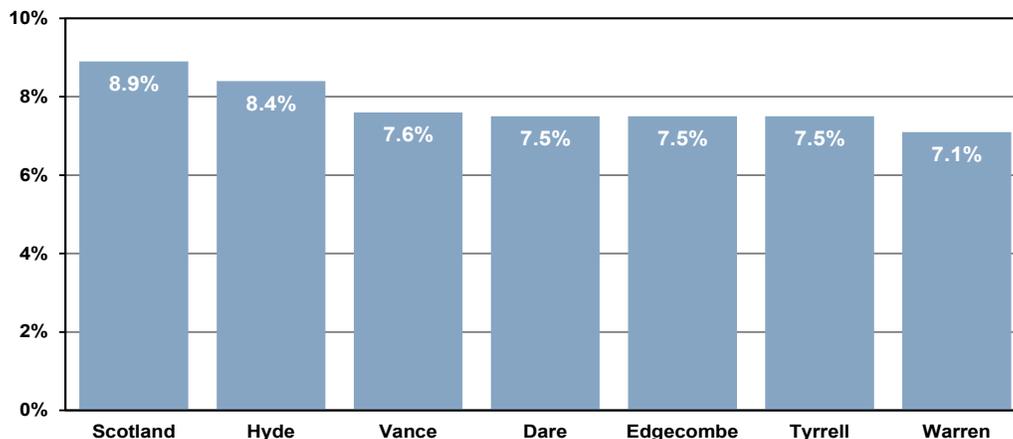


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

March 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.6 percent in March. This decreased 1.0 percentage point from February's revised rate, and grew 0.6 of a percentage point over the year.

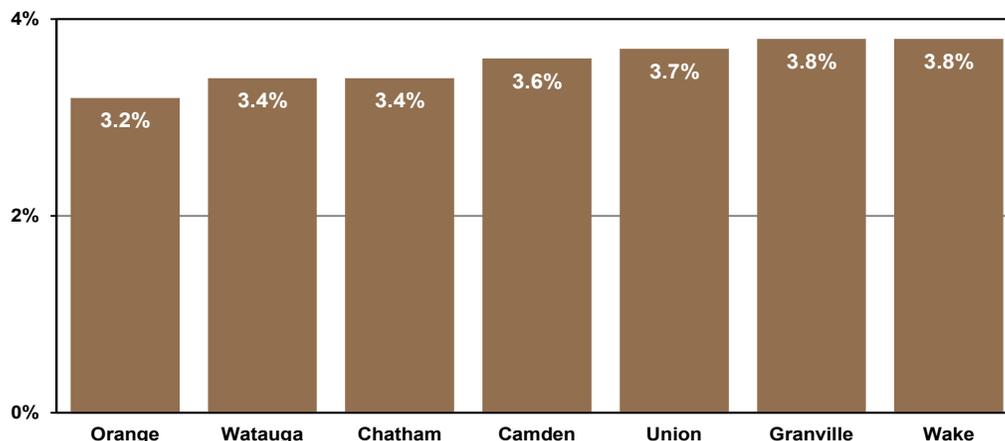
Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-four counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.6 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded March's highest unemployment rate at 8.9 percent, followed by Hyde at 8.4 percent. Orange had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

March 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

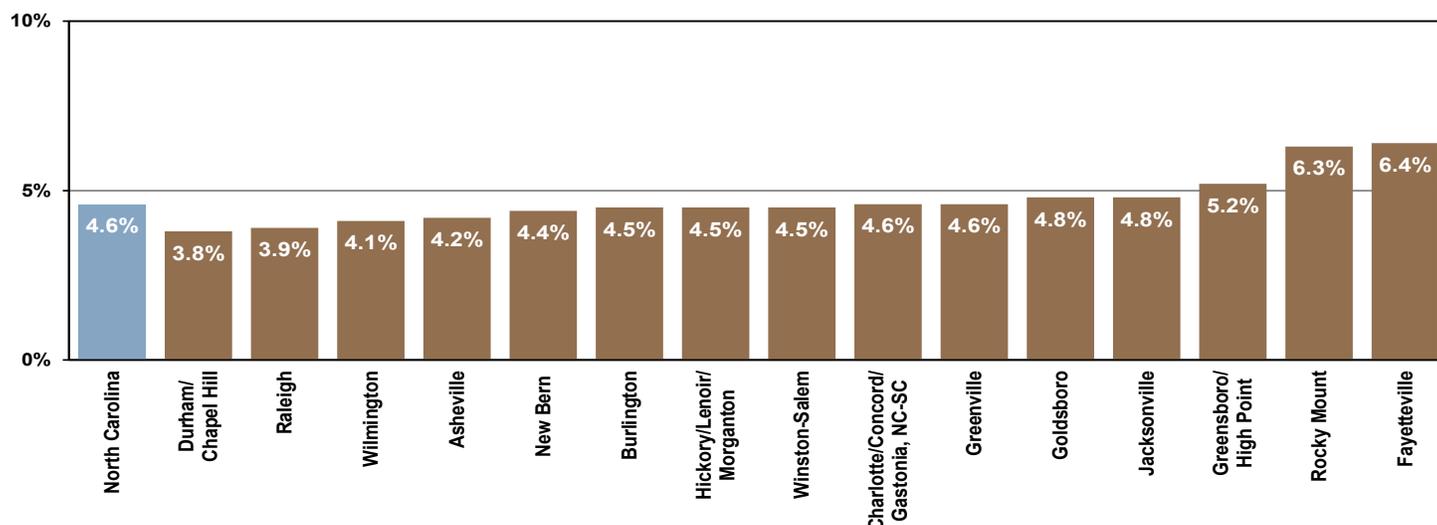


Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in March at 6.4 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 6.3 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.8 percent, followed by the Raleigh MSA at 3.9 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

March 2021*

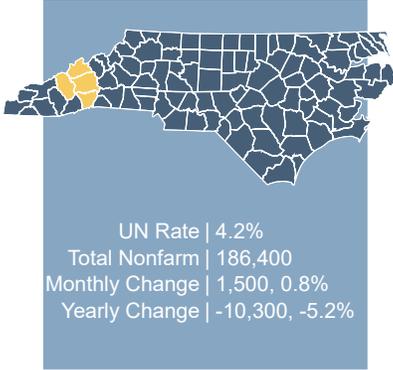
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Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



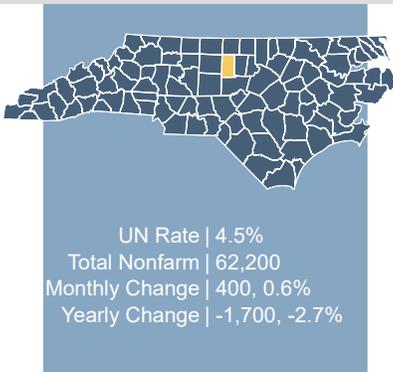
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.3%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 1.7%
Other Services	100 1.1%
Government	400 1.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -3.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.6%
Information	-300 -15.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.6%
Professional & Business Services	600 3.3%
Education & Health Services	-1,800 -4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,500 -19.0%
Other Services	-1,000 -9.9%
Government	-1,600 -5.9%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



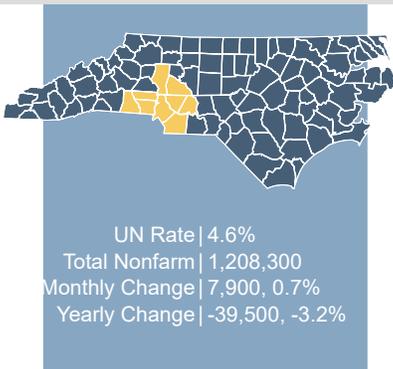
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.2%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 1.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 1.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 6.9%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 3.6%
Education & Health Services	-300 -2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-900 -11.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-700 -9.7%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



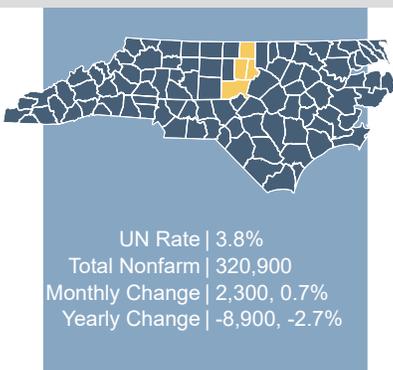
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -0.4%
Manufacturing	800 0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 0.2%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	600 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,900 0.9%
Education & Health Services	200 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,900 3.5%
Other Services	500 1.2%
Government	-400 -0.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,100 -3.0%
Manufacturing	-4,800 -4.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,900 0.8%
Information	-1,000 -4.1%
Financial Activities	2,100 1.9%
Professional & Business Services	700 0.3%
Education & Health Services	-5,500 -4.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-24,000 -17.1%
Other Services	-2,700 -5.9%
Government	-4,100 -2.6%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.2%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	900 1.8%
Education & Health Services	600 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 0.3%

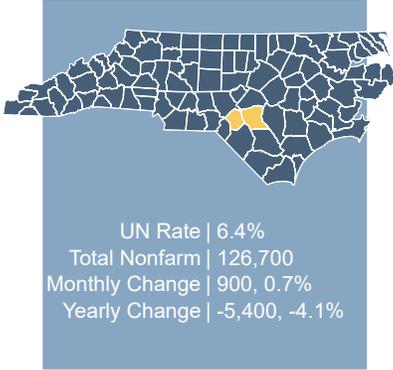
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.4%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.8%
Information	200 3.6%
Financial Activities	200 1.3%
Professional & Business Services	4,000 8.7%
Education & Health Services	-800 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,400 -27.0%
Other Services	-1,300 -10.7%
Government	-4,500 -6.6%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



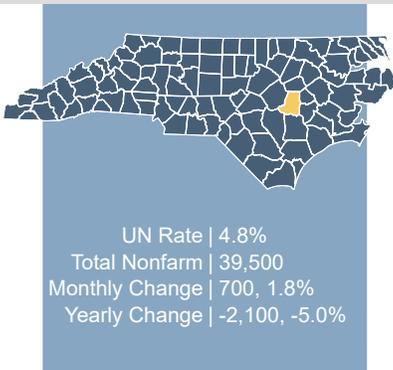
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.1%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.8%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 4.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -5.8%
Manufacturing	-600 -7.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.3%
Information	-200 -18.2%
Financial Activities	-200 -5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -8.1%
Education & Health Services	-800 -5.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,300 -7.9%
Other Services	-200 -4.3%
Government	-1,100 -2.7%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



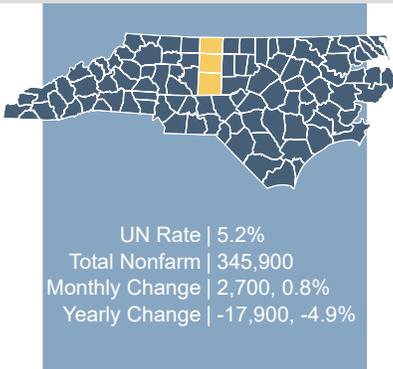
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	400 4.7%

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	-400 -4.3%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



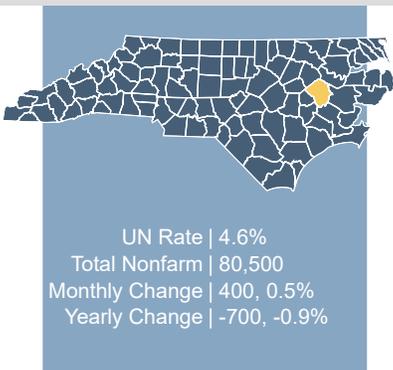
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.3%
Manufacturing	100 0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.4%
Information	-100 -2.3%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	500 1.1%
Education & Health Services	200 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000 3.3%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	300 0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.6%
Manufacturing	-2,600 -4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -0.8%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-900 -4.8%
Professional & Business Services	-1,600 -3.4%
Education & Health Services	-2,200 -4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,400 -14.9%
Other Services	-1,200 -9.5%
Government	-3,200 -7.0%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.7%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	100 4.5%
Government	400 1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -5.9%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	-100 -16.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,200 18.5%
Education & Health Services	-300 -3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200 -12.9%
Other Services	100 4.5%
Government	-100 -0.3%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 4.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 150,600
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | -4,800, -3.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.1%
Manufacturing	-2,100 -5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 3.0%
Information	-100 -12.5%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,400 -7.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -4.3%
Other Services	-300 -6.4%
Government	-1,300 -5.6%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 4.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 49,500
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.4%
 Yearly Change | -600, -1.2%

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 -1.4%

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	-600 -4.1%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,200
 Monthly Change | 600, 1.4%
 Yearly Change | -600, -1.3%

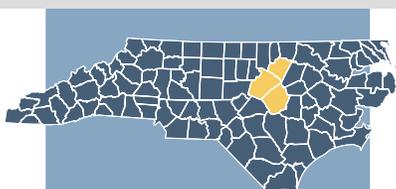
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	-200 -1.4%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 3.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 638,100
 Monthly Change | 4,200, 0.7%
 Yearly Change | -15,200, -2.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 0.5%
Manufacturing	100 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	400 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.1%
Education & Health Services	400 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100 1.9%
Other Services	100 0.4%
Government	1,000 1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -0.7%
Manufacturing	-1,300 -4.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,700 5.0%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	-1,000 -2.9%
Professional & Business Services	6,400 5.1%
Education & Health Services	-3,500 -4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-13,600 -19.0%
Other Services	-1,800 -6.6%
Government	-5,600 -5.5%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 6.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 54,100
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.4%
 Yearly Change | -1,500, -2.7%

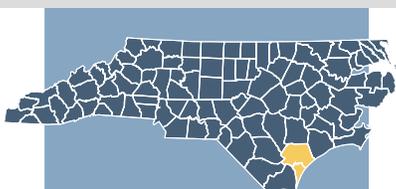
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.6%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.1%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 2.2%
Other Services	*
Government	200 2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-700 -6.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.5%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-400 -6.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -11.3%
Other Services	*
Government	-700 -6.5%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 4.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 129,600
 Monthly Change | 2,000, 1.6%
 Yearly Change | -3,400, -2.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.3%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	300 1.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 5.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	-500 -8.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.2%
Information	-200 -6.1%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	700 4.1%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,700 -8.7%
Other Services	-500 -10.2%
Government	-1,000 -4.0%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2021



UN Rate | 4.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 262,400
 Monthly Change | 2,800, 1.1%
 Yearly Change | -9,100, -3.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.8%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	800 2.3%
Education & Health Services	300 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 3.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.7%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,800 3.8%
Information	-100 -5.9%
Financial Activities	-1,100 -7.9%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-2,300 -4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,400 -15.3%
Other Services	-900 -9.9%
Government	-2,000 -6.2%

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Over the month, 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 7,900, followed by Raleigh, 4,200; Winston-Salem, 2,800; Greensboro/High Point, 2,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 2,300; Wilmington, 2,000; and Asheville, 1,500. Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown reported no over-the-month change. Goldsboro had the greatest percentage increase at 1.8%, followed by Wilmington, 1.6%, and New Bern, 1.4%. 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 39,500, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 17,900; Raleigh, 15,200; Asheville, 10,300; Winston-Salem, 9,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 8,900; Fayetteville, 5,400; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 4,800. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 5.2%, followed by Goldsboro, 5.0%; Greensboro/High Point, 4.9%; and Fayetteville, 4.1%.

