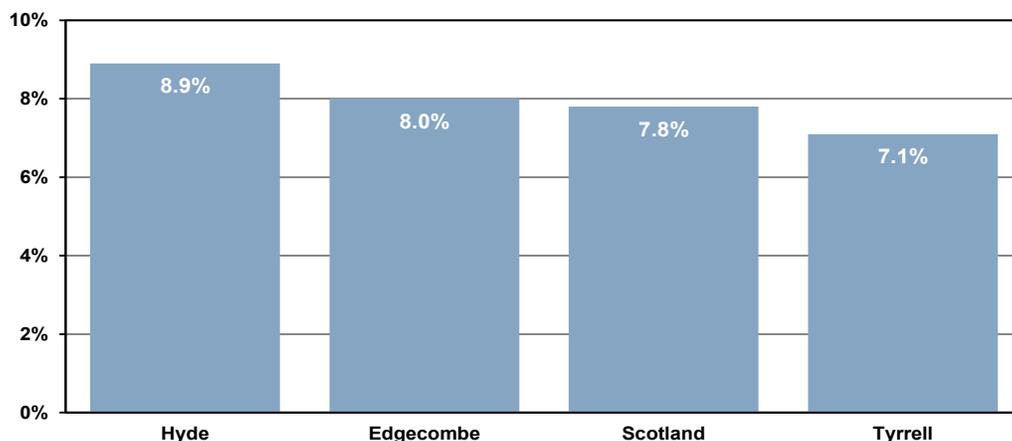


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

February 2022\*  
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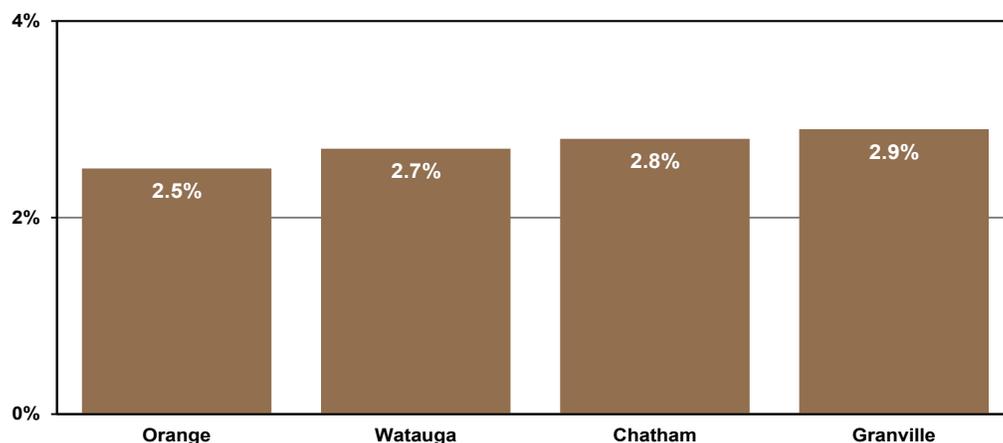
North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.7 percent in February. This decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from January's revised rate, and declined 2.1 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 50 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-six counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.7 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded February's highest unemployment rate at 8.9 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 8.0 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.5 percent, followed by Watauga at 2.7 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

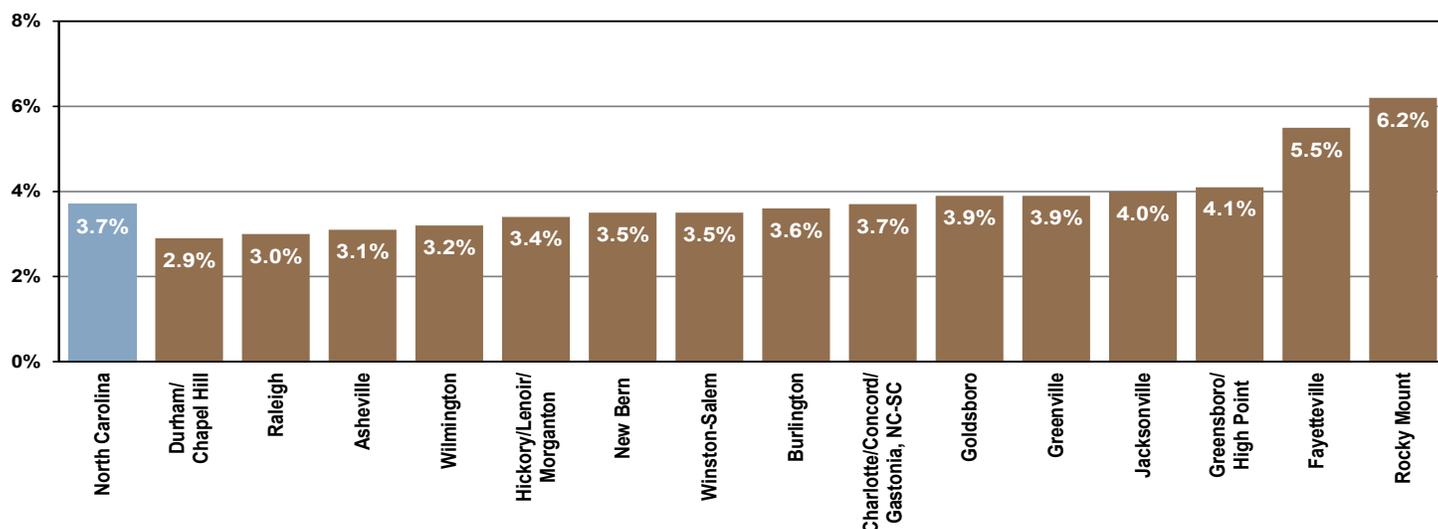
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Unemployment rates decreased in nine of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in February at 6.2 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.0 percent.

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

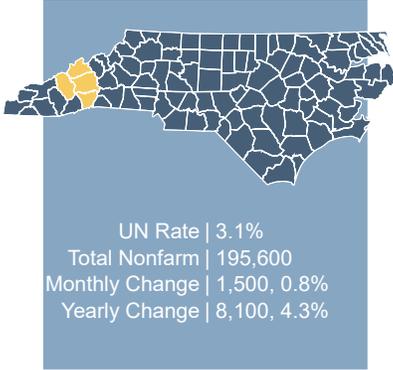
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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



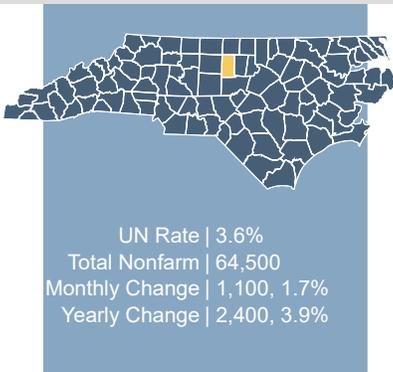
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.0%
Manufacturing	400 1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.1%
Education & Health Services	300 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	-100 -1.1%
Government	-100 -0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 7.4%
Manufacturing	1,100 5.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.3%
Information	200 11.8%
Financial Activities	300 4.7%
Professional & Business Services	300 1.6%
Education & Health Services	1,000 2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800 16.2%
Other Services	200 2.3%
Government	600 2.4%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



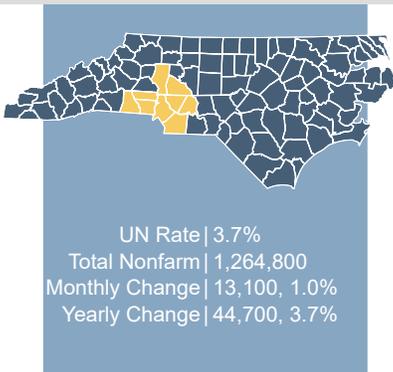
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.2%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 3.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 2.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.7%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 3.8%
Information	100 50.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 8.1%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 5.8%
Other Services	100 4.5%
Government	400 6.1%

## Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



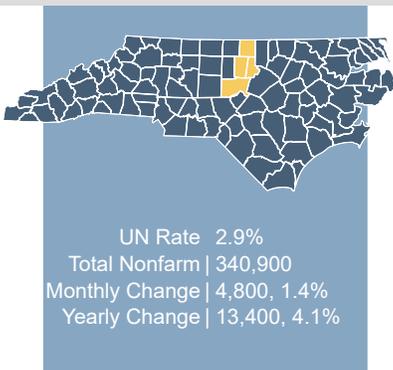
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 1.0%
Manufacturing	1,400 1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,800 0.7%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	1,300 1.1%
Professional & Business Services	2,800 1.3%
Education & Health Services	1,700 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,400 2.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	900 0.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 0.9%
Manufacturing	800 0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,700 2.5%
Information	1,000 4.2%
Financial Activities	5,300 4.8%
Professional & Business Services	11,300 5.4%
Education & Health Services	3,000 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,600 10.2%
Other Services	2,700 6.2%
Government	1,700 1.1%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.2%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,200 2.4%
Education & Health Services	300 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 3.8%
Other Services	-100 -0.9%
Government	1,800 2.7%

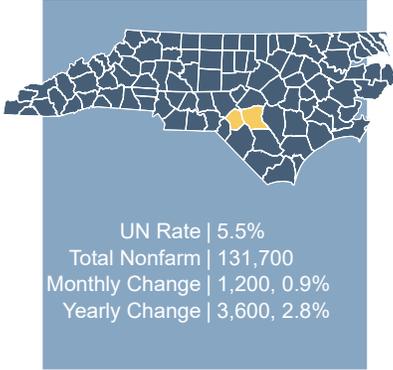
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.7%
Information	700 12.1%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	3,400 7.1%
Education & Health Services	2,200 2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800 18.4%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	1,700 2.5%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



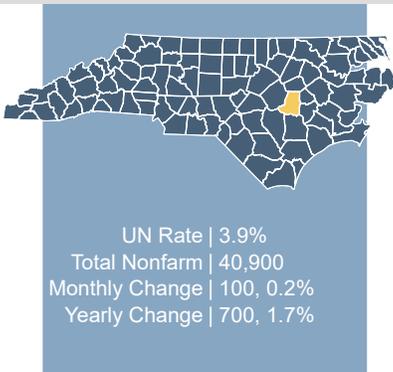
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 3.9%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -0.8%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 8.2%
Manufacturing	500 6.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 5.0%
Information	100 12.5%
Financial Activities	100 2.6%
Professional & Business Services	700 5.6%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000 6.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -1.0%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



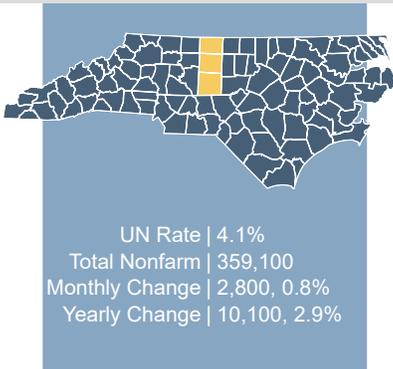
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	-300 -3.4%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



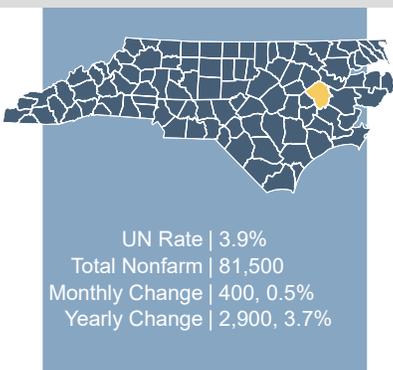
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 1.8%
Manufacturing	500 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,500 3.2%
Education & Health Services	200 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	100 0.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.2%
Manufacturing	1,500 3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,100 2.7%
Information	-100 -2.3%
Financial Activities	-400 -2.3%
Professional & Business Services	1,800 3.9%
Education & Health Services	-1,700 -3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,100 10.3%
Other Services	200 1.7%
Government	3,400 8.1%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 2.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 1.1%

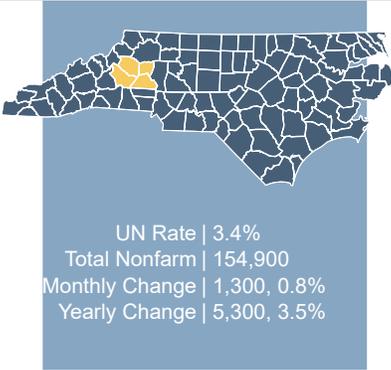
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.9%
Manufacturing	400 6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.4%
Information	100 16.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 4.2%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 11.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	900 3.3%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



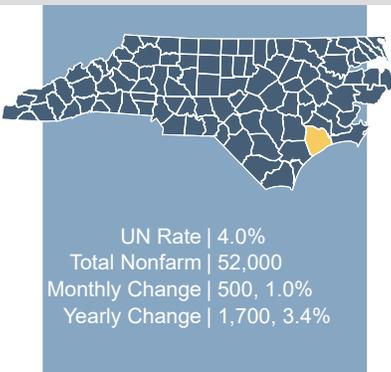
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	500 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.8%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 4.1%
Manufacturing	2,300 5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 4.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	800 5.8%
Education & Health Services	-400 -2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 5.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	500 2.3%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



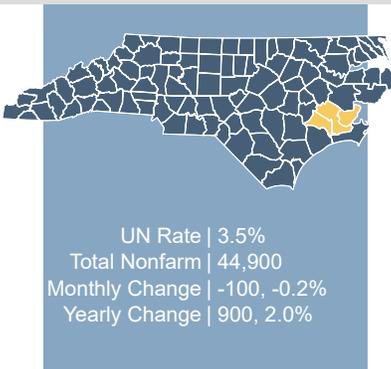
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	200 1.4%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



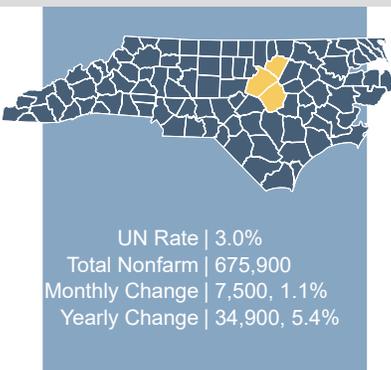
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 1.6%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.1%
Information	200 0.8%
Financial Activities	100 0.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,800 2.9%
Education & Health Services	900 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100 1.6%
Other Services	-100 -0.4%
Government	500 0.5%

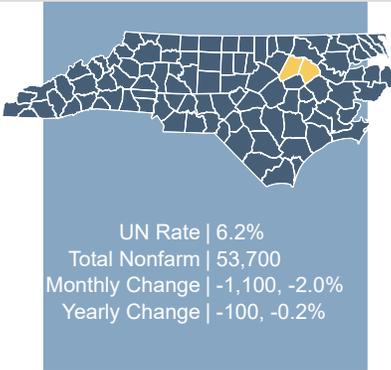
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,700 4.0%
Manufacturing	1,400 4.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,800 2.3%
Information	1,300 5.6%
Financial Activities	1,200 3.3%
Professional & Business Services	10,500 8.3%
Education & Health Services	1,700 2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,000 19.1%
Other Services	1,000 4.0%
Government	2,300 2.4%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



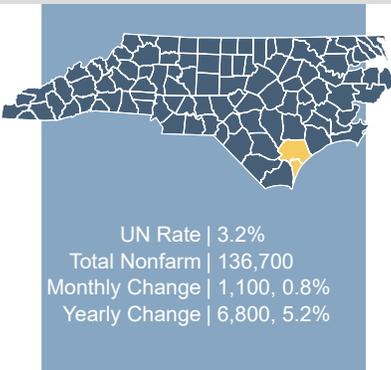
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,500 -11.8%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-200 -4.5%
Education & Health Services	100 1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 2.0%
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -5.9%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-300 -6.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 8.5%
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.9%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



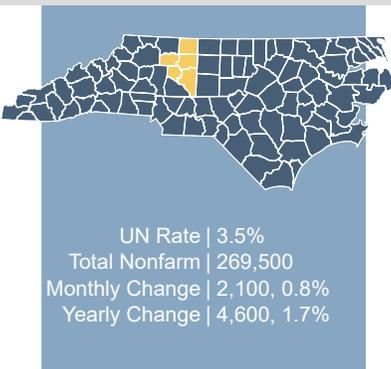
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.4%
Information	100 3.8%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.5%
Education & Health Services	200 0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 1.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.1%
Manufacturing	200 3.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.3%
Information	200 8.0%
Financial Activities	300 4.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,100 6.2%
Education & Health Services	-200 -0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,800 16.9%
Other Services	500 9.3%
Government	1,000 5.6%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | February 2022



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.7%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	400 1.2%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 3.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 1.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.7%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.6%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	500 3.8%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200 -3.4%
Education & Health Services	-500 -0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,800 11.6%
Other Services	300 3.6%
Government	1,000 3.4%

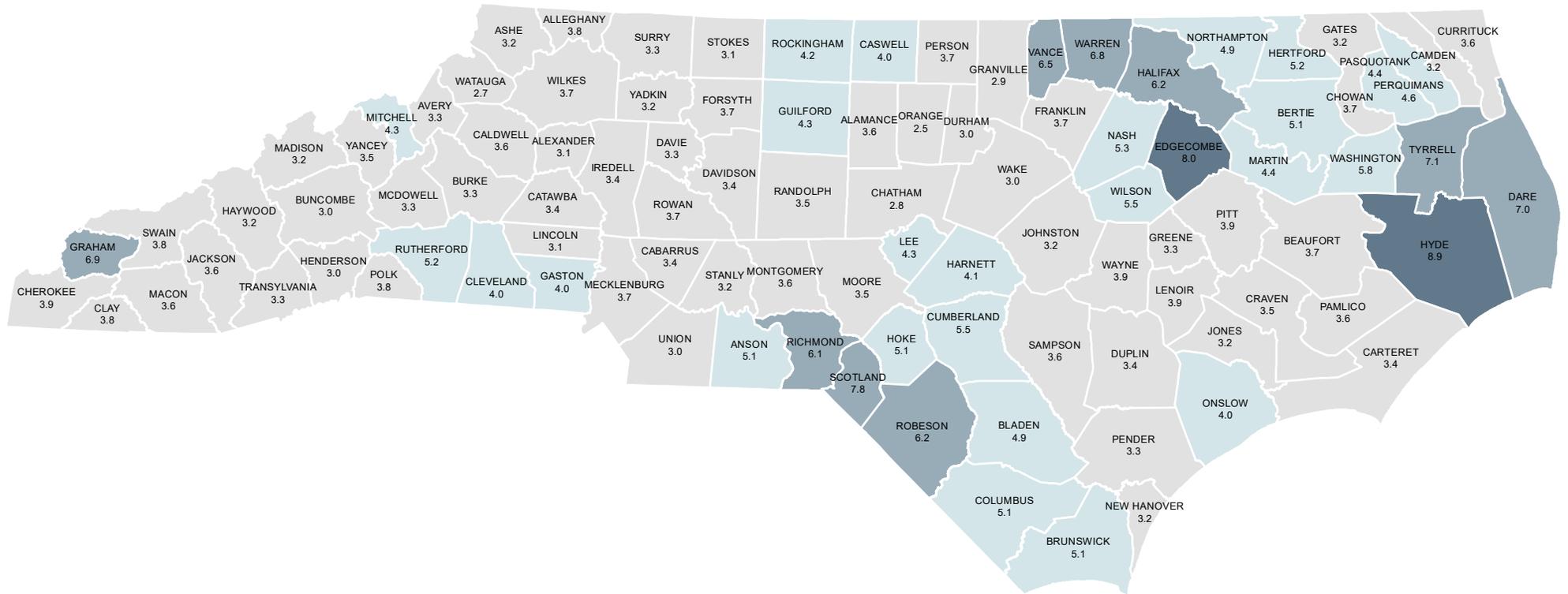
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Over the month, 13 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 13,100, followed by Raleigh, 7,500; Durham/Chapel Hill, 4,800; Greensboro/High Point, 2,800; and Winston-Salem, 2,100. Burlington had the greatest percentage increase at 1.7%, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill at 1.4%; Raleigh, 1.1%; Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 1.0%; and Jacksonville, 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.

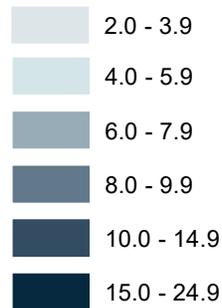
Over the year, employment increased in 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 44,700, followed by Raleigh, 34,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 13,400; Greensboro/High Point, 10,100; and Asheville, 8,100. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 5.4%, followed by Wilmington, 5.2%; Asheville, 4.3%; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 4.1%.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## February 2022



### February 2022



- ^ 12 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- ∨ 50 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 38 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.7%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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