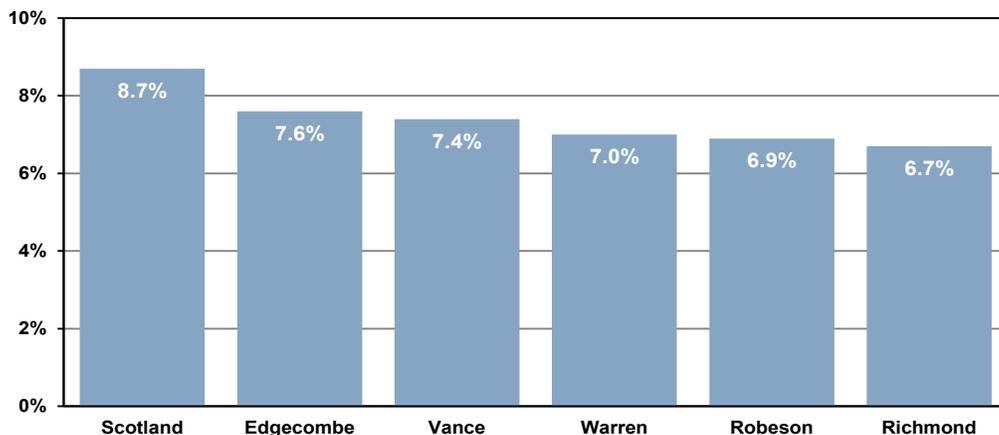


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

August 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.4 percent in August. This decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from July's revised rate, and declined 2.5 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 93 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.4 percent rate.

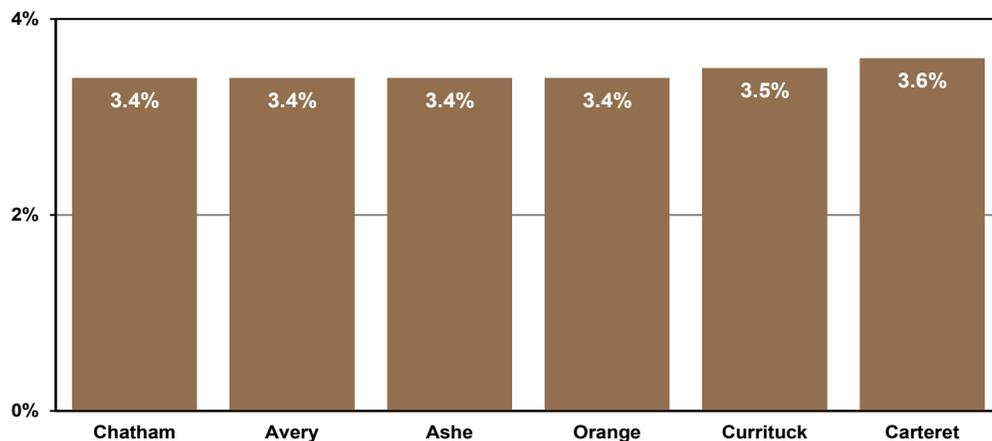
Scotland County recorded August's highest unemployment rate at 8.7 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.6 percent. Chatham, Avery, Ashe, and Orange Counties had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent, followed by Currituck at 3.5 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA & Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in August at 6.4 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

August 2021*

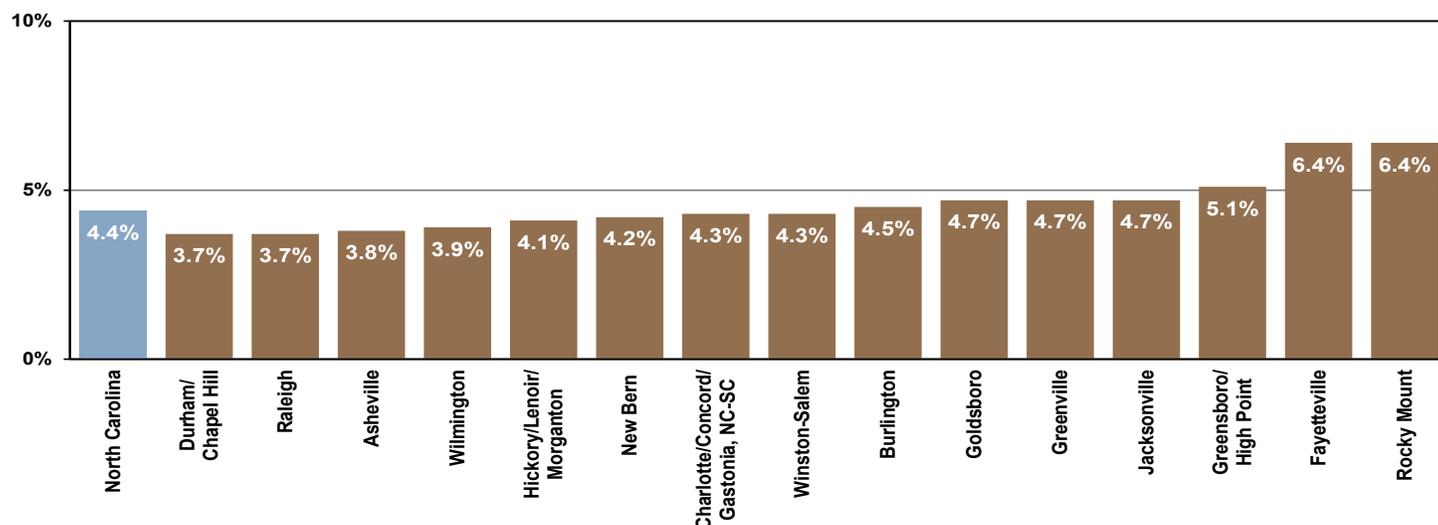
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Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

August 2021*

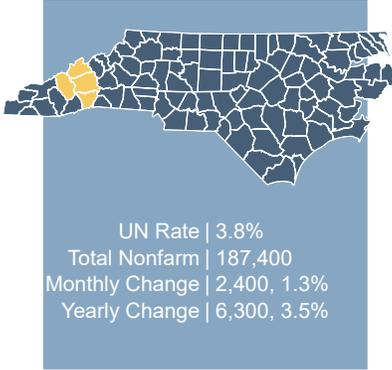
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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



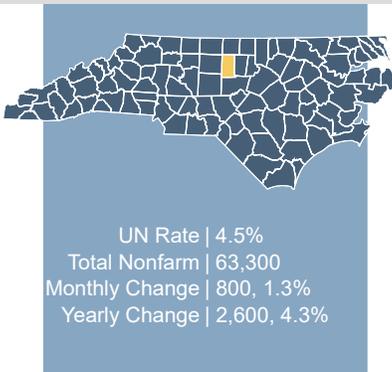
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.2%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.1%
Other Services	-200 -2.1%
Government	3,000 14.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.4%
Manufacturing	1,500 7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.2%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-700 -2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100 17.4%
Other Services	300 3.3%
Government	0 0.0%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



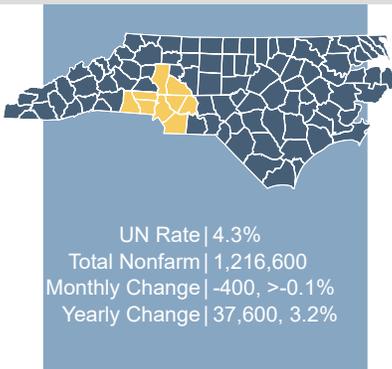
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
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	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	700 12.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 8.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -5.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 7.0%
Education & Health Services	400 3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 5.7%
Other Services	200 8.3%
Government	100 1.6%

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



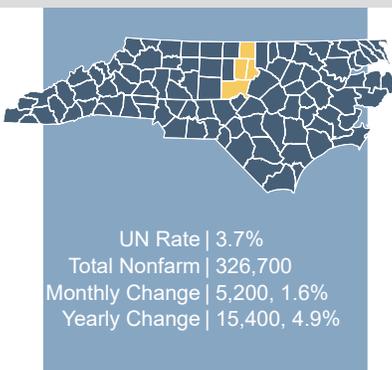
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,600 -2.2%
Manufacturing	-1,600 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,700 -1.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	800 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -0.2%
Education & Health Services	1,400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,600 -6.4%
Other Services	-600 -1.4%
Government	12,900 9.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,600 2.3%
Manufacturing	600 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,400 2.2%
Information	1,100 4.8%
Financial Activities	3,000 2.7%
Professional & Business Services	12,500 6.1%
Education & Health Services	1,800 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,700 10.2%
Other Services	1,000 2.3%
Government	-1,100 -0.7%

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,500 2.9%
Education & Health Services	-900 -1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -2.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	5,700 10.1%

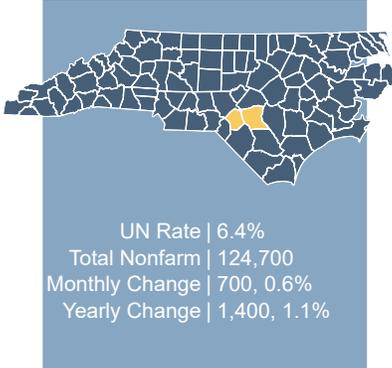
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 7.5%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,300 6.0%
Information	600 11.1%
Financial Activities	400 2.5%
Professional & Business Services	6,800 14.8%
Education & Health Services	-800 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,500 17.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	800 1.3%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



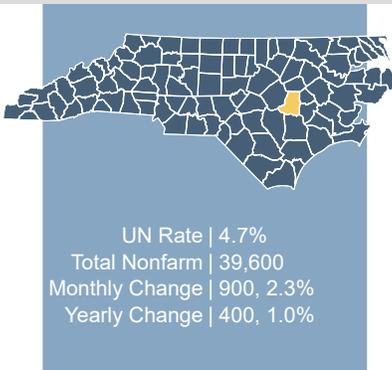
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -2.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.6%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	1,400 4.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.0%
Manufacturing	400 5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -5.3%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500 17.4%
Other Services	100 2.3%
Government	-1,400 -3.7%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



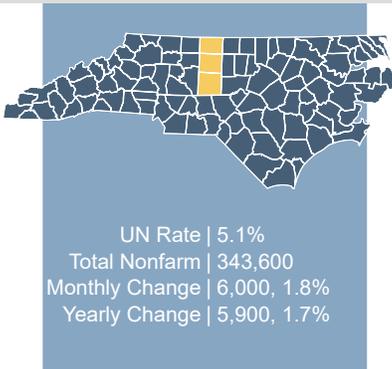
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	900 11.4%

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	200 2.3%

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



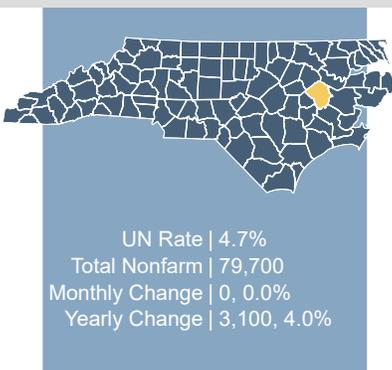
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	500 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -0.4%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 2.2%
Other Services	-200 -1.7%
Government	6,200 20.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 4.4%
Manufacturing	1,000 2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,100 2.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.2%
Education & Health Services	300 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,800 9.3%
Other Services	200 1.8%
Government	-1,400 -3.7%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -6.2%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.2%
Other Services	100 4.3%
Government	300 1.1%

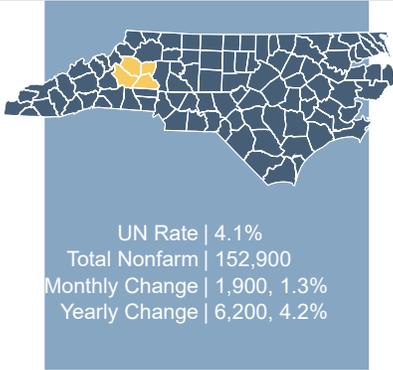
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -5.9%
Manufacturing	200 3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	700 10.1%
Education & Health Services	300 3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 2.4%
Other Services	200 9.1%
Government	1,500 5.9%

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



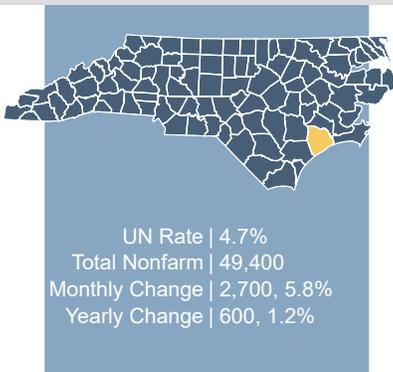
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 2.3%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -2.0%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	2,100 10.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 8.5%
Manufacturing	2,400 6.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.5%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,400 19.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 1.4%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



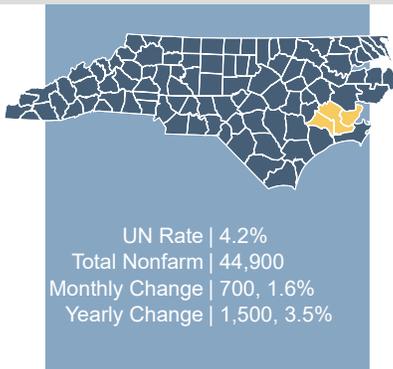
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	2,800 26.4%

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	-700 -5.0%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



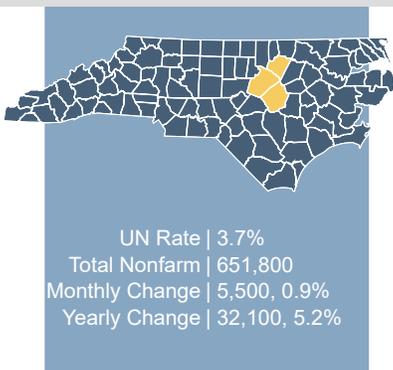
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	600 4.5%

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	-100 -0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 1.1%
Manufacturing	-400 -1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -0.4%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	400 1.1%
Professional & Business Services	600 0.5%
Education & Health Services	1,300 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100 -1.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	4,600 5.4%

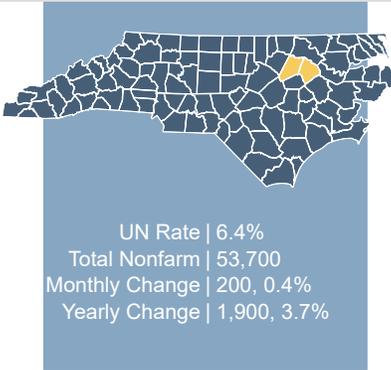
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,900 9.4%
Manufacturing	1,700 5.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,500 3.9%
Information	400 1.8%
Financial Activities	1,700 5.1%
Professional & Business Services	7,300 5.8%
Education & Health Services	2,500 3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,900 23.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-2,800 -3.0%

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



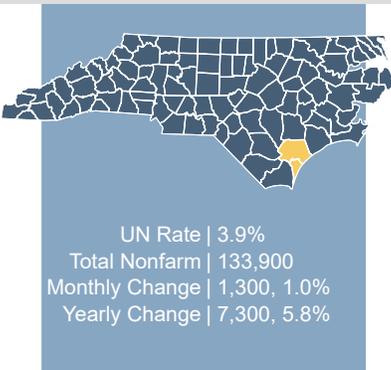
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.9%
Other Services	*
Government	500 5.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-400 -4.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 7.2%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.3%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 12.8%
Other Services	*
Government	200 2.1%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



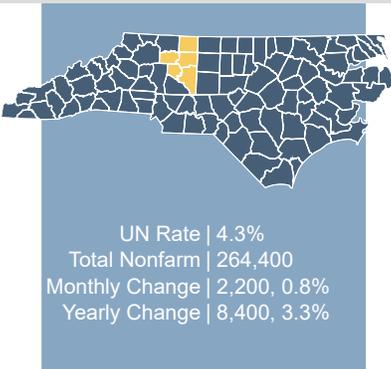
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.5%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -1.9%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	1,800 8.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	800 8.5%
Manufacturing	400 7.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 11.8%
Education & Health Services	400 2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000 17.2%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	300 1.3%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | August 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900 -1.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 0.8%
Education & Health Services	700 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.1%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	1,800 6.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.8%
Manufacturing	1,400 4.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 1.7%
Information	100 6.7%
Financial Activities	200 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	2,900 8.6%
Education & Health Services	200 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 14.1%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	-600 -2.1%

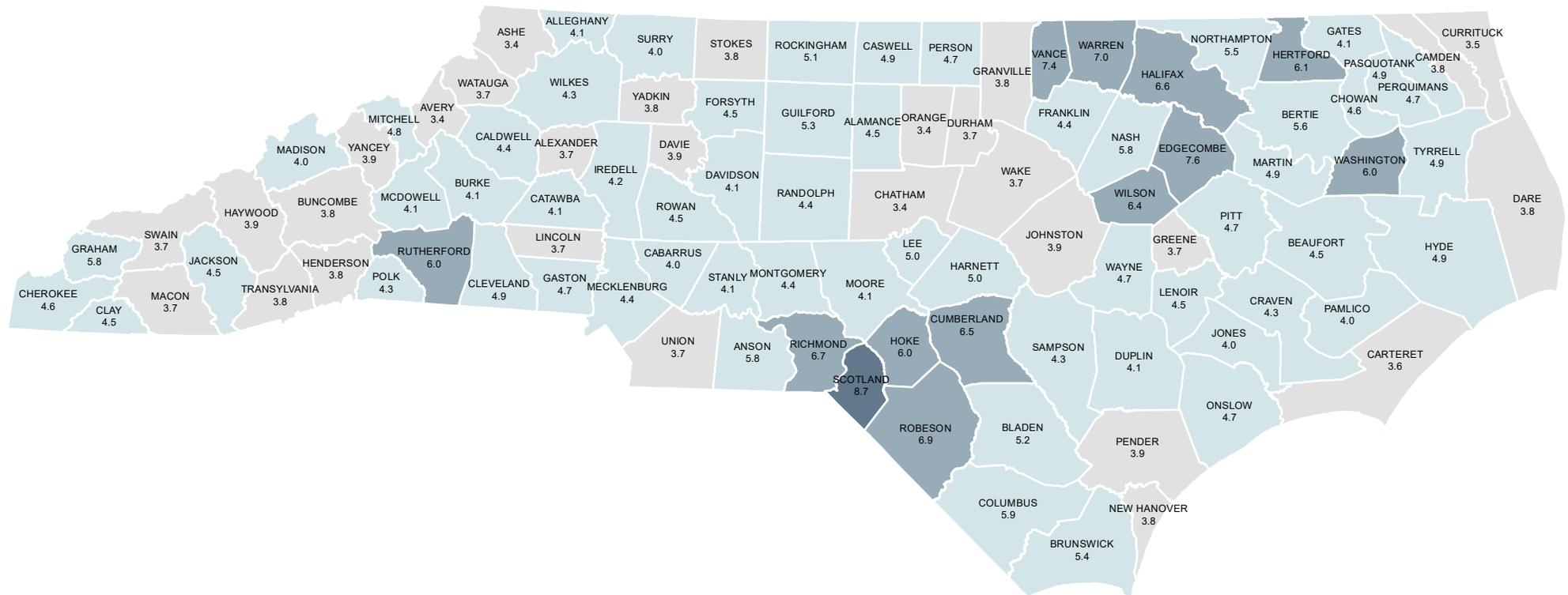
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Over the month, 13 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Greensboro/High Point had the largest net employment increase with 6,000, followed by Raleigh, 5,500; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,200; Jacksonville, 2,700; Asheville, 2,400; Winston-Salem, 2,200; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 1,900; and Wilmington, 1,300. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage increase at 5.8%, followed by Goldsboro, 2.3%. 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.

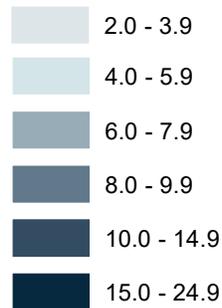
Over the year, employment increased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 37,600, followed by Raleigh, 32,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 15,400; Winston-Salem, 8,400; and Wilmington, 7,300. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 5.8%, followed by Raleigh, 5.2%; Durham/Chapel Hill, 4.9%; Burlington, 4.3%; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 4.2%; and Greenville, 4.0%.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

August 2021



August 2021



- ^ 2 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 93 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 5 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.4%
Not Seasonally Adjusted