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North Carolina's July County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 of North Carolina's counties in July. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.6 percent while Buncombe, Swain, and Chatham Counties each had the lowest at 2.9 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.0 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.9 percent. The July not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.7 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
July	86	14	0
June (Revised)	80	20	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in July by 31,277 to 4,966,822, while those unemployed decreased by 18,851 to 190,340. Since July 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 214,946, while those unemployed decreased 65,092.

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 estimates.

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for August 2022 will be released.

These data can be accessed on the Commerce website at https://d4.nccommerce.com/

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
July 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,157,162	190,340	3.7				
ALAMANCE	83,717	3,199	3.8	JOHNSTON	107,979	3,546	3.3
ALEXANDER	17,828	550	3.1	JONES	4,271	139	3.3
ALLEGHANY	4,425	160	3.6	LEE	26,160	1,097	4.2
ANSON	10,133	475	4.7	LENOIR	27,144	1,002	3.7
ASHE	13,028	420	3.2	LINCOLN	46,352	1,436	3.1
AVERY	7,934	240	3.0	MCDOWELL	19,787	680	3.4
BEAUFORT	19,893	753	3.8	MACON	15,971	520	3.3
BERTIE	7,350	361	4.9	MADISON	10,080	335	3.3
BLADEN	14,297	639	4.5	MARTIN	8,502	369	4.3
BRUNSWICK	58,500	2,530	4.3	MECKLENBURG	652,144	23,045	3.5
BUNCOMBE	142,020	4,080	2.9	MITCHELL	6,002	237	3.9
BURKE	40,466	1,359	3.4	MONTGOMERY	11,461	426	3.7
CABARRUS	116,025	3,940	3.4	MOORE	40,429	1,505	3.7
CALDWELL	36,063	1,281	3.6	NASH	42,051	2,253	5.4
CAMDEN	4,555	154	3.4	NEW HANOVER	127,865	4,116	3.2
CARTERET	33,146	1,028	3.1	NORTHAMPTON	7,175	345	4.8
CASWELL	9,811	395	4.0	ONSLOW	66,097	2,875	4.3
CATAWBA	78,727	2,710	3.4	ORANGE	83,689	2,606	3.1
CHATHAM	38,306	1,120	2.9	PAMLICO	5,436	183	3.4
CHEROKEE	10,939	430	3.9	PASQUOTANK	16,348	742	4.5
CHOWAN	5,706	227	4.0	PENDER	30,371	1,042	3.4
CLAY	3,982	160	4.0	PERQUIMANS	4,857	209	4.3
CLEVELAND	48,664	1,940	4.0	PERSON	19,272	698	3.6
COLUMBUS	23,693	1,069	4.5	PITT	88,104	3,801	4.3
CRAVEN	41,663	1,501	3.6	POLK	9,394	339	3.6
CUMBERLAND	128,176	7,158	5.6	RANDOLPH	65,309	2,357	3.6
CURRITUCK	14,834	468	3.2	RICHMOND	16,381	928	5.7
DARE	23,072	720	3.1	ROBESON	48,334	2,993	6.2
DAVIDSON	81,061	2,817	3.5	ROCKINGHAM	39,460	1,624	4.1
DAVIE	20,657	683	3.3	ROWAN	67,712	2,450	3.6
DUPLIN	24,295	909	3.7	RUTHERFORD	23,924	1,247	5.2
DURHAM	183,402	5,595	3.1	SAMPSON	27,775	1,085	3.9
EDGECOMBE	20,240	1,504	7.4	SCOTLAND	10,795	821	7.6
FORSYTH	188,021	7,204	3.8	STANLY	30,567	1,006	3.3
FRANKLIN	33,966	1,218	3.6	STOKES	21,536	691	3.2
GASTON	114,672	4,267	3.7	SURRY	32,057	1,116	3.5
GATES	5,188	178	3.4	SWAIN	7,428	215	2.9
GRAHAM	3,094	156	5.0	TRANSYLVANIA	15,285	470	3.1
GRANVILLE	30,571	991	3.2	TYRRELL	1,497	69	4.6
GREENE	9,375	302	3.2	UNION	130,356	4,174	3.2
GUILFORD	260,753	11,265	4.3	VANCE	16,770	1,069	6.4
HALIFAX	19,158	1,176	6.1	WAKE	630,748	19,191	3.0
HARNETT	54,744	2,287	4.2	WARREN	6,558	436	6.6
HAYWOOD	30,165	902	3.0	WASHINGTON	4,392	234	5.3
HENDERSON	55,500	1,677	3.0	WATAUGA	29,558	1,006	3.4
HERTFORD	8,496	460	5.4	WAYNE	51,312	2,062	4.0
HOKE	20,318	1,053	5.2	WILKES	26,773	1,025	3.8
HYDE	1,948	85	4.4	WILSON	32,805	1,927	5.9
IREDELL	94,570	3,202	3.4	YADKIN	17,524	554	3.2
JACKSON	19,923	771	3.9	YANCEY	8,292	277	3.3

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.7	4.1	5.1	-0.4	-1.4						
ALAMANCE	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5	JOHNSTON	3.3	3.7	4.5	-0.4	-1.2
ALEXANDER	3.1	3.6	4.4	-0.5	-1.3	JONES	3.3	3.6	4.3	-0.3	-1.0
ALLEGHANY	3.6	4.1	4.6	-0.5	-1.0	LEE	4.2	4.5	5.7	-0.3	-1.5
ANSON	4.7	5.3	6.5	-0.6	-1.8	LENOIR	3.7	4.1	5.3	-0.4	-1.6
ASHE	3.2	3.8	4.1	-0.6	-0.9	LINCOLN	3.1	3.5	4.3	-0.4	-1.2
AVERY	3.0	3.6	4.0	-0.6	-1.0	MCDOWELL	3.4	3.9	4.7	-0.5	-1.3
BEAUFORT	3.8	4.3	5.2	-0.5	-1.4	MACON	3.3	3.8	4.4	-0.5	-1.1
BERTIE	4.9	5.4	6.5	-0.5	-1.6	MADISON	3.3	3.8	4.6	-0.5	-1.3
BLADEN	4.5	5.0	6.2	-0.5	-1.7	MARTIN	4.3	4.8	5.8	-0.5	-1.5
BRUNSWICK	4.3	5.1	6.0	-0.8	-1.7	MECKLENBURG	3.5	3.9	5.1	-0.4	-1.6
BUNCOMBE	2.9	3.3	4.3	-0.4	-1.4	MITCHELL	3.9	4.6	5.4	-0.7	-1.5
BURKE	3.4	3.8	4.7	-0.4	-1.3	MONTGOMERY	3.7	4.0	5.1	-0.3	-1.4
CABARRUS	3.4	3.7	4.6	-0.3	-1.2	MOORE	3.7	4.1	5.0	-0.4	-1.3
CALDWELL	3.6	4.1	5.1	-0.5	-1.5	NASH	5.4	5.8	6.7	-0.4	-1.3
CAMDEN	3.4	3.8	4.3	-0.4	-0.9	NEW HANOVER	3.2	3.6	4.5	-0.4	-1.3
CARTERET	3.1	3.6	4.2	-0.5	-1.1	NORTHAMPTON	4.8	5.2	6.4	-0.4	-1.6
CASWELL	4.0	4.4	5.8	-0.4	-1.8	ONSLOW	4.3	4.7	5.8	-0.4	-1.5
CATAWBA	3.4	3.8	4.9	-0.4	-1.5	ORANGE	3.1	3.3	4.0	-0.2	-0.9
CHATHAM	2.9	3.4	3.9	-0.5	-1.0	PAMLICO	3.4	4.0	4.6	-0.6	-1.2
CHEROKEE	3.9	4.6	5.2	-0.7	-1.3	PASQUOTANK	4.5	4.8	5.7	-0.3	-1.2
CHOWAN	4.0	4.5	5.2	-0.5	-1.2	PENDER	3.4	3.8	4.5	-0.4	-1.1
CLAY	4.0	4.6	5.4	-0.6	-1.4	PERQUIMANS	4.3	4.9	5.6	-0.6	-1.3
CLEVELAND	4.0	4.4	5.6	-0.4	-1.6	PERSON	3.6	4.1	5.2	-0.5	-1.6
COLUMBUS	4.5	5.1	6.5	-0.6	-2.0	PITT	4.3	4.6	5.6	-0.3	-1.3
CRAVEN	3.6	4.1	4.9	-0.5	-1.3	POLK	3.6	4.1	5.1	-0.5	-1.5
CUMBERLAND	5.6	5.9	7.4	-0.3	-1.8	RANDOLPH	3.6	4.0	5.0	-0.4	-1.4
CURRITUCK	3.2	3.6	4.0	-0.4	-0.8	RICHMOND	5.7	6.1	7.5	-0.4	-1.8
DARE	3.1	3.7	4.6	-0.6	-1.5	ROBESON	6.2	6.6	8.1	-0.4	-1.9
DAVIDSON	3.5	3.9	4.8	-0.4	-1.3	ROCKINGHAM	4.1	4.6	5.8	-0.5	-1.7
DAVIE	3.3	3.7	4.5	-0.4	-1.2	ROWAN	3.6	4.0	5.2	-0.4	-1.6
DUPLIN	3.7	4.1	4.9	-0.4	-1.2	RUTHERFORD	5.2	5.6	6.9	-0.4	-1.7
DURHAM	3.1	3.4	4.4	-0.3	-1.3	SAMPSON	3.9	4.2	5.0	-0.3	-1.1
EDGECOMBE	7.4	7.9	8.8	-0.5	-1.4	SCOTLAND	7.6	7.9	10.0	-0.3	-2.4
FORSYTH	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5	STANLY	3.3	3.6	4.7	-0.3	-1.4
FRANKLIN	3.6	4.0	5.0	-0.4	-1.4	STOKES	3.2	3.7	4.4	-0.5	-1.2
GASTON	3.7	4.1	5.4	-0.4	-1.7	SURRY	3.5	3.9	4.7	-0.4	-1.2
GATES	3.4	3.8	4.5	-0.4	-1.1	SWAIN	2.9	3.4	4.3	-0.5	-1.4
GRAHAM	5.0	5.7	6.6	-0.7	-1.6	TRANSYLVANIA	3.1	3.7	4.4	-0.6	-1.3
GRANVILLE	3.2	3.5	4.3	-0.3	-1.1	TYRRELL	4.6	4.9	6.0	-0.3	-1.4
GREENE	3.2	3.5	4.3	-0.3	-1.1	UNION	3.2	3.5	4.3	-0.3	-1.1
GUILFORD	4.3	4.6	6.1	-0.3	-1.8	VANCE	6.4	6.8	8.4	-0.4	-2.0
HALIFAX	6.1	6.5	7.7	-0.4	-1.6	WAKE	3.0	3.4	4.2	-0.4	-1.2
HARNETT	4.2	4.6	5.7	-0.4	-1.5	WARREN	6.6	7.0	7.8	-0.4	-1.2
HAYWOOD	3.0	3.5	4.4	-0.5	-1.4	WASHINGTON	5.3	5.7	6.9	-0.4	-1.6
HENDERSON	3.0	3.5	4.3	-0.5	-1.3	WATAUGA	3.4	3.6	4.3	-0.2	-0.9
HERTFORD	5.4	5.8	7.4	-0.4	-2.0	WAYNE	4.0	4.4	5.4	-0.4	-1.4
HOKE	5.2	5.5	6.8	-0.3	-1.6	WILKES	3.8	4.3	5.1	-0.5	-1.3
HYDE	4.4	5.0	5.4	-0.6	-1.0	WILSON	5.9	6.1	7.3	-0.2	-1.4
IREDELL	3.4	3.7	4.9	-0.3	-1.5	YADKIN	3.2	3.7	4.4	-0.5	-1.2
JACKSON	3.9	4.2	5.0	-0.3	-1.1	YANCEY	3.3	3.8	4.7	-0.5	-1.4

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
July 2022

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	237,765	6,994	2.9
BURLINGTON	83,717	3,199	3.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,428,287	49,311	3.5
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	324,669	10,019	3.1
FAYETTEVILLE	148,494	8,211	5.5
GOLDSBORO	51,312	2,062	4.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	365,522	15,246	4.2
GREENVILLE	88,104	3,801	4.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	173,084	5,900	3.4
JACKSONVILLE	66,097	2,875	4.3
NEW BERN	51,370	1,823	3.5
RALEIGH	772,693	23,955	3.1
ROCKY MOUNT	62,291	3,757	6.0
WILMINGTON	158,236	5,158	3.3
WINSTON-SALEM	328,799	11,949	3.6

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,567	1,006	3.3
BOONE	29,558	1,006	3.4
BREVARD	15,285	470	3.1
CULLOWHEE	19,923	771	3.9
DUNN	54,744	2,287	4.2
ELIZABETH CITY	25,760	1,105	4.3
FOREST CITY	23,924	1,247	5.2
HENDERSON	16,770	1,069	6.4
KILL DEVIL HILLS	24,569	789	3.2
KINSTON	27,144	1,002	3.7
LAURINBURG	10,795	821	7.6
LUMBERTON	48,334	2,993	6.2
MARION	19,787	680	3.4
MOREHEAD CITY	33,146	1,028	3.1
MOUNT AIRY	32,057	1,116	3.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,773	1,025	3.8
OXFORD	30,571	991	3.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,429	1,505	3.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,333	1,521	5.8
ROCKINGHAM	16,381	928	5.7
SANFORD	26,160	1,097	4.2
SHELBY	48,664	1,940	4.0
WASHINGTON	19,893	753	3.8
WILSON	32,805	1,927	5.9

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
July 2022

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	253,050	7,464	2.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,507,518	52,257	3.5
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,623	12,025	5.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	810,095	31,510	3.9
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	107,997	4,554	4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	192,871	6,580	3.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	84,516	2,851	3.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,225,607	39,418	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	121,429	7,205	5.9

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Metropolitan Statistical Area	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	2.9	3.4	4.4	-0.5	-1.5
BURLINGTON	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.5	3.8	4.8	-0.3	-1.3
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.1	3.4	4.3	-0.3	-1.2
FAYETTEVILLE	5.5	5.9	7.3	-0.4	-1.8
GOLDSBORO	4.0	4.4	5.4	-0.4	-1.4
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.2	4.5	5.9	-0.3	-1.7
GREENVILLE	4.3	4.6	5.6	-0.3	-1.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.4	3.8	4.8	-0.4	-1.4
JACKSONVILLE	4.3	4.7	5.8	-0.4	-1.5
NEW BERN	3.5	4.0	4.8	-0.5	-1.3
RALEIGH	3.1	3.4	4.3	-0.3	-1.2
ROCKY MOUNT	6.0	6.5	7.4	-0.5	-1.4
WILMINGTON	3.3	3.7	4.5	-0.4	-1.2
WINSTON-SALEM	3.6	4.0	5.0	-0.4	-1.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.3	3.6	4.7	-0.3	-1.4
BOONE	3.4	3.6	4.3	-0.2	-0.9
BREVARD	3.1	3.7	4.4	-0.6	-1.3
CULLOWHEE	3.9	4.2	5.0	-0.3	-1.1
DUNN	4.2	4.6	5.7	-0.4	-1.5
ELIZABETH CITY	4.3	4.7	5.4	-0.4	-1.1
FOREST CITY	5.2	5.6	6.9	-0.4	-1.7
HENDERSON	6.4	6.8	8.4	-0.4	-2.0
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.2	3.8	4.7	-0.6	-1.5
KINSTON	3.7	4.1	5.3	-0.4	-1.6
LAURINBURG	7.6	7.9	10.0	-0.3	-2.4
LUMBERTON	6.2	6.6	8.1	-0.4	-1.9
MARION	3.4	3.9	4.7	-0.5	-1.3
MOREHEAD CITY	3.1	3.6	4.2	-0.5	-1.1
MOUNT AIRY	3.5	3.9	4.7	-0.4	-1.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	3.8	4.3	5.1	-0.5	-1.3
OXFORD	3.2	3.5	4.3	-0.3	-1.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.7	4.1	5.0	-0.4	-1.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.8	6.2	7.3	-0.4	-1.5
ROCKINGHAM	5.7	6.1	7.5	-0.4	-1.8
SANFORD	4.2	4.5	5.7	-0.3	-1.5
SHELBY	4.0	4.4	5.6	-0.4	-1.6
WASHINGTON	3.8	4.3	5.2	-0.5	-1.4
WILSON	5.9	6.1	7.3	-0.2	-1.4

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	2.9	3.4	4.4	-0.5	-1.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.5	3.8	4.9	-0.3	-1.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.8	6.1	7.6	-0.3	-1.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.9	4.2	5.4	-0.3	-1.5
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.2	4.5	5.5	-0.3	-1.3
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.4	3.9	4.8	-0.5	-1.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.4	3.9	4.6	-0.5	-1.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.2	3.6	4.4	-0.4	-1.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.9	6.3	7.3	-0.4	-1.4

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for July 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
BUNCOMBE	142,020	4,080	2.9%	1	LENOIR	27,144	1,002	3.7%	51
SWAIN	7,428	215	2.9%	2	MONTGOMERY	11,461	426	3.7%	52
CHATHAM	38,306	1,120	2.9%	3	GASTON	114,672	4,267	3.7%	53
HAYWOOD	30,165	902	3.0%	4	MOORE	40,429	1,505	3.7%	54
HENDERSON	55,500	1,677	3.0%	5	DUPLIN	24,295	909	3.7%	55
AVERY	7,934	240	3.0%	6	BEAUFORT	19,893	753	3.8%	56
WAKE	630,748	19,191	3.0%	7	ALAMANCE	83,717	3,199	3.8%	57
DURHAM	183,402	5,595	3.1%	8	WILKES	26,773	1,025	3.8%	58
TRANSYLVANIA	15,285	470	3.1%	9	FORSYTH	188,021	7,204	3.8%	59
ALEXANDER	17,828	550	3.1%	10	JACKSON	19,923	771	3.9%	60
LINCOLN	46,352	1,436	3.1%	11	SAMPSON	27,775	1,085	3.9%	61
CARTERET	33,146	1,028	3.1%	12	CHEROKEE	10,939	430	3.9%	62
ORANGE	83,689	2,606	3.1%	13	MITCHELL	6,002	237	3.9%	63
DARE	23,072	720	3.1%	14	CHOWAN	5,706	227	4.0%	64
CURRITUCK	14,834	468	3.2%	15	CLEVELAND	48,664	1,940	4.0%	65
YADKIN	17,524	554	3.2%	16	CLAY	3,982	160	4.0%	66
UNION	130,356	4,174	3.2%	17	WAYNE	51,312	2,062	4.0%	67
STOKES	21,536	691	3.2%	18	CASWELL	9,811	395	4.0%	68
NEW HANOVER	127,865	4,116	3.2%	19	ROCKINGHAM	39,460	1,624	4.1%	69
GREENE	9,375	302	3.2%	20	HARNETT	54,744	2,287	4.2%	70
ASHE	13,028	420	3.2%	21	LEE	26,160	1,097	4.2%	71
GRANVILLE	30,571	991	3.2%	22	PERQUIMANS	4,857	209	4.3%	72
JONES	4,271	139	3.3%	23	PITT	88,104	3,801	4.3%	73
MACON	15,971	520	3.3%	24	GUILFORD	260,753	11,265	4.3%	74
JOHNSTON	107,979	3,546	3.3%	25	BRUNSWICK	58,500	2,530	4.3%	75
STANLY	30,567	1,006	3.3%	26	MARTIN	8,502	369	4.3%	76
DAVIE	20,657	683	3.3%	27	ONSLOW	66,097	2,875	4.3%	77
MADISON	10,080	335	3.3%	28	HYDE	1,948	85	4.4%	78
YANCEY	8,292	277	3.3%	29	BLADEN	14,297	639	4.5%	79
BURKE	40,466	1,359	3.4%	30	COLUMBUS	23,693	1,069	4.5%	80
PAMLICO	5,436	183	3.4%	31	PASQUOTANK	16,348	742	4.5%	81
CAMDEN	4,555	154	3.4%	32	TYRRELL	1,497	69	4.6%	82
IREDELL	94,570	3,202	3.4%	33	ANSON	10,133	475	4.7%	83
CABARRUS	116,025	3,940	3.4%	34	NORTHAMPTON	7,175	345	4.8%	84
WATAUGA	29,558	1,006	3.4%	35	BERTIE	7,350	361	4.9%	85
PENDER	30,371	1,042	3.4%	36	GRAHAM	3,094	156	5.0%	86
GATES	5,188	178	3.4%	37	HOKE	20,318	1,053	5.2%	87
MCDOWELL	19,787	680	3.4%	38	RUTHERFORD	23,924	1,247	5.2%	88
CATAWBA	78,727	2,710	3.4%	39	WASHINGTON	4,392	234	5.3%	89
DAVIDSON	81,061	2,817	3.5%	40	NASH	42,051	2,253	5.4%	90
SURRY	32,057	1,116	3.5%	41	HERTFORD	8,496	460	5.4%	91
MECKLENBURG	652,144	23,045	3.5%	42	CUMBERLAND	128,176	7,158	5.6%	92
CALDWELL	36,063	1,281	3.6%	43	RICHMOND	16,381	928	5.7%	93
FRANKLIN	33,966	1,218	3.6%	44	WILSON	32,805	1,927	5.9%	94
CRAVEN	41,663	1,501	3.6%	45	HALIFAX	19,158	1,176	6.1%	95
POLK	9,394	339	3.6%	46	ROBESON	48,334	2,993	6.2%	96
RANDOLPH	65,309	2,357	3.6%	47	VANCE	16,770	1,069	6.4%	97
ALLEGHANY	4,425	160	3.6%	48	WARREN	6,558	436	6.6%	98
ROWAN	67,712	2,450	3.6%	49	EDGECOMBE	20,240	1,504	7.4%	99
PERSON	19,272	698	3.6%	50	SCOTLAND	10,795	821	7.6%	100

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

Accessing Data

The data presented in this press release, as well as historical data, can be accessed from NC Commerce's Demand Driven Data Delivery ("D4") system: https://d4.nccommerce.com/LausSelection.aspx

Technical Notes

This release presents labor force and unemployment estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS program is a federal-state cooperative endeavor.

Labor force and unemployment--from the LAUS program

      Definitions. The labor force and unemployment estimates are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as bad weather, labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on lay-off expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

      Method of estimation. Statewide estimates are produced using an estimation algorithm administered by the BLS. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2021, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, Current Employment Statistics (CES), and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. Substate estimates are produced using the "LAUS Handbook Method", which is also based on data from several sources. Each month, census division estimates are controlled to national totals, and state estimates are then controlled to their respective division totals. Substate estimates are controlled to their respective state totals. For more information about LAUS estimation procedures, see the BLS website at https://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/lau/calculation.htm.

      Revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for the previous month reflect adjustments made in each subsequent month, while data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year. The monthly revisions incorporate updated model inputs, while the annually revised estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

      Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations that were issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on April 10, 2018. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

<u>Reliability of the estimates</u>

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample surveys, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability--that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used.

Model-based error measures for seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data and for over-the-month and over-the-year changes to LAUS statewide estimates are available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm.

<u>Release Dates</u>

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for August 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

https://www.nccommerce.com/documents/release-dates-unemployment-rates