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North Carolina's September County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 99 of North Carolina's counties in September and increased in one. Warren County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.6 percent while Orange and Buncombe Counties each had the lowest at 2.6 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.5 percent while Asheville and Durham-Chapel Hill each had the lowest at 2.7 percent. The September not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.3 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
September	92	8	0
August (Revised)	83	17	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 99 counties and increased in one. 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 September by 35,919 to 4,951,030, while those unemployed decreased by 29,687 to 169,997. Since September 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 174,474, while those unemployed decreased 35,405.

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, November 18, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for October 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
September 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,121,027	169,997	3.3				
ALAMANCE	83,012	2,771	3.3	JOHNSTON	107,044	3,191	3.0
ALEXANDER	17,669	497	2.8	JONES	4,192	127	3.0
ALLEGHANY	4,368	142	3.3	LEE	25,998	1,001	3.9
ANSON	10,095	427	4.2	LENOIR	26,935	899	3.3
ASHE	13,260	396	3.0	LINCOLN	45,982	1,255	2.7
AVERY	7,817	214	2.7	MCDOWELL	19,694	629	3.2
BEAUFORT	19,712	684	3.5	MACON	15,723	478	3.0
BERTIE	7,274	320	4.4	MADISON	10,024	300	3.0
BLADEN	13,953	590	4.2	MARTIN	8,525	348	4.1
BRUNSWICK	56,330	2,356	4.2	MECKLENBURG	647,255	20,898	3.2
BUNCOMBE	141,390	3,681	2.6	MITCHELL	5,914	214	3.6
BURKE	40,150	1,244	3.1	MONTGOMERY	11,413	373	3.3
CABARRUS	115,089	3,536	3.1	MOORE	40,699	1,332	3.3
CALDWELL	35,759	1,149	3.2	NASH	41,462	2,021	4.9
CAMDEN	4,591	145	3.2	NEW HANOVER	127,707	3,742	2.9
CARTERET	31,685	946	3.0	NORTHAMPTON	7,079	308	4.4
CASWELL	9,757	348	3.6	ONSLOW	66,653	2,590	3.9
CATAWBA	78,051	2,442	3.1	ORANGE	82,981	2,156	2.6
CHATHAM	38,105	1,026	2.7	PAMLICO	5,341	167	3.1
CHEROKEE	10,826	379	3.5	PASQUOTANK	16,432	645	3.9
CHOWAN	5,598	211	3.8	PENDER	30,291	941	3.1
CLAY	4,012	151	3.8	PERQUIMANS	4,879	187	3.8
CLEVELAND	47,874	1,745	3.6	PERSON	19,108	618	3.2
COLUMBUS	22,799	931	4.1	PITT	88,467	3,264	3.7
CRAVEN	40,971	1,374	3.4	POLK	9,465	305	3.2
CUMBERLAND	128,303	6,270	4.9	RANDOLPH	65,436	2,147	3.3
CURRITUCK	14,527	408	2.8	RICHMOND	16,213	843	5.2
DARE	21,111	632	3.0	ROBESON	47,527	2,599	5.5
DAVIDSON	80,489	2,522	3.1	ROCKINGHAM	39,526	1,479	3.7
DAVIE	20,510	618	3.0	ROWAN	67,165	2,194	3.3
DUPLIN	24,136	792	3.3	RUTHERFORD	24,128	1,082	4.5
DURHAM	182,120	5,000	2.7	SAMPSON	28,066	917	3.3
EDGECOMBE	19,905	1,350	6.8	SCOTLAND	10,962	716	6.5
FORSYTH	186,510	6,344	3.4	STANLY	30,210	913	3.0
FRANKLIN	33,650	1,080	3.2	STOKES	21,411	633	3.0
GASTON	113,746	3,851	3.4	SURRY	31,448	984	3.1
GATES	5,081	166	3.3	SWAIN	7,429	202	2.7
GRAHAM	3,021	134	4.4	TRANSYLVANIA	14,760	441	3.0
GRANVILLE	30,271	851	2.8	TYRRELL	1,373	63	4.6
GREENE	9,391	278	3.0	UNION	129,297	3,672	2.8
GUILFORD	260,797	9,838	3.8	VANCE	16,515	977	5.9
HALIFAX	18,905	1,070	5.7	WAKE	625,641	17,209	2.8
HARNETT	54,939	2,052	3.7	WARREN	6,632	505	7.6
HAYWOOD	30,026	823	2.7	WASHINGTON	4,315	205	4.8
HENDERSON	55,237	1,531	2.8	WATAUGA	29,372	834	2.8
HERTFORD	8,459	393	4.6	WAYNE	50,942	1,802	3.5
HOKE	20,391	972	4.8	WILKES	26,528	913	3.4
HYDE	1,809	72	4.0	WILSON	32,351	1,657	5.1
IREDELL	93,803	2,861	3.1	YADKIN	17,402	512	2.9
JACKSON	21,501	644	3.0	YANCEY	8,332	255	3.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.3	3.9	4.1	-0.6	-0.8						
ALAMANCE	3.3	4.0	4.1	-0.7	-0.8	JOHNSTON	3.0	3.5	3.6	-0.5	-0.6
ALEXANDER	2.8	3.3	3.6	-0.5	-0.8	JONES	3.0	3.3	3.7	-0.3	-0.7
ALLEGHANY	3.3	3.7	3.7	-0.4	-0.4	LEE	3.9	4.5	4.8	-0.6	-0.9
ANSON	4.2	4.9	5.9	-0.7	-1.7	LENOIR	3.3	3.9	4.5	-0.6	-1.2
ASHE	3.0	3.4	3.1	-0.4	-0.1	LINCOLN	2.7	3.3	3.5	-0.6	-0.8
AVERY	2.7	3.2	3.0	-0.5	-0.3	MCDOWELL	3.2	3.7	3.8	-0.5	-0.6
BEAUFORT	3.5	4.1	4.2	-0.6	-0.7	MACON	3.0	3.6	3.3	-0.6	-0.3
BERTIE	4.4	5.4	5.3	-1.0	-0.9	MADISON	3.0	3.5	3.5	-0.5	-0.5
BLADEN	4.2	4.7	5.3	-0.5	-1.1	MARTIN	4.1	4.6	4.7	-0.5	-0.6
BRUNSWICK	4.2	4.8	4.9	-0.6	-0.7	MECKLENBURG	3.2	3.8	4.2	-0.6	-1.0
BUNCOMBE	2.6	3.1	3.3	-0.5	-0.7	MITCHELL	3.6	4.2	4.4	-0.6	-0.8
BURKE	3.1	3.6	3.9	-0.5	-0.8	MONTGOMERY	3.3	3.8	3.9	-0.5	-0.6
CABARRUS	3.1	3.6	3.7	-0.5	-0.6	MOORE	3.3	3.9	4.0	-0.6	-0.7
CALDWELL	3.2	3.7	4.2	-0.5	-1.0	NASH	4.9	5.7	5.8	-0.8	-0.9
CAMDEN	3.2	3.7	3.3	-0.5	-0.1	NEW HANOVER	2.9	3.4	3.5	-0.5	-0.6
CARTERET	3.0	3.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.4	NORTHAMPTON	4.4	5.0	5.5	-0.6	-1.1
CASWELL	3.6	4.3	4.5	-0.7	-0.9	ONSLOW	3.9	4.5	4.3	-0.6	-0.4
CATAWBA	3.1	3.6	4.1	-0.5	-1.0	ORANGE	2.6	3.2	2.9	-0.6	-0.3
CHATHAM	2.7	3.1	3.0	-0.4	-0.3	PAMLICO	3.1	3.7	3.7	-0.6	-0.6
CHEROKEE	3.5	4.2	4.1	-0.7	-0.6	PASQUOTANK	3.9	4.8	4.4	-0.9	-0.5
CHOWAN	3.8	4.3	4.3	-0.5	-0.5	PENDER	3.1	3.6	3.5	-0.5	-0.4
CLAY	3.8	4.4	4.0	-0.6	-0.2	PERQUIMANS	3.8	4.6	4.6	-0.8	-0.8
CLEVELAND	3.6	4.3	4.7	-0.7	-1.1	PERSON	3.2	3.9	4.3	-0.7	-1.1
COLUMBUS	4.1	4.7	5.3	-0.6	-1.2	PITT	3.7	4.5	4.4	-0.8	-0.7
CRAVEN	3.4	3.8	3.9	-0.4	-0.5	POLK	3.2	3.8	4.0	-0.6	-0.8
CUMBERLAND	4.9	5.8	6.1	-0.9	-1.2	RANDOLPH	3.3	3.9	3.9	-0.6	-0.6
CURRITUCK	2.8	3.3	3.0	-0.5	-0.2	RICHMOND	5.2	6.0	6.7	-0.8	-1.5
DARE	3.0	3.4	3.6	-0.4	-0.6	ROBESON	5.5	6.5	6.8	-1.0	-1.3
DAVIDSON	3.1	3.7	3.9	-0.6	-0.8	ROCKINGHAM	3.7	4.4	4.7	-0.7	-1.0
DAVIE	3.0	3.6	3.6	-0.6	-0.6	ROWAN	3.3	3.8	4.2	-0.5	-0.9
DUPLIN	3.3	3.8	3.9	-0.5	-0.6	RUTHERFORD	4.5	5.4	5.6	-0.9	-1.1
DURHAM	2.7	3.2	3.5	-0.5	-0.8	SAMPSON	3.3	4.0	3.9	-0.7	-0.6
EDGECOMBE	6.8	7.9	8.1	-1.1	-1.3	SCOTLAND	6.5	7.7	8.6	-1.2	-2.1
FORSYTH	3.4	4.0	4.3	-0.6	-0.9	STANLY	3.0	3.5	3.8	-0.5	-0.8
FRANKLIN	3.2	3.8	4.1	-0.6	-0.9	STOKES	3.0	3.5	3.5	-0.5	-0.5
GASTON	3.4	4.0	4.6	-0.6	-1.2	SURRY	3.1	3.7	3.6	-0.6	-0.5
GATES	3.3	3.7	3.7	-0.4	-0.4	SWAIN	2.7	3.1	3.3	-0.4	-0.6
GRAHAM	4.4	5.2	5.7	-0.8	-1.3	TRANSYLVANIA	3.0	3.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.4
GRANVILLE	2.8	3.4	3.5	-0.6	-0.7	TYRRELL	4.6	5.1	5.4	-0.5	-0.8
GREENE	3.0	3.4	3.6	-0.4	-0.6	UNION	2.8	3.3	3.3	-0.5	-0.5
GUILFORD	3.8	4.5	4.9	-0.7	-1.1	VANCE	5.9	6.9	7.0	-1.0	-1.1
HALIFAX	5.7	6.6	6.7	-0.9	-1.0	WAKE	2.8	3.2	3.4	-0.4	-0.6
HARNETT	3.7	4.4	4.6	-0.7	-0.9	WARREN	7.6	6.9	7.0	0.7	0.6
HAYWOOD	2.7	3.2	3.5	-0.5	-0.8	WASHINGTON	4.8	5.6	6.0	-0.8	-1.2
HENDERSON	2.8	3.3	3.3	-0.5	-0.5	WATAUGA	2.8	3.4	2.9	-0.6	-0.1
HERTFORD	4.6	5.5	6.1	-0.9	-1.5	WAYNE	3.5	4.2	4.4	-0.7	-0.9
HOKE	4.8	5.5	5.7	-0.7	-0.9	WILKES	3.4	4.0	4.0	-0.6	-0.6
HYDE	4.0	4.5	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	WILSON	5.1	6.2	6.1	-1.1	-1.0
IREDELL	3.1	3.6	3.9	-0.5	-0.8	YADKIN	2.9	3.4	3.5	-0.5	-0.6
JACKSON	3.0	3.9	3.6	-0.9	-0.6	YANCEY	3.1	3.6	3.6	-0.5	-0.5

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	236,677	6,335	2.7
BURLINGTON	83,012	2,771	3.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,419,041	44,686	3.1
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	322,314	8,800	2.7
FAYETTEVILLE	148,694	7,242	4.9
GOLDSBORO	50,942	1,802	3.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	365,759	13,464	3.7
GREENVILLE	88,467	3,264	3.7
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	171,629	5,332	3.1
JACKSONVILLE	66,653	2,590	3.9
NEW BERN	50,504	1,668	3.3
RALEIGH	766,335	21,480	2.8
ROCKY MOUNT	61,367	3,371	5.5
WILMINGTON	157,998	4,683	3.0
WINSTON-SALEM	326,322	10,629	3.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,210	913	3.0
BOONE	29,372	834	2.8
BREVARD	14,760	441	3.0
CULLOWHEE	21,501	644	3.0
DUNN	54,939	2,052	3.7
ELIZABETH CITY	25,902	977	3.8
FOREST CITY	24,128	1,082	4.5
HENDERSON	16,515	977	5.9
KILL DEVIL HILLS	22,484	695	3.1
KINSTON	26,935	899	3.3
LAURINBURG	10,962	716	6.5
LUMBERTON	47,527	2,599	5.5
MARION	19,694	629	3.2
MOREHEAD CITY	31,685	946	3.0
MOUNT AIRY	31,448	984	3.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,528	913	3.4
OXFORD	30,271	851	2.8
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,699	1,332	3.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	25,984	1,378	5.3
ROCKINGHAM	16,213	843	5.2
SANFORD	25,998	1,001	3.9
SHELBY	47,874	1,745	3.6
WASHINGTON	19,712	684	3.5
WILSON	32,351	1,657	5.1

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

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	251,437	6,776	2.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,497,125	47,344	3.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,183	10,557	5.1
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	806,541	27,848	3.5
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	108,179	3,948	3.6
HICKORY-LENOIR	191,323	5,961	3.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,189	2,614	3.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,216,372	35,161	2.9
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	119,702	6,406	5.4

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	2.7	3.2	3.4	-0.5	-0.7
BURLINGTON	3.3	4.0	4.1	-0.7	-0.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.1	3.6	4.0	-0.5	-0.9
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	2.7	3.2	3.3	-0.5	-0.6
FAYETTEVILLE	4.9	5.8	6.1	-0.9	-1.2
GOLDSBORO	3.5	4.2	4.4	-0.7	-0.9
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	3.7	4.4	4.7	-0.7	-1.0
GREENVILLE	3.7	4.5	4.4	-0.8	-0.7
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.1	3.6	4.0	-0.5	-0.9
JACKSONVILLE	3.9	4.5	4.3	-0.6	-0.4
NEW BERN	3.3	3.8	3.9	-0.5	-0.6
RALEIGH	2.8	3.3	3.4	-0.5	-0.6
ROCKY MOUNT	5.5	6.5	6.6	-1.0	-1.1
WILMINGTON	3.0	3.5	3.5	-0.5	-0.5
WINSTON-SALEM	3.3	3.8	4.1	-0.5	-0.8

Micropolitan Statistical Area	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.0	3.5	3.8	-0.5	-0.8
BOONE	2.8	3.4	2.9	-0.6	-0.1
BREVARD	3.0	3.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.4
CULLOWHEE	3.0	3.9	3.6	-0.9	-0.6
DUNN	3.7	4.4	4.6	-0.7	-0.9
ELIZABETH CITY	3.8	4.6	4.3	-0.8	-0.5
FOREST CITY	4.5	5.4	5.6	-0.9	-1.1
HENDERSON	5.9	6.9	7.0	-1.0	-1.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.1	3.5	3.8	-0.4	-0.7
KINSTON	3.3	3.9	4.5	-0.6	-1.2
LAURINBURG	6.5	7.7	8.6	-1.2	-2.1
LUMBERTON	5.5	6.5	6.8	-1.0	-1.3
MARION	3.2	3.7	3.8	-0.5	-0.6
MOREHEAD CITY	3.0	3.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.4
MOUNT AIRY	3.1	3.7	3.6	-0.6	-0.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	3.4	4.0	4.0	-0.6	-0.6
OXFORD	2.8	3.4	3.5	-0.6	-0.7
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.3	3.9	4.0	-0.6	-0.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.3	6.2	6.4	-0.9	-1.1
ROCKINGHAM	5.2	6.0	6.7	-0.8	-1.5
SANFORD	3.9	4.5	4.8	-0.6	-0.9
SHELBY	3.6	4.3	4.7	-0.7	-1.1
WASHINGTON	3.5	4.1	4.2	-0.6	-0.7
WILSON	5.1	6.2	6.1	-1.1	-1.0

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	2.7	3.2	3.4	-0.5	-0.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.2	3.7	4.0	-0.5	-0.8
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.1	6.0	6.4	-0.9	-1.3
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.5	4.1	4.3	-0.6	-0.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	3.6	4.4	4.3	-0.8	-0.7
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.1	3.6	4.0	-0.5	-0.9
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.2	3.6	3.7	-0.4	-0.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	2.9	3.4	3.5	-0.5	-0.6
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.4	6.3	6.4	-0.9	-1.0

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for September 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	82,981	2,156	2.6%	1	MONTGOMERY	11,413	373	3.3%	51
BUNCOMBE	141,390	3,681	2.6%	2	MOORE	40,699	1,332	3.3%	52
CHATHAM	38,105	1,026	2.7%	3	RANDOLPH	65,436	2,147	3.3%	53
SWAIN	7,429	202	2.7%	4	DUPLIN	24,136	792	3.3%	54
LINCOLN	45,982	1,255	2.7%	5	LENOIR	26,935	899	3.3%	55
AVERY	7,817	214	2.7%	6	ALAMANCE	83,012	2,771	3.3%	56
HAYWOOD	30,026	823	2.7%	7	CRAVEN	40,971	1,374	3.4%	57
DURHAM	182,120	5,000	2.7%	8	GASTON	113,746	3,851	3.4%	58
WAKE	625,641	17,209	2.8%	9	FORSYTH	186,510	6,344	3.4%	59
HENDERSON	55,237	1,531	2.8%	10	WILKES	26,528	913	3.4%	60
CURRITUCK	14,527	408	2.8%	11	BEAUFORT	19,712	684	3.5%	61
GRANVILLE	30,271	851	2.8%	12	CHEROKEE	10,826	379	3.5%	62
ALEXANDER	17,669	497	2.8%	13	WAYNE	50,942	1,802	3.5%	63
WATAUGA	29,372	834	2.8%	14	CASWELL	9,757	348	3.6%	64
UNION	129,297	3,672	2.8%	15	MITCHELL	5,914	214	3.6%	65
NEW HANOVER	127,707	3,742	2.9%	16	CLEVELAND	47,874	1,745	3.6%	66
YADKIN	17,402	512	2.9%	17	PITT	88,467	3,264	3.7%	67
STOKES	21,411	633	3.0%	18	HARNETT	54,939	2,052	3.7%	68
GREENE	9,391	278	3.0%	19	ROCKINGHAM	39,526	1,479	3.7%	69
JOHNSTON	107,044	3,191	3.0%	20	CLAY	4,012	151	3.8%	70
CARTERET	31,685	946	3.0%	21	CHOWAN	5,598	211	3.8%	71
ASHE	13,260	396	3.0%	22	GUILFORD	260,797	9,838	3.8%	72
TRANSYLVANIA	14,760	441	3.0%	23	PERQUIMANS	4,879	187	3.8%	73
MADISON	10,024	300	3.0%	24	LEE	25,998	1,001	3.9%	74
DARE	21,111	632	3.0%	25	ONSLOW	66,653	2,590	3.9%	75
JACKSON	21,501	644	3.0%	26	PASQUOTANK	16,432	645	3.9%	76
DAVIE	20,510	618	3.0%	27	HYDE	1,809	72	4.0%	77
STANLY	30,210	913	3.0%	28	MARTIN	8,525	348	4.1%	78
JONES	4,192	127	3.0%	29	COLUMBUS	22,799	931	4.1%	79
MACON	15,723	478	3.0%	30	BRUNSWICK	56,330	2,356	4.2%	80
IREDELL	93,803	2,861	3.1%	31	BLADEN	13,953	590	4.2%	81
YANCEY	8,332	255	3.1%	32	ANSON	10,095	427	4.2%	82
CABARRUS	115,089	3,536	3.1%	33	NORTHAMPTON	7,079	308	4.4%	83
BURKE	40,150	1,244	3.1%	34	BERTIE	7,274	320	4.4%	84
PENDER	30,291	941	3.1%	35	GRAHAM	3,021	134	4.4%	85
PAMLICO	5,341	167	3.1%	36	RUTHERFORD	24,128	1,082	4.5%	86
CATAWBA	78,051	2,442	3.1%	37	TYRRELL	1,373	63	4.6%	87
SURRY	31,448	984	3.1%	38	HERTFORD	8,459	393	4.6%	88
DAVIDSON	80,489	2,522	3.1%	39	WASHINGTON	4,315	205	4.8%	89
CAMDEN	4,591	145	3.2%	40	HOKE	20,391	972	4.8%	90
MCDOWELL	19,694	629	3.2%	41	NASH	41,462	2,021	4.9%	91
FRANKLIN	33,650	1,080	3.2%	42	CUMBERLAND	128,303	6,270	4.9%	92
CALDWELL	35,759	1,149	3.2%	43	WILSON	32,351	1,657	5.1%	93
POLK	9,465	305	3.2%	44	RICHMOND	16,213	843	5.2%	94
MECKLENBURG	647,255	20,898	3.2%	45	ROBESON	47,527	2,599	5.5%	95
PERSON	19,108	618	3.2%	46	HALIFAX	18,905	1,070	5.7%	96
ALLEGHANY	4,368	142	3.3%	47	VANCE	16,515	977	5.9%	97
ROWAN	67,165	2,194	3.3%	48	SCOTLAND	10,962	716	6.5%	98
GATES	5,081	166	3.3%	49	EDGECOMBE	19,905	1,350	6.8%	99
SAMPSON	28,066	917	3.3%	50	WARREN	6,632	505	7.6%	100

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

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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, November 18, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for October 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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