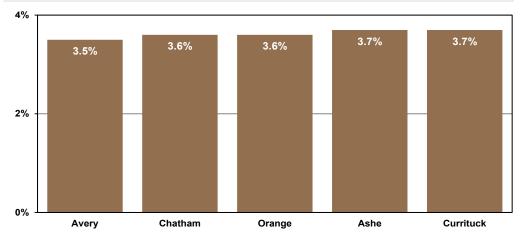


Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates July 2021*

Edgecombe

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Scotland



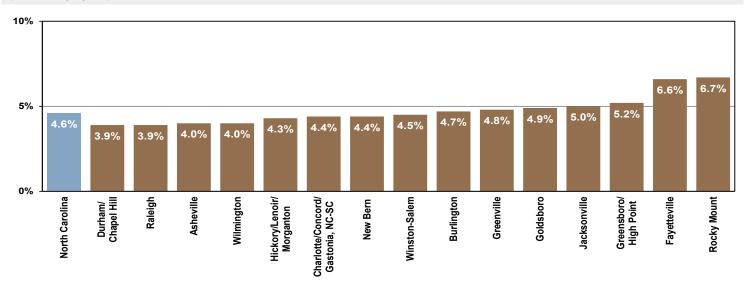
North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.6 percent in July. This decreased 0.3 of a percentage point from June's revised rate, and declined 4.7 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.6 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded July's highest unemployment rate at 9.1 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.8 percent. Avery County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by Chatham & Orange at 3.6 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in July at 6.7 percent, followed by Fayetteville MSA at 6.6 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates July 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

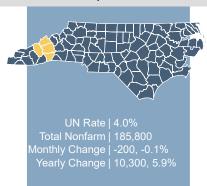


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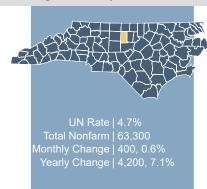
Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction 100 1.0% Manufacturing -200 -0.9% -200 Trade, Transportation & Utilities -0.6% Information -5.9% **Financial Activities** 100 1.6% Professional & Business Services 1,500 9.6% **Education & Health Services** -100 -0.3% Leisure & Hospitality 600 Other Services 0 0.0% -1,900 -7.9% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	4.3%
Manufacturing	1,200	5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200	3.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.6%
Education & Health Services	200	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	21.3%
Other Services	600	6.7%
Government	1,600	7.7%

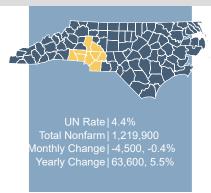
Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Chan	ge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	2.8%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	6.3%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400	11.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-5.0%
Professional & Business Services	600	10.9%
Education & Health Services	300	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	7.2%
Other Services	300	13.0%
Government	1,000	17.9%

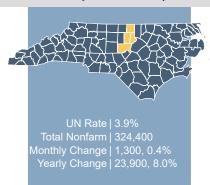
Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,700	2.4%
Manufacturing	400	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.1%
Information	100	0.4%
Financial Activities	1,400	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	1.7%
Education & Health Services	200	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	0.4%
Other Services	500	1.1%
Government	-12,600	-8.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	4,100	6.0%
Manufacturing	2,500	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,800	4.1%
Information	1,100	4.8%
Financial Activities	3,000	2.7%
Professional & Business Services	14,300	7.0%
Education & Health Services	2,900	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,300	17.6%
Other Services	2,000	4.7%
Government	3,600	2.7%

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

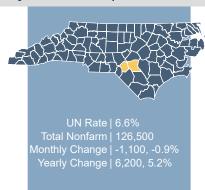


Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	400	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.2%
Professional & Business Services	400	0.8%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-700	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	800	8.7%
Manufacturing	1,700	5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,200	8.4%
Information	500	9.1%
Financial Activities	300	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	6,200	13.7%
Education & Health Services	900	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	26.7%
Other Services	200	1.9%
Government	5,000	9.3%

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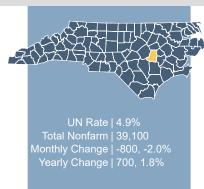
Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 0.0% Manufacturing 0.0% -300 Trade, Transportation & Utilities -1.3% Information 0.0% **Financial Activities** 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services **Education & Health Services** 0.0% Leisure & Hospitality 300 Other Services 0 0.0% -1,600 -4.1% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.0%
Manufacturing	300	3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	3.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.9%
Education & Health Services	200	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700	19.0%
Other Services	100	2.3%
Government	2,200	6.2%

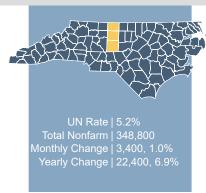
Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ge	
Industry	Char	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality		
Other Services	*	
Government	-700	-7.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change	9	
Industry	Chan	ge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality		
Other Services	*	
Government	500	6.4%

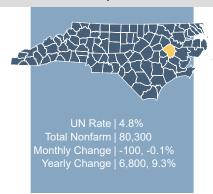
Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	1.8%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	300	1.7%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.2%
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	1.9%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	2,200	5.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	800	5.0%
Manufacturing	1,000	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,100	4.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,700	3.9%
Education & Health Services	2,000	4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,700	12.6%
Other Services	500	4.4%
Government	9,500	31.3%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021

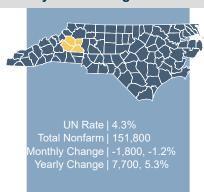


Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.3%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-5.9%
Manufacturing	100	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600	24.6%
Education & Health Services	500	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	3.8%
Other Services	100	4.5%
Government	4 100	17 5%

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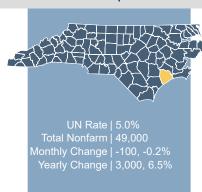
Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change Change Mining, Logging & Construction 0 0.0% Manufacturing 100 0.2% Trade, Transportation & Utilities -300 -1.0% 0.0% Information **Financial Activities** 0 0.0% Professional & Business Services -300 -2.3% **Education & Health Services** 0.0% 0.7% Leisure & Hospitality 100 Other Services 0.0% 0 -6.4% Government -1,400

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	6.3%
Manufacturing	2,500	6.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	3.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700	22.0%
Other Services	100	2.3%
Government	1,100	5.7%

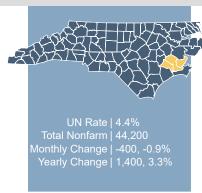
Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



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	-100	-0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je	
Industry	Char	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services		
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	1,200	10.3%

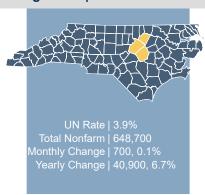
New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



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	-600	-4.3%

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	-1.5%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021

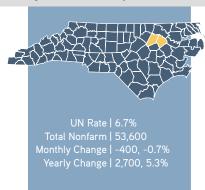


Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000	2.3%
Manufacturing	700	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,700	-1.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	700	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	1,000	0.8%
Education & Health Services	300	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	1.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-2,600	-2.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,700	8.9%
Manufacturing	2,200	7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,000	5.2%
Information	300	1.4%
Financial Activities	1,100	3.3%
Professional & Business Services	8,000	6.4%
Education & Health Services	2,400	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,400	26.7%
Other Services	500	2.0%
Government	2 300	2.7%

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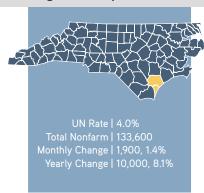
Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



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 100 Education & Health Services -100 -1.6% Leisure & Hospitality 100 Other Services -300 -3.1% Government

Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.0%	
Manufacturing	-500	-5.1%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	7.3%	
Information			
Financial Activities	*		
Professional & Business Services	500	11.4%	
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	700	14.9%	
Other Services	*		
Government	500	5.6%	

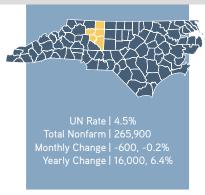
Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	700	3.9%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	6.2%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	800	8.5%
Manufacturing	300	5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	2.4%
Information	100	3.2%
Financial Activities	300	4.9%
Professional & Business Services	2,100	12.6%
Education & Health Services	400	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400	19.7%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	1,900	9.0%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-1.7%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	800	2.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,300	-2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-800	-2.7%

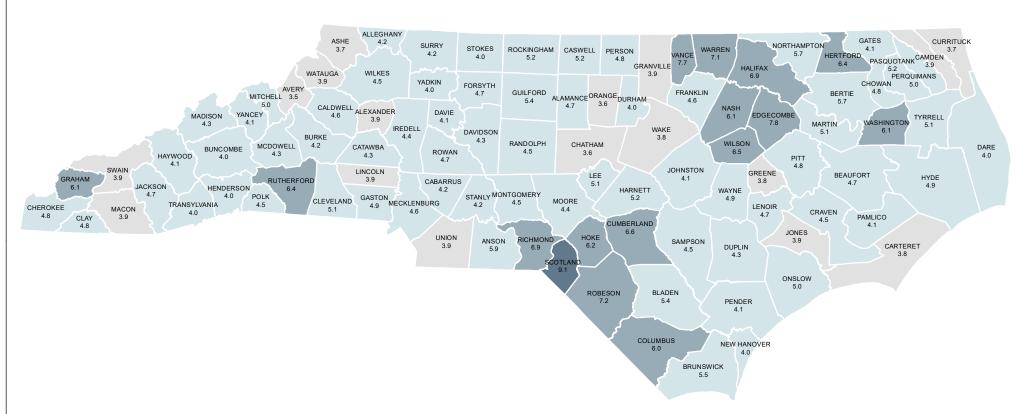
Over-the-Year Employment Change			
Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.8%	
Manufacturing	1,500	4.7%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,200	4.6%	
Information	100	6.7%	
Financial Activities	200	1.5%	
Professional & Business Services	3,700	11.2%	
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%	
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100	17.4%	
Other Services	200	2.4%	
Government	3,800	15.1%	

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Over the month, five of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Greensboro/High Point had the largest net employment increase with 3,400, followed by Wilmington, 1,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 1,300; Raleigh, 700; and Burlington, 400. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 1.4%, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 1.0%. 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 all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 63,600, followed by Raleigh, 40,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 23,900; Greensboro/High Point, 22,400; and Winston-Salem, 16,000. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 9.3%, followed by Wilmington, 8.1%; Durham/Chapel Hill, 8.0%; Burlington, 7.1%; and Greensboro/High Point, 6.9%.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County July 2021







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- ^ 0 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- V 99 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 1 County Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.6% Not Seasonally Adjusted

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