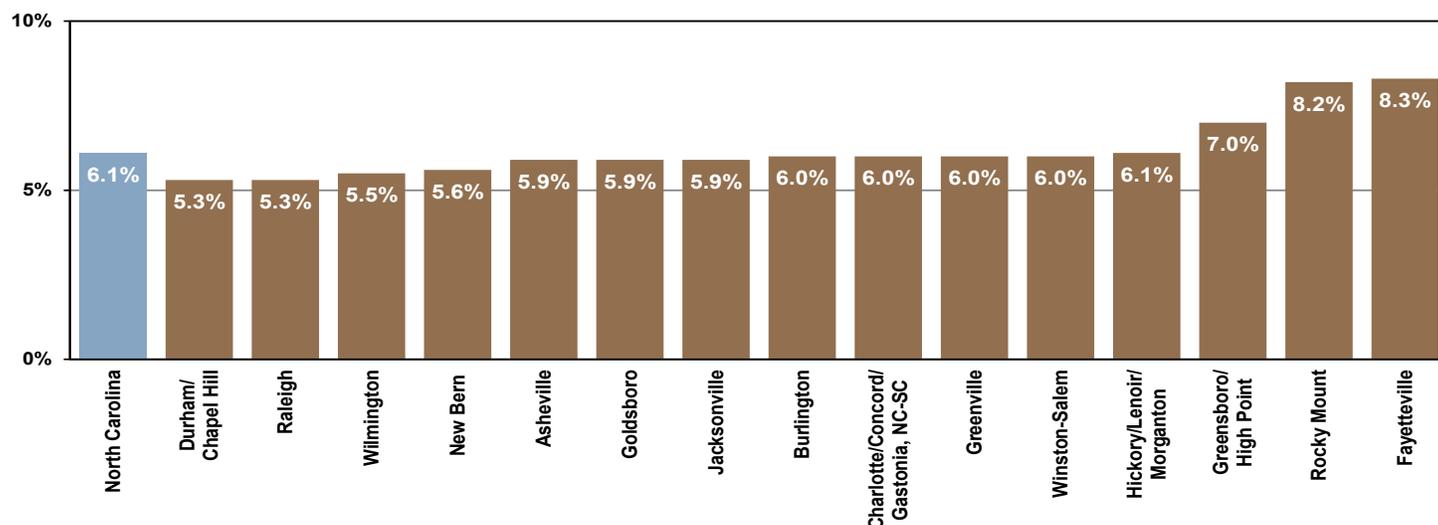
Scotland County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 10.5 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 9.8 percent. Watauga had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent.

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



Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in October at 8.3 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 8.2 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 5.3 percent, followed by Wilmington at 5.5 percent, and New Bern at 5.6 percent.

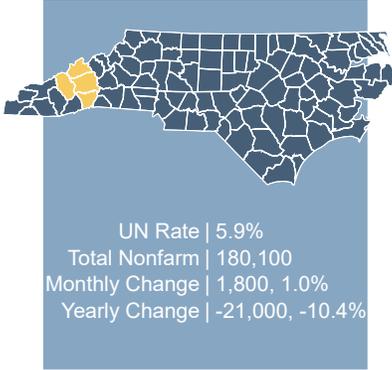
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates October 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



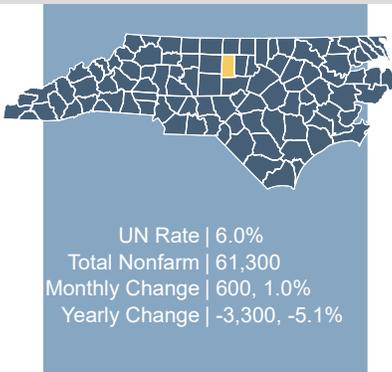
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	300 1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.3%
Education & Health Services	400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.5%
Other Services	100 1.3%
Government	100 0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.0%
Manufacturing	-1,700 -7.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,100 -3.0%
Information	-500 -26.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.2%
Education & Health Services	-4,100 -10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,400 -33.2%
Other Services	-1,300 -14.0%
Government	-1,700 -6.3%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



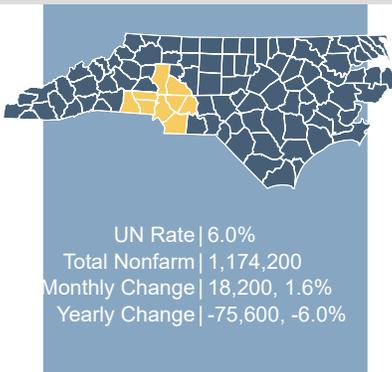
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 4.0%
Education & Health Services	-300 -2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 5.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.9%
Manufacturing	-1,100 -11.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -5.3%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -3.7%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-900 -10.7%
Other Services	-300 -13.0%
Government	-100 -1.4%

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



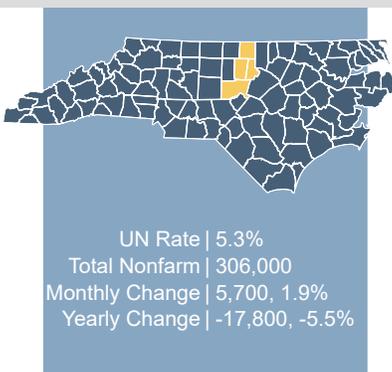
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 0.3%
Manufacturing	900 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,500 1.0%
Information	300 1.3%
Financial Activities	1,000 0.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,600 2.7%
Education & Health Services	2,200 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 3.2%
Other Services	300 0.8%
Government	1,800 1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-700 -1.0%
Manufacturing	-6,400 -5.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,300 -2.1%
Information	-1,300 -5.4%
Financial Activities	3,600 3.4%
Professional & Business Services	-5,400 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	-10,000 -7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-36,300 -25.0%
Other Services	-2,000 -4.8%
Government	-11,800 -7.4%

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	200 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.8%
Information	100 2.2%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	2,500 6.0%
Education & Health Services	500 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 3.4%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	1,100 1.6%

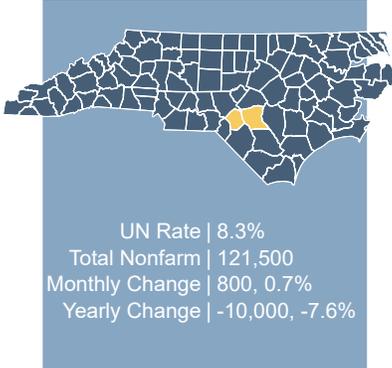
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	-6,800 -24.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100 -2.4%
Education & Health Services	-1,800 -2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-9,600 -34.2%
Other Services	-400 -3.4%
Government	1,800 2.6%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



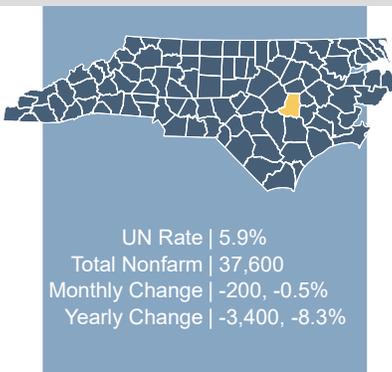
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 5.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -10.3%
Manufacturing	-900 -10.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.3%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-200 -5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -5.4%
Education & Health Services	-1,500 -9.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,000 -17.9%
Other Services	-1,000 -21.7%
Government	-2,400 -5.9%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



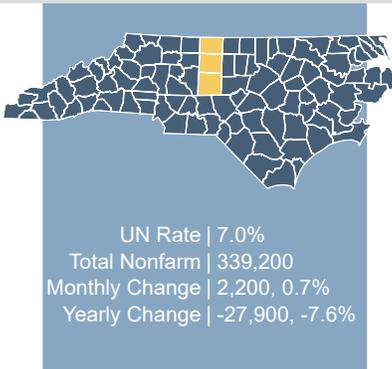
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -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	-200 -2.2%

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



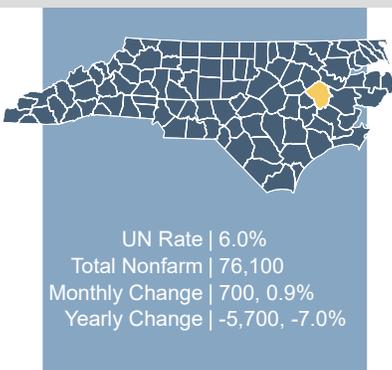
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.4%
Information	100 2.4%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	500 1.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 1.7%
Other Services	100 0.8%
Government	600 1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-8,700 -16.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -0.9%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-3,300 -6.9%
Education & Health Services	-4,200 -8.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,000 -20.7%
Other Services	-300 -2.4%
Government	-2,300 -5.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.6%
Manufacturing	100 1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 4.8%
Education & Health Services	100 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

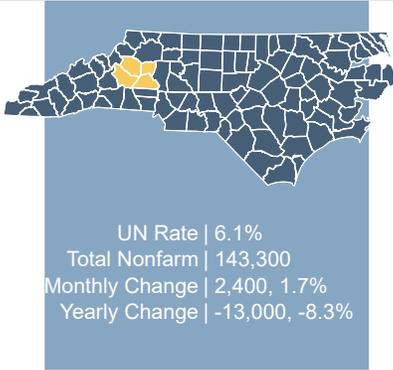
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-600 -8.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 5.0%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -8.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.6%
Education & Health Services	400 4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,500 -26.3%
Other Services	-300 -13.6%
Government	-3,100 -11.0%

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



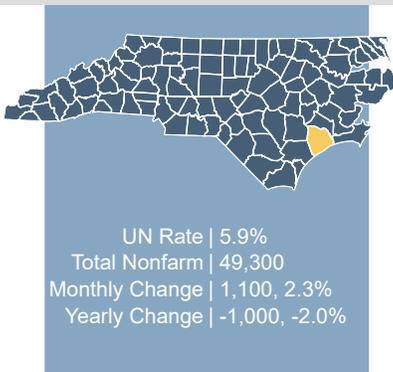
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.3%
Manufacturing	800 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.7%
Information	100 14.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.9%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 4.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-5,700 -13.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -4.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	-2,100 -10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,300 -16.3%
Other Services	-300 -6.7%
Government	-1,100 -4.7%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



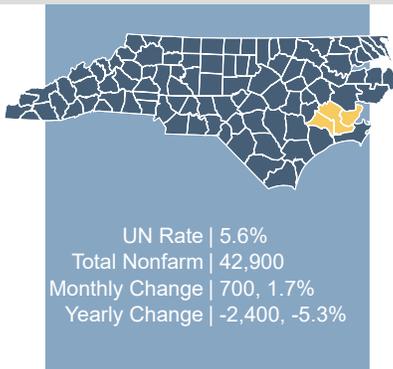
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 2.1%

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%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



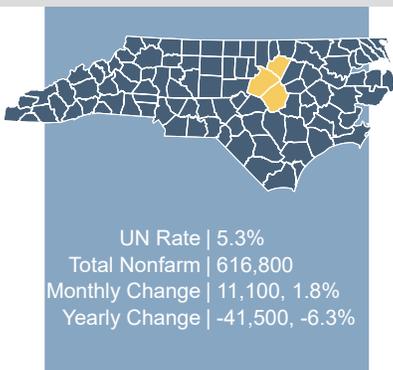
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.5%

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	-700 -4.8%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 2.4%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,400 2.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,400 1.9%
Education & Health Services	900 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 6.5%
Other Services	300 1.2%
Government	900 1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,300 3.1%
Manufacturing	-4,000 -10.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-800 -0.7%
Information	-700 -3.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.3%
Professional & Business Services	2,700 2.1%
Education & Health Services	-11,400 -13.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-19,000 -25.4%
Other Services	-1,300 -5.0%
Government	-8,200 -8.1%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 8.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 53,000
 Monthly Change | 1,100, 2.1%
 Yearly Change | -4,000, -7.0%

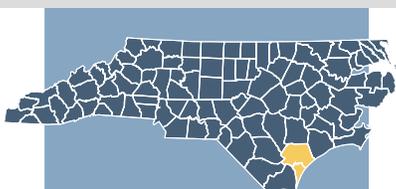
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.6%
Manufacturing	300	3.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.6%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	200	3.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	2.7%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,800	-17.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	600	12.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,100	-15.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,900	-33.3%
Other Services	*	
Government	-1,700	-15.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 5.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 124,000
 Monthly Change | 800, 0.6%
 Yearly Change | -10,500, -7.8%

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	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500	3.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.4%
Other Services	100	1.9%
Government	-200	-0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.2%
Manufacturing	1,000	16.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	-200	-6.5%
Financial Activities	-600	-9.4%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-3.5%
Education & Health Services	-1,600	-10.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,900	-28.2%
Other Services	-200	-3.5%
Government	-2,200	-9.1%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 6.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 257,900
 Monthly Change | 4,500, 1.8%
 Yearly Change | -15,600, -5.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	400	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,800	5.3%
Education & Health Services	500	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	4.3%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	300	1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,000	-8.6%
Manufacturing	-1,300	-3.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-2.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,400	-3.7%
Education & Health Services	-4,000	-7.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,500	-18.6%
Other Services	-600	-6.7%
Government	-500	-1.6%

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Over the month, 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 18,200, followed by Raleigh, 11,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,700; Winston-Salem, 4,500; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 2,400. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage increase at 2.3% followed by Rocky Mount, 2.1%, Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.9%, Raleigh, 1.8%, and Winston-Salem, 1.8%. 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 75,600, followed by Raleigh, 41,500; Greensboro/High Point, 27,900; Asheville; 21,000; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 17,800. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 10.4%, followed by Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 8.3%; Goldsboro, 8.3%; Wilmington, 7.8% Greensboro/High Point, 7.6%; and Fayetteville, 7.6%.

