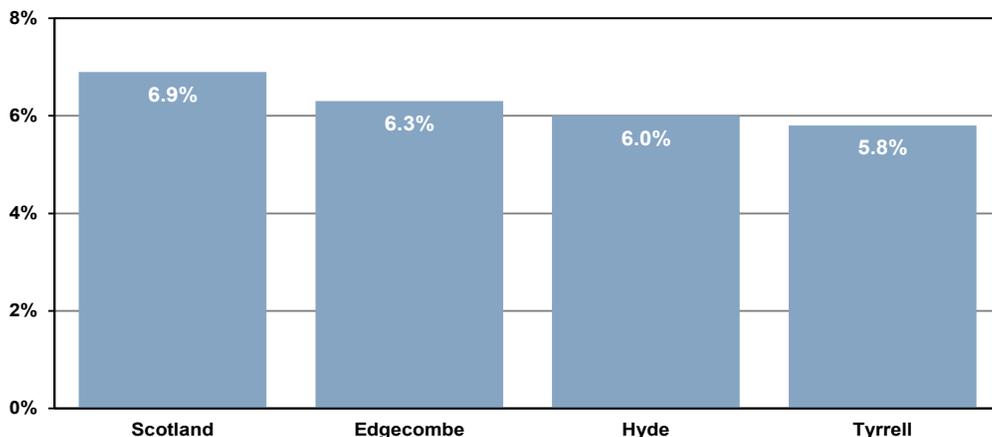


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates December 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

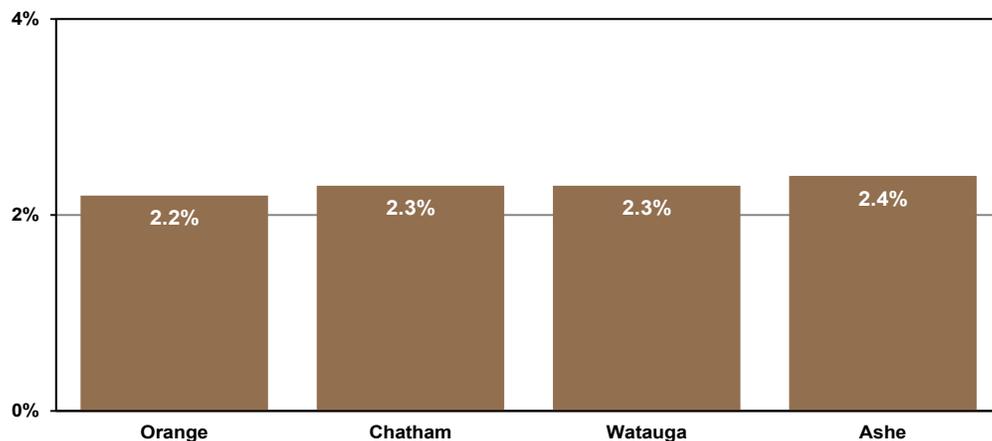


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.2 percent in December. This decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from November's revised rate, and declined 2.9 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 91 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-eight counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.2 percent rate.

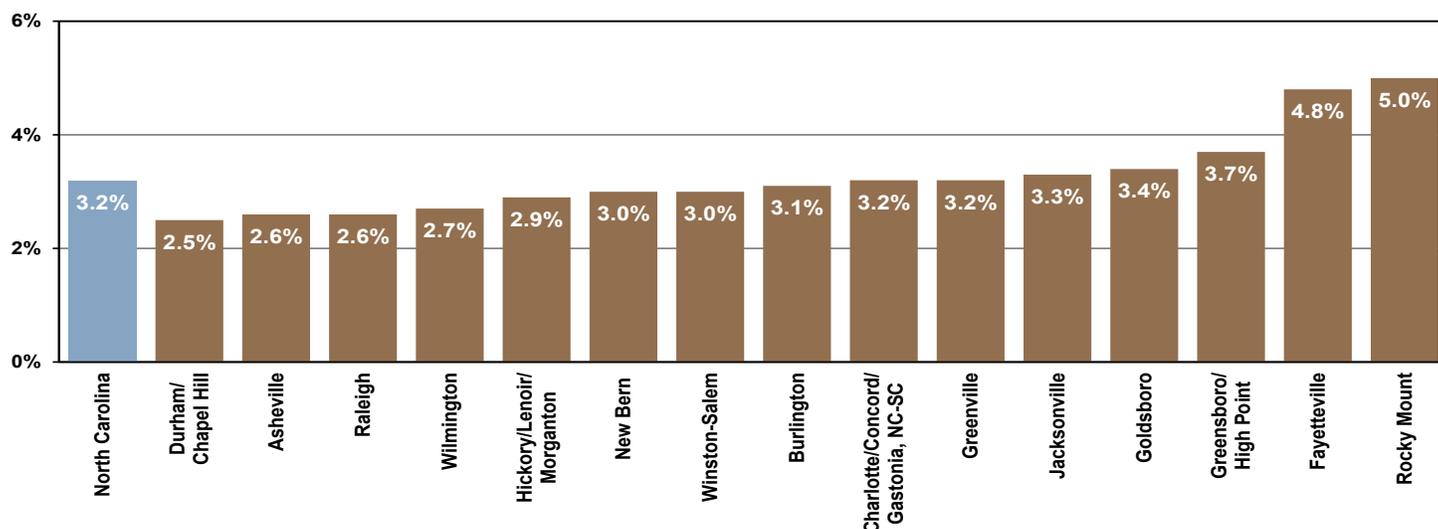
Scotland County recorded December's highest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 6.3 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.2 percent, followed by Chatham and Watauga Counties each at 2.3 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates December 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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 December at 5.0 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.5 percent, followed by Asheville and Raleigh at 2.6 percent each.

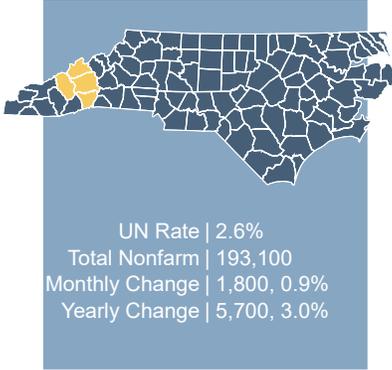
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates December 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



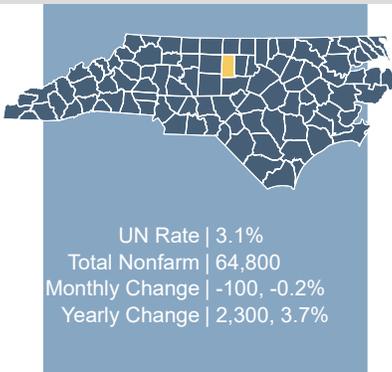
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 3.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.5%
Education & Health Services	400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 1.5%
Other Services	-100 -1.1%
Government	-100 -0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 6.3%
Manufacturing	700 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 1.6%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,100 -3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,200 13.6%
Other Services	400 4.4%
Government	1,100 4.3%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



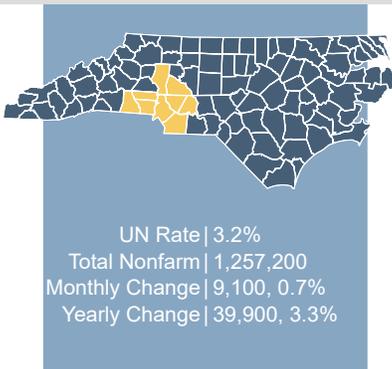
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.6%
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	100 3.1%
Manufacturing	200 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 2.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 8.6%
Education & Health Services	300 2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	100 4.0%
Government	600 9.2%

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



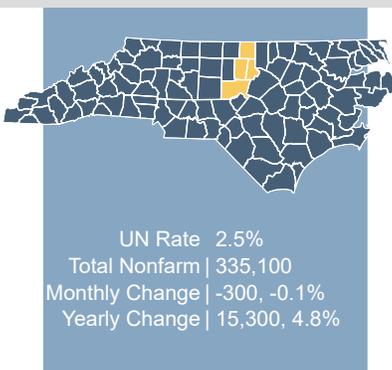
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300 -1.8%
Manufacturing	-700 -0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,800 3.0%
Information	300 1.3%
Financial Activities	800 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -0.4%
Education & Health Services	1,000 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,400 1.1%
Other Services	500 1.1%
Government	300 0.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 0.6%
Manufacturing	-2,300 -2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,600 2.5%
Information	1,100 4.7%
Financial Activities	700 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	12,300 5.8%
Education & Health Services	3,800 3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,700 11.1%
Other Services	2,900 6.8%
Government	1,700 1.1%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -2.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 1.9%
Information	200 3.3%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	400 0.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -3.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-500 -0.8%

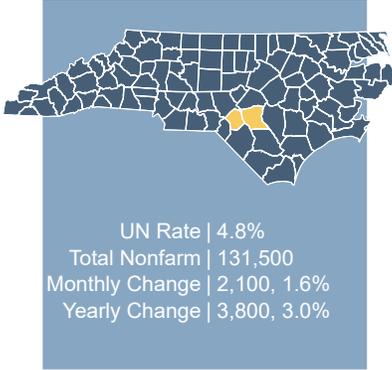
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.2%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,700 6.7%
Information	500 8.8%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	4,500 9.2%
Education & Health Services	1,900 2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,100 15.6%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	1,700 2.7%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



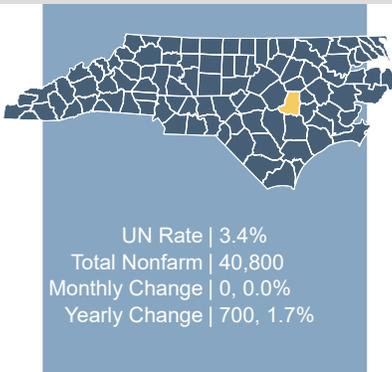
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 3.3%
Information	100 11.1%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.8%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	900 2.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 8.3%
Manufacturing	400 5.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	100 11.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	400 3.6%
Education & Health Services	200 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,200 14.9%
Other Services	200 4.7%
Government	-200 -0.5%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



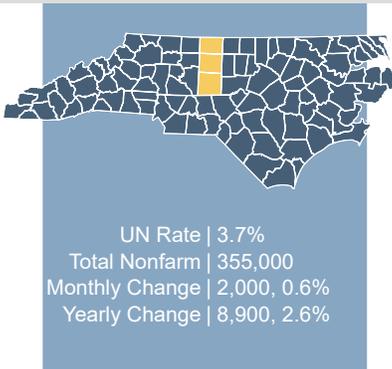
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	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	500 5.7%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



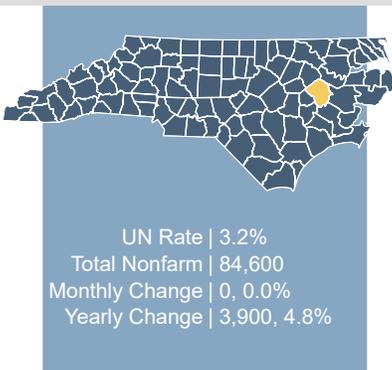
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.2%
Manufacturing	500 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 1.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 1.3%
Education & Health Services	-500 -1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 0.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 6.4%
Manufacturing	2,500 5.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,400 4.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,000 2.2%
Education & Health Services	-600 -1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,200 7.4%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	-600 -1.4%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 4.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -2.4%
Education & Health Services	100 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -3.3%
Other Services	-100 -4.2%
Government	0 0.0%

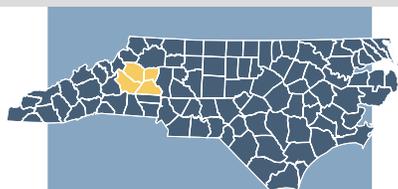
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.2%
Manufacturing	100 1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	800 10.7%
Education & Health Services	500 5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 8.6%
Other Services	100 4.5%
Government	1,300 4.6%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 2.9%  
 Total Nonfarm | 157,900  
 Monthly Change | 700, 0.4%  
 Yearly Change | 6,400, 4.2%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.0%
Manufacturing	400	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	1.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-0.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	8.3%
Manufacturing	4,000	10.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	2.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-3.1%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	800	3.6%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 3.3%  
 Total Nonfarm | 50,900  
 Monthly Change | 100, 0.2%  
 Yearly Change | 800, 1.6%

### 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	100	0.7%

### 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	-100	-0.7%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 3.0%  
 Total Nonfarm | 44,700  
 Monthly Change | 100, 0.2%  
 Yearly Change | 600, 1.4%

### 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	0	0.0%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 2.6%  
 Total Nonfarm | 667,400  
 Monthly Change | 400, 0.1%  
 Yearly Change | 25,900, 4.0%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800	0.6%
Information	400	1.8%
Financial Activities	200	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-0.4%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	1.6%
Other Services	-200	-0.8%
Government	-1,100	-1.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,200	5.2%
Manufacturing	2,200	7.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,400	2.0%
Information	500	2.3%
Financial Activities	1,700	5.1%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	2.7%
Education & Health Services	2,300	2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	10,500	18.2%
Other Services	-200	-0.8%
Government	700	0.7%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 5.0%  
 Total Nonfarm | 55,500  
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.4%  
 Yearly Change | 900, 1.6%

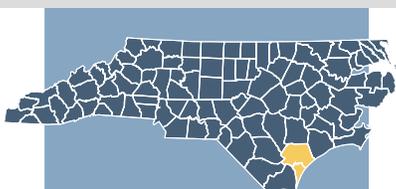
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.4%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -0.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -7.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 2.4%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.2%
Education & Health Services	100 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 8.5%
Other Services	*
Government	600 6.1%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 2.7%  
 Total Nonfarm | 137,100  
 Monthly Change | 1,100, 0.8%  
 Yearly Change | 8,800, 6.9%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 1.5%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.5%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	0 0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 6.5%
Manufacturing	300 5.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.9%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	2,800 16.1%
Education & Health Services	300 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,900 17.3%
Other Services	100 2.3%
Government	1,100 4.5%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2021



UN Rate | 3.0%  
 Total Nonfarm | 271,200  
 Monthly Change | -1,000, -0.4%  
 Yearly Change | 8,400, 3.2%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -2.6%
Education & Health Services	-400 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.4%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	0 0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,500 4.2%
Education & Health Services	1,500 2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000 12.3%
Other Services	200 2.5%
Government	1,300 4.3%

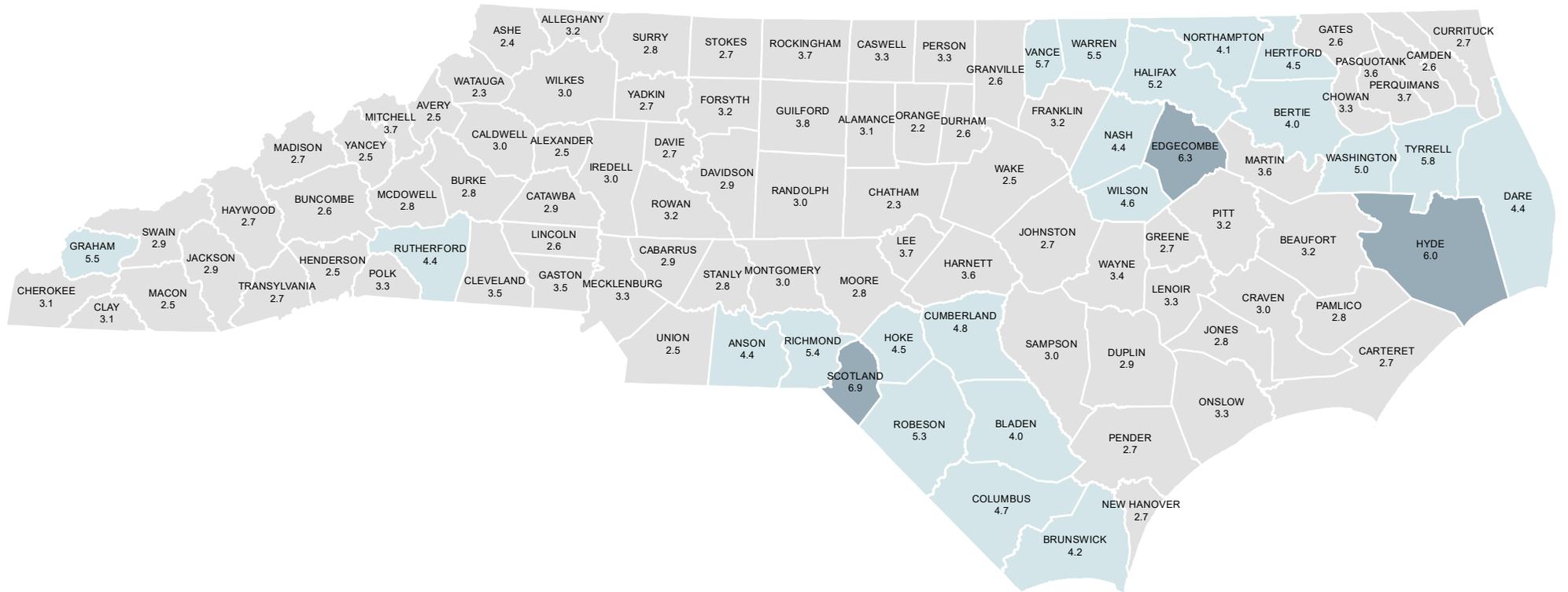
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Over the month, 10 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 9,100, followed by Fayetteville, 2,100; Greensboro/High Point, 2,000; Asheville, 1,800; and Wilmington, 1,100. Fayetteville had the greatest percentage increase at 1.6%, followed by Asheville at 0.9%; Wilmington, 0.8%; and Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 0.7%. 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.

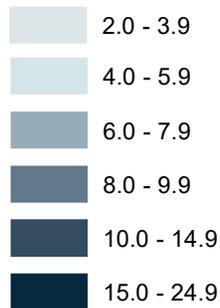
Over the year, employment increased in all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 39,900, followed by Raleigh, 25,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 15,300; Greensboro/High Point, 8,900; and Wilmington, 8,800. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 6.9%, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 4.8%; Greenville, 4.8%; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 4.2%.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## December 2021



### December 2021



- ^ 4 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 91 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 5 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.2%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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