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North Carolina's April County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH —Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased all 100 of North Carolina's counties in April. Dare County had the highest unemployment rate at 24.5 percent, while Bertie County had the lowest at 6.4 percent. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton had the highest rate at 17.6 percent and Durham-Chapel Hill and Greenville each had the lowest rate at 9.5 percent. The April not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 12.5 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
April	0	23	77
March (Revised)	71	28	1

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

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in April by 676,373 to 4,090,238, while those unemployed increased by 372,497 to 585,304. Since April 2019, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 781,342, while those unemployed increased 406,392.

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, June 19, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for May 2020 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
April 2020*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,675,542	585,304	12.5				
ALAMANCE	73,413	9,331	12.7	JOHNSTON	89,340	9,702	10.9
ALEXANDER	17,388	3,498	20.1	JONES	4,083	342	8.4
ALLEGHANY	4,364	460	10.5	LEE	25,879	3,603	13.9
ANSON	10,052	826	8.2	LENOIR	27,378	1,859	6.8
ASHE	12,827	1,371	10.7	LINCOLN	40,252	5,225	13.0
AVERY	7,384	752	10.2	MCDOWELL	21,003	2,466	11.7
BEAUFORT	18,517	1,504	8.1	MACON	15,375	1,744	11.3
BERTIE	7,472	479	6.4	MADISON	8,920	1,110	12.4
BLADEN	14,665	1,325	9.0	MARTIN	8,604	723	8.4
BRUNSWICK	46,674	8,085	17.3	MECKLENBURG	573,840	73,572	12.8
BUNCOMBE	131,385	22,964	17.5	MITCHELL	6,128	778	12.7
BURKE	37,190	5,768	15.5	MONTGOMERY	10,887	1,137	10.4
CABARRUS	100,146	12,275	12.3	MOORE	40,936	5,215	12.7
CALDWELL	33,291	5,370	16.1	NASH	40,163	4,941	12.3
CAMDEN	4,502	388	8.6	NEW HANOVER	112,165	16,877	15.0
CARTERET	31,149	3,502	11.2	NORTHAMPTON	7,260	548	7.5
CASWELL	9,515	1,348	14.2	ONSLow	61,868	7,325	11.8
CATAWBA	74,490	13,998	18.8	ORANGE	71,033	5,793	8.2
CHATHAM	32,193	2,745	8.5	PAMLICO	4,955	405	8.2
CHEROKEE	11,375	1,342	11.8	PASQUOTANK	16,596	1,876	11.3
CHOWAN	5,442	428	7.9	PENDER	25,381	3,194	12.6
CLAY	4,209	456	10.8	PERQUIMANS	4,810	483	10.0
CLEVELAND	49,140	6,254	12.7	PERSON	17,409	2,255	13.0
COLUMBUS	22,407	2,457	11.0	PITT	81,519	7,728	9.5
CRAVEN	39,565	4,141	10.5	POLK	8,601	906	10.5
CUMBERLAND	118,888	17,605	14.8	RANDOLPH	60,123	9,068	15.1
CURRITUCK	13,593	1,820	13.4	RICHMOND	16,694	1,939	11.6
DARE	20,221	4,949	24.5	ROBESON	48,634	4,970	10.2
DAVIDSON	74,892	10,114	13.5	ROCKINGHAM	36,495	5,780	15.8
DAVIE	19,122	2,521	13.2	ROWAN	62,014	8,916	14.4
DUPLIN	24,767	1,781	7.2	RUTHERFORD	25,642	3,611	14.1
DURHAM	157,296	15,638	9.9	SAMPSON	28,538	2,066	7.2
EDGECOMBE	19,751	2,610	13.2	SCOTLAND	11,923	1,705	14.3
FORSYTH	171,089	20,811	12.2	STANLY	29,158	2,901	9.9
FRANKLIN	28,187	3,150	11.2	STOKES	19,532	2,139	11.0
GASTON	103,559	14,372	13.9	SURRY	33,764	4,340	12.9
GATES	4,809	348	7.2	SWAIN	7,369	1,085	14.7
GRAHAM	3,410	480	14.1	TRANSYLVANIA	14,088	1,474	10.5
GRANVILLE	28,786	2,661	9.2	TYRRELL	1,327	194	14.6
GREENE	9,184	713	7.8	UNION	111,384	11,503	10.3
GUILFORD	236,165	34,917	14.8	VANCE	17,736	2,179	12.3
HALIFAX	19,797	2,206	11.1	WAKE	538,607	59,194	11.0
HARNETT	51,096	6,181	12.1	WARREN	6,616	804	12.2
HAYWOOD	26,991	3,952	14.6	WASHINGTON	4,133	414	10.0
HENDERSON	49,174	6,707	13.6	WATAUGA	29,281	3,253	11.1
HERTFORD	8,918	613	6.9	WAYNE	45,924	4,387	9.6
HOKE	18,408	2,413	13.1	WILKES	28,381	3,286	11.6
HYDE	1,803	266	14.8	WILSON	35,062	4,563	13.0
IREDELL	84,000	11,920	14.2	YADKIN	16,873	2,603	15.4
JACKSON	21,231	2,454	11.6	YANCEY	7,971	856	10.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	12.5	4.3	3.5	8.2	9.0	JOHNSTON	10.9	4.0	3.3	6.9	7.6
ALAMANCE	12.7	4.1	3.5	8.6	9.2	JONES	8.4	4.1	3.6	4.3	4.8
ALEXANDER	20.1	3.5	3.1	16.6	17.0	LEE	13.9	4.7	4.2	9.2	9.7
ALLEGHANY	10.5	6.0	4.6	4.5	5.9	LENOIR	6.8	4.1	3.5	2.7	3.3
ANSON	8.2	5.0	3.7	3.2	4.5	LINCOLN	13.0	4.0	3.2	9.0	9.8
ASHE	10.7	4.5	3.5	6.2	7.2	MCDOWELL	11.7	4.4	3.4	7.3	8.3
AVERY	10.2	4.4	3.7	5.8	6.5	MACON	11.3	4.5	3.8	6.8	7.5
BEAUFORT	8.1	5.0	4.3	3.1	3.8	MADISON	12.4	4.1	3.3	8.3	9.1
BERTIE	6.4	5.8	4.6	0.6	1.8	MARTIN	8.4	5.3	4.9	3.1	3.5
BLADEN	9.0	5.4	4.4	3.6	4.6	MECKLENBURG	12.8	4.0	3.4	8.8	9.4
BRUNSWICK	17.3	5.8	4.7	11.5	12.6	MITCHELL	12.7	5.3	4.3	7.4	8.4
BUNCOMBE	17.5	3.4	2.7	14.1	14.8	MONTGOMERY	10.4	4.3	3.5	6.1	6.9
BURKE	15.5	4.1	3.3	11.4	12.2	MOORE	12.7	4.1	3.5	8.6	9.2
CABARRUS	12.3	3.9	3.2	8.4	9.1	NASH	12.3	5.2	4.5	7.1	7.8
CALDWELL	16.1	4.2	3.7	11.9	12.4	NEW HANOVER	15.0	3.9	3.3	11.1	11.7
CAMDEN	8.6	4.2	3.5	4.4	5.1	NORTHAMPTON	7.5	6.1	4.6	1.4	2.9
CARTERET	11.2	4.7	4.1	6.5	7.1	ONSLow	11.8	4.9	4.3	6.9	7.5
CASWELL	14.2	5.1	4.2	9.1	10.0	ORANGE	8.2	3.5	2.9	4.7	5.3
CATAWBA	18.8	4.0	3.2	14.8	15.6	PAMLICO	8.2	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.6
CHATHAM	8.5	3.7	3.1	4.8	5.4	PASQUOTANK	11.3	5.1	4.0	6.2	7.3
CHEROKEE	11.8	4.9	4.0	6.9	7.8	PENDER	12.6	4.4	3.6	8.2	9.0
CHOWAN	7.9	4.6	4.6	3.3	3.3	PERQUIMANS	10.0	5.5	4.7	4.5	5.3
CLAY	10.8	4.9	3.9	5.9	6.9	PERSON	13.0	4.4	3.9	8.6	9.1
CLEVELAND	12.7	4.6	3.6	8.1	9.1	PITT	9.5	4.4	3.7	5.1	5.8
COLUMBUS	11.0	5.4	4.5	5.6	6.5	POLK	10.5	4.1	3.5	6.4	7.0
Craven	10.5	4.3	3.8	6.2	6.7	RANDOLPH	15.1	4.2	3.4	10.9	11.7
CUMBERLAND	14.8	5.6	4.6	9.2	10.2	RICHMOND	11.6	5.9	4.8	5.7	6.8
CURRITUCK	13.4	4.2	3.3	9.2	10.1	ROBESON	10.2	6.0	4.9	4.2	5.3
DARE	24.5	7.6	4.5	16.9	20.0	ROCKINGHAM	15.8	4.9	4.0	10.9	11.8
DAVIDSON	13.5	4.2	3.3	9.3	10.2	ROWAN	14.4	4.5	3.6	9.9	10.8
DAVIE	13.2	3.8	3.0	9.4	10.2	RUTHERFORD	14.1	5.7	4.4	8.4	9.7
DUPLIN	7.2	4.4	3.7	2.8	3.5	SAMPSON	7.2	4.3	3.5	2.9	3.7
DURHAM	9.9	3.7	3.2	6.2	6.7	SCOTLAND	14.3	7.5	5.9	6.8	8.4
EDGEcombe	13.2	6.2	5.7	7.0	7.5	STANLY	9.9	4.3	3.3	5.6	6.6
FORSYTH	12.2	4.1	3.4	8.1	8.8	STOKES	11.0	4.1	3.3	6.9	7.7
FRANKLIN	11.2	4.4	3.7	6.8	7.5	SURRY	12.9	4.3	3.3	8.6	9.6
GASTON	13.9	4.4	3.5	9.5	10.4	SWAIN	14.7	5.0	4.0	9.7	10.7
GATES	7.2	4.6	3.8	2.6	3.4	TRANSYLVANIA	10.5	4.2	3.5	6.3	7.0
GRAHAM	14.1	6.3	4.9	7.8	9.2	TYRRELL	14.6	7.7	6.3	6.9	8.3
GRANVILLE	9.2	3.7	3.1	5.5	6.1	UNION	10.3	3.9	3.1	6.4	7.2
GREENE	7.8	4.0	3.5	3.8	4.3	VANCE	12.3	6.1	5.2	6.2	7.1
GUILFORD	14.8	4.5	3.7	10.3	11.1	WAKE	11.0	3.6	3.1	7.4	7.9
HALIFAX	11.1	6.5	5.1	4.6	6.0	WARREN	12.2	6.3	5.3	5.9	6.9
HARNETT	12.1	4.9	4.2	7.2	7.9	WASHINGTON	10.0	7.2	5.6	2.8	4.4
HAYWOOD	14.6	3.9	3.1	10.7	11.5	WATAUGA	11.1	3.8	3.1	7.3	8.0
HENDERSON	13.6	3.7	3.0	9.9	10.6	WAYNE	9.6	4.5	3.8	5.1	5.8
HERTFORD	6.9	5.7	4.7	1.2	2.2	WILKES	11.6	4.7	3.7	6.9	7.9
HOKE	13.1	5.4	4.4	7.7	8.7	WILSON	13.0	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.5
HYDE	14.8	12.5	8.1	2.3	6.7	YADKIN	15.4	3.9	3.1	11.5	12.3
IREDELL	14.2	4.0	3.2	10.2	11.0	YANCEY	10.7	4.5	3.3	6.2	7.4
JACKSON	11.6	4.5	3.8	7.1	7.8						

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
April 2020*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	216,470	34,733	16.0
BURLINGTON	73,413	9,331	12.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,266,077	161,328	12.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	277,931	26,431	9.5
FAYETTEVILLE	137,296	20,018	14.6
GOLDSBORO	45,924	4,387	9.6
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	332,783	49,765	15.0
GREENVILLE	81,519	7,728	9.5
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	162,359	28,634	17.6
JACKSONVILLE	61,868	7,325	11.8
NEW BERN	48,603	4,888	10.1
RALEIGH	656,134	72,046	11.0
ROCKY MOUNT	59,914	7,551	12.6
WILMINGTON	137,546	20,071	14.6
WINSTON-SALEM	301,508	38,188	12.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	29,158	2,901	9.9
BOONE	29,281	3,253	11.1
BREVARD	14,088	1,474	10.5
CULLOWHEE	21,231	2,454	11.6
DUNN	51,096	6,181	12.1
ELIZABETH CITY	25,908	2,747	10.6
FOREST CITY	25,642	3,611	14.1
HENDERSON	17,736	2,179	12.3
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,548	5,143	23.9
KINSTON	27,378	1,859	6.8
LAURINBURG	11,923	1,705	14.3
LUMBERTON	48,634	4,970	10.2
MARION	21,003	2,466	11.7
MOREHEAD CITY	31,149	3,502	11.2
MOUNT AIRY	33,764	4,340	12.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	28,381	3,286	11.6
OXFORD	28,786	2,661	9.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,936	5,215	12.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	27,057	2,754	10.2
ROCKINGHAM	16,694	1,939	11.6
SANFORD	25,879	3,603	13.9
SHELBY	49,140	6,254	12.7
WASHINGTON	18,517	1,504	8.1
WILSON	35,062	4,563	13.0

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
April 2020*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	230,558	36,207	15.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,344,375	170,483	12.7
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	197,853	26,693	13.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	741,468	101,624	13.7
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	100,036	9,232	9.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	183,362	31,100	17.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	79,752	8,390	10.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,057,562	113,101	10.7
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,033	14,868	12.2

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	16.0	3.6	2.9	12.4	13.1
BURLINGTON	12.7	4.1	3.5	8.6	9.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	12.7	3.9	3.3	8.8	9.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	9.5	3.7	3.2	5.8	6.3
FAYETTEVILLE	14.6	5.6	4.6	9.0	10.0
GOLDSBORO	9.6	4.5	3.8	5.1	5.8
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	15.0	4.5	3.7	10.5	11.3
GREENVILLE	9.5	4.4	3.7	5.1	5.8
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	17.6	4.0	3.3	13.6	14.3
JACKSONVILLE	11.8	4.9	4.3	6.9	7.5
NEW BERN	10.1	4.3	3.7	5.8	6.4
RALEIGH	11.0	3.7	3.1	7.3	7.9
ROCKY MOUNT	12.6	5.5	4.9	7.1	7.7
WILMINGTON	14.6	4.0	3.4	10.6	11.2
WINSTON-SALEM	12.7	4.1	3.3	8.6	9.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	9.9	4.3	3.3	5.6	6.6
BOONE	11.1	3.8	3.1	7.3	8.0
BREVARD	10.5	4.2	3.5	6.3	7.0
CULLOWHEE	11.6	4.5	3.8	7.1	7.8
DUNN	12.1	4.9	4.2	7.2	7.9
ELIZABETH CITY	10.6	5.0	4.1	5.6	6.5
FOREST CITY	14.1	5.7	4.4	8.4	9.7
HENDERSON	12.3	6.1	5.2	6.2	7.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	23.9	7.6	4.7	16.3	19.2
KINSTON	6.8	4.1	3.5	2.7	3.3
LAURINBURG	14.3	7.5	5.9	6.8	8.4
LUMBERTON	10.2	6.0	4.9	4.2	5.3
MARION	11.7	4.4	3.4	7.3	8.3
MOREHEAD CITY	11.2	4.7	4.1	6.5	7.1
MOUNT AIRY	12.9	4.3	3.3	8.6	9.6
NORTH WILKESBORO	11.6	4.7	3.7	6.9	7.9
OXFORD	9.2	3.7	3.1	5.5	6.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	12.7	4.1	3.5	8.6	9.2
ROANOKE RAPIDS	10.2	6.4	4.9	3.8	5.3
ROCKINGHAM	11.6	5.9	4.8	5.7	6.8
SANFORD	13.9	4.7	4.2	9.2	9.7
SHELBY	12.7	4.6	3.6	8.1	9.1
WASHINGTON	8.1	5.0	4.3	3.1	3.8
WILSON	13.0	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.5

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

Combined Statistical Area	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	15.7	3.6	2.9	12.1	12.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	12.7	4.0	3.3	8.7	9.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	13.5	5.8	4.7	7.7	8.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	13.7	4.3	3.5	9.4	10.2
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	9.2	4.5	3.8	4.7	5.4
HICKORY-LENOIR	17.0	4.1	3.3	12.9	13.7
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	10.5	4.4	3.9	6.1	6.6
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	10.7	3.8	3.3	6.9	7.4
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	12.2	5.9	5.1	6.3	7.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
BERTIE	7,472	479	6.4%	1	CHEROKEE	11,375	1,342	11.8%	51
LENOIR	27,378	1,859	6.8%	2	ONSLow	61,868	7,325	11.8%	52
HERTFORD	8,918	613	6.9%	3	HARNETT	51,096	6,181	12.1%	53
DUPLIN	24,767	1,781	7.2%	4	WARREN	6,616	804	12.2%	54
GATES	4,809	348	7.2%	5	FORSYTH	171,089	20,811	12.2%	55
SAMPSON	28,538	2,066	7.2%	6	CABARRUS	100,146	12,275	12.3%	56
NORTHAMPTON	7,260	548	7.5%	7	VANCE	17,736	2,179	12.3%	57
GREENE	9,184	713	7.8%	8	NASH	40,163	4,941	12.3%	58
CHOWAN	5,442	428	7.9%	9	MADISON	8,920	1,110	12.4%	59
BEAUFORT	18,517	1,504	8.1%	10	PENDER	25,381	3,194	12.6%	60
ORANGE	71,033	5,793	8.2%	11	MITCHELL	6,128	778	12.7%	61
PAMLICO	4,955	405	8.2%	12	ALAMANCE	73,413	9,331	12.7%	62
ANSON	10,052	826	8.2%	13	CLEVELAND	49,140	6,254	12.7%	63
JONES	4,083	342	8.4%	14	MOORE	40,936	5,215	12.7%	64
MARTIN	8,604	723	8.4%	15	MECKLENBURG	573,840	73,572	12.8%	65
CHATHAM	32,193	2,745	8.5%	16	SURRY	33,764	4,340	12.9%	66
CAMDEN	4,502	388	8.6%	17	PERSON	17,409	2,255	13.0%	67
BLADEN	14,665	1,325	9.0%	18	LINCOLN	40,252	5,225	13.0%	68
GRANVILLE	28,786	2,661	9.2%	19	WILSON	35,062	4,563	13.0%	69
PITT	81,519	7,728	9.5%	20	HOKE	18,408	2,413	13.1%	70
WAYNE	45,924	4,387	9.6%	21	DAVIE	19,122	2,521	13.2%	71
DURHAM	157,296	15,638	9.9%	22	EDGEcombe	19,751	2,610	13.2%	72
STANLY	29,158	2,901	9.9%	23	CURRITUCK	13,593	1,820	13.4%	73
WASHINGTON	4,133	414	10.0%	24	DAVIDSON	74,892	10,114	13.5%	74
PERQUIMANS	4,810	483	10.0%	25	HENDERSON	49,174	6,707	13.6%	75
AVERY	7,384	752	10.2%	26	GASTON	103,559	14,372	13.9%	76
ROBESON	48,634	4,970	10.2%	27	LEE	25,879	3,603	13.9%	77
UNION	111,384	11,503	10.3%	28	GRAHAM	3,410	480	14.1%	78
MONTGOMERY	10,887	1,137	10.4%	29	RUTHERFORD	25,642	3,611	14.1%	79
TRANSYLVANIA	14,088	1,474	10.5%	30	CASWELL	9,515	1,348	14.2%	80
CRAVEN	39,565	4,141	10.5%	31	IREDELL	84,000	11,920	14.2%	81
POLK	8,601	906	10.5%	32	SCOTLAND	11,923	1,705	14.3%	82
ALLEGHANY	4,364	460	10.5%	33	ROWAN	62,014	8,916	14.4%	83
ASHE	12,827	1,371	10.7%	34	TYRRELL	1,327	194	14.6%	84
YANCEY	7,971	856	10.7%	35	HAYWOOD	26,991	3,952	14.6%	85
CLAY	4,209	456	10.8%	36	SWAIN	7,369	1,085	14.7%	86
JOHNSTON	89,340	9,702	10.9%	37	HYDE	1,803	266	14.8%	87
STOKES	19,532	2,139	11.0%	38	GUILFORD	236,165	34,917	14.8%	88
COLUMBUS	22,407	2,457	11.0%	39	CUMBERLAND	118,888	17,605	14.8%	89
WAKE	538,607	59,194	11.0%	40	NEW HANOVER	112,165	16,877	15.0%	90
WATAUGA	29,281	3,253	11.1%	41	RANDOLPH	60,123	9,068	15.1%	91
HALIFAX	19,797	2,206	11.1%	42	YADKIN	16,873	2,603	15.4%	92
FRANKLIN	28,187	3,150	11.2%	43	BURKE	37,190	5,768	15.5%	93
CARTERET	31,149	3,502	11.2%	44	ROCKINGHAM	36,495	5,780	15.8%	94
PASQUOTANK	16,596	1,876	11.3%	45	CALDWELL	33,291	5,370	16.1%	95
MACON	15,375	1,744	11.3%	46	BRUNSWICK	46,674	8,085	17.3%	96
JACKSON	21,231	2,454	11.6%	47	BUNCOMBE	131,385	22,964	17.5%	97
WILKES	28,381	3,286	11.6%	48	CATAWBA	74,490	13,998	18.8%	98
RICHMOND	16,694	1,939	11.6%	49	ALEXANDER	17,388	3,498	20.1%	99
MCDOWELL	21,003	2,466	11.7%	50	DARE	20,221	4,949	24.5%	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 2015, 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.

Reliability of the estimates

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.

Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for May 2020 will be released.

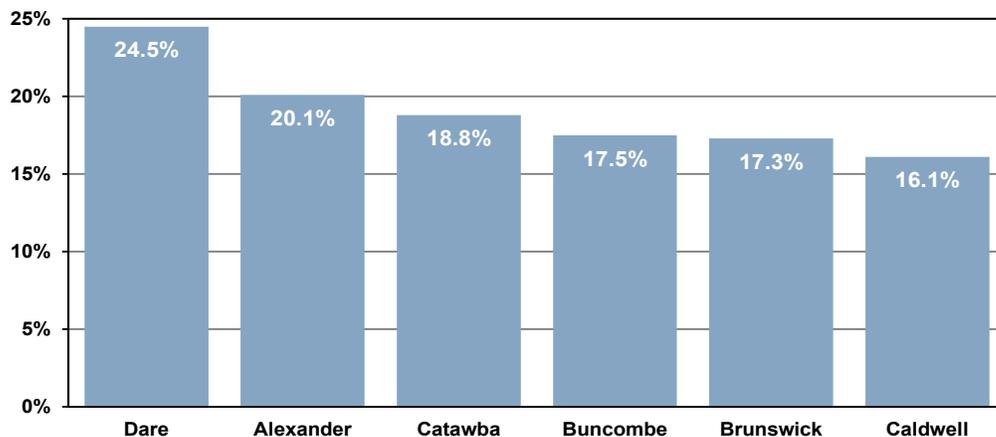
The complete 2020 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

April 2020*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 12.5 percent in April. This increased 8.2 percentage points from March's revised rate, and grew 9.0 percentage points over the year.

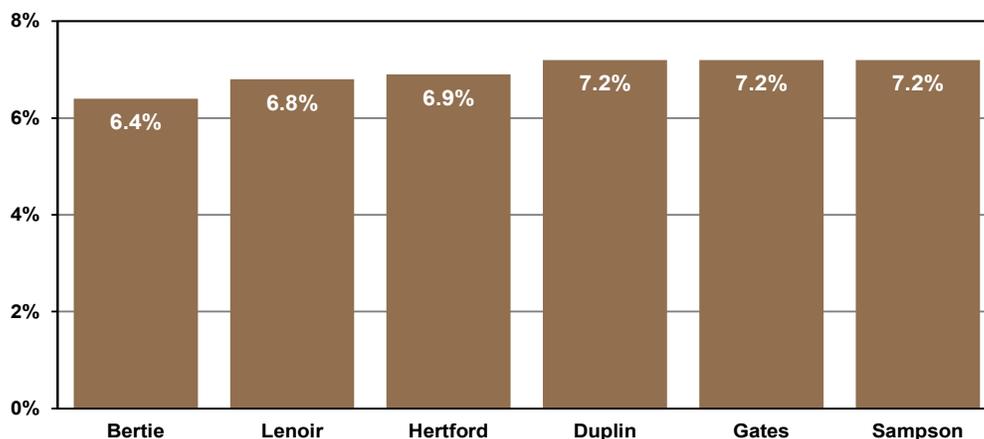
Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 12.5 percent rate.

Dare County recorded April's highest unemployment rate at 24.5 percent, followed by Alexander at 20.1 percent. Bertie had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.4 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

April 2020*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

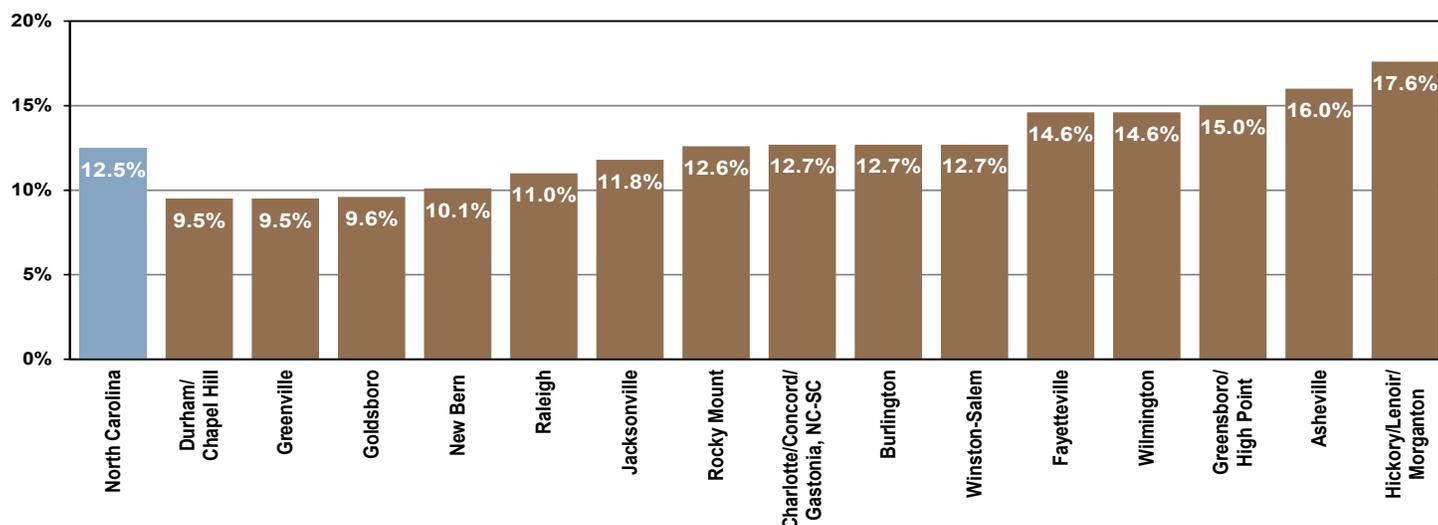


Unemployment rates increased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA had the highest unemployment rate in April at 17.6 percent, followed by Asheville at 16.0 percent, and Greensboro/High Point at 15.0 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill and Greenville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 9.5 percent, followed by Goldsboro at 9.6 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

April 2020*

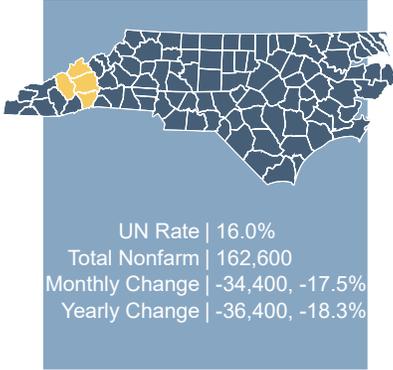
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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



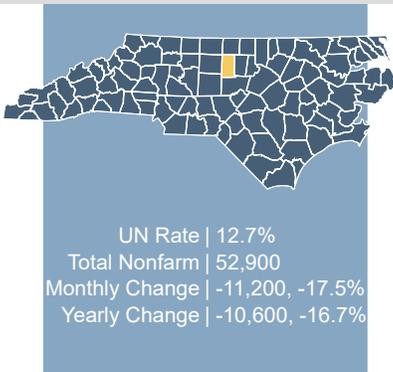
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500 -5.0%
Manufacturing	-1,600 -7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,500 -9.6%
Information	-500 -26.3%
Financial Activities	-300 -4.5%
Professional & Business Services	-900 -5.1%
Education & Health Services	-5,100 -13.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-18,300 -62.7%
Other Services	-3,000 -31.9%
Government	-700 -2.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -5.9%
Manufacturing	-1,800 -8.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,800 -10.4%
Information	-500 -26.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-2,200 -11.7%
Education & Health Services	-5,700 -15.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-18,700 -63.2%
Other Services	-2,700 -29.7%
Government	-300 -1.1%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



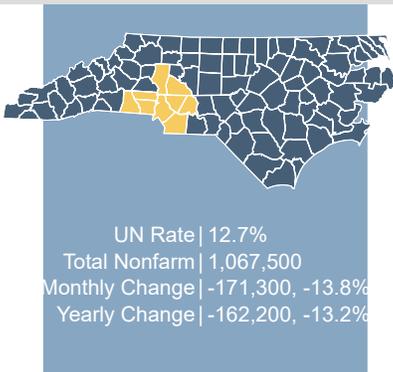
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -9.1%
Manufacturing	-2,600 -28.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -4.7%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-900 -17.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,300 -10.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,500 -51.7%
Other Services	-500 -22.7%
Government	-400 -5.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -9.1%
Manufacturing	-2,700 -29.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900 -6.8%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.3%
Professional & Business Services	-900 -17.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,000 -7.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,000 -48.8%
Other Services	-500 -22.7%
Government	-300 -4.2%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



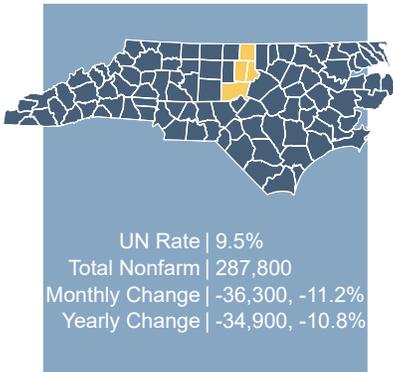
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-3,400 -4.8%
Manufacturing	-10,700 -9.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-21,800 -8.8%
Information	-2,300 -9.4%
Financial Activities	-2,000 -1.9%
Professional & Business Services	-16,700 -8.0%
Education & Health Services	-20,500 -15.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-79,500 -57.3%
Other Services	-7,600 -18.5%
Government	-6,800 -4.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -0.6%
Manufacturing	-9,700 -8.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-19,500 -7.9%
Information	-1,800 -7.5%
Financial Activities	3,200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-18,200 -8.6%
Education & Health Services	-20,200 -15.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-82,500 -58.2%
Other Services	-8,500 -20.2%
Government	-4,600 -2.9%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500 -5.3%
Manufacturing	-3,500 -12.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,700 -9.3%
Information	-500 -10.0%
Financial Activities	-500 -3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-3,500 -7.7%
Education & Health Services	-5,100 -7.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-13,700 -51.5%
Other Services	-2,800 -24.1%
Government	-2,500 -3.6%

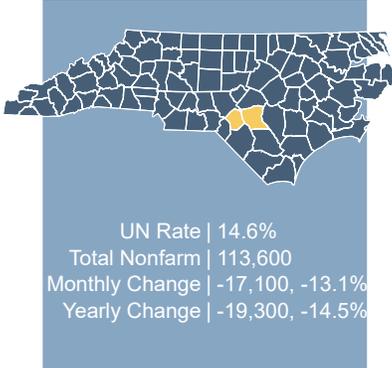
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-3,300 -11.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,600 -6.7%
Information	-200 -4.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -1.3%
Professional & Business Services	-2,700 -6.0%
Education & Health Services	-5,500 -7.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-15,800 -55.1%
Other Services	-2,600 -22.8%
Government	-2,000 -2.9%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



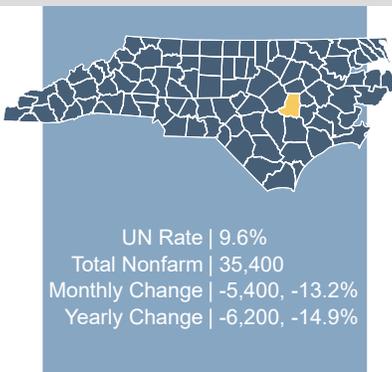
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -6.9%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,000 -8.7%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-300 -7.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200 -11.2%
Education & Health Services	-2,300 -14.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,700 -46.7%
Other Services	-1,300 -27.7%
Government	-1,000 -2.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -12.9%
Manufacturing	-600 -7.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,700 -11.4%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-300 -7.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,800 -15.9%
Education & Health Services	-2,400 -15.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,200 -48.2%
Other Services	-1,200 -26.1%
Government	-1,200 -2.9%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



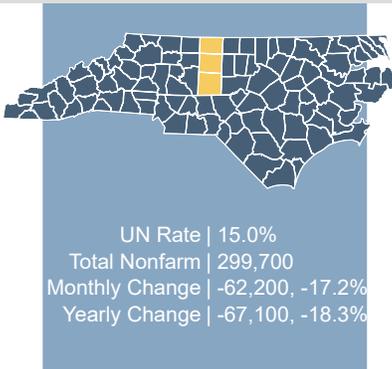
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -2.2%

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 -2.2%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



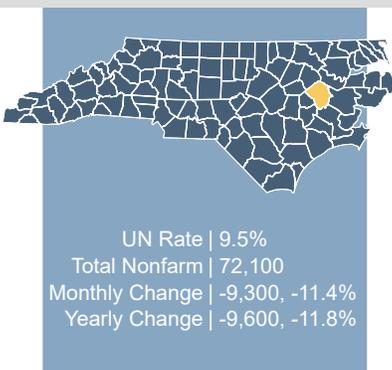
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-900 -5.7%
Manufacturing	-17,500 -33.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,300 -6.9%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-500 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-7,200 -15.0%
Education & Health Services	-6,600 -12.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-19,400 -54.3%
Other Services	-3,000 -24.2%
Government	-1,500 -3.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,000 -6.3%
Manufacturing	-18,300 -34.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,400 -7.0%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-7,800 -16.0%
Education & Health Services	-7,600 -14.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-21,800 -57.2%
Other Services	-3,000 -24.2%
Government	-1,900 -4.2%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -7.7%
Manufacturing	-500 -7.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000 -8.4%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -6.6%
Education & Health Services	-900 -9.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,800 -50.5%
Other Services	-500 -22.7%
Government	-800 -2.8%

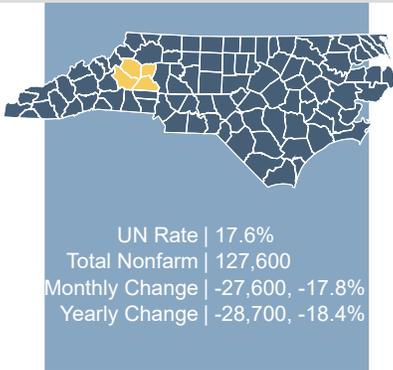
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-500 -7.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -6.0%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200 -17.4%
Education & Health Services	-1,200 -12.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,100 -52.0%
Other Services	-500 -22.7%
Government	-200 -0.7%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



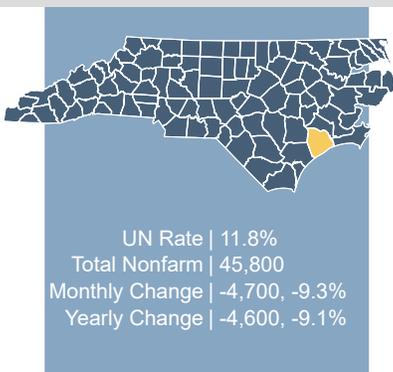
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -6.7%
Manufacturing	-10,700 -25.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,500 -8.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-200 -6.1%
Professional & Business Services	-1,600 -11.8%
Education & Health Services	-2,600 -13.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,700 -54.2%
Other Services	-1,200 -26.1%
Government	-800 -3.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -8.7%
Manufacturing	-10,600 -25.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,400 -8.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.1%
Professional & Business Services	-2,400 -16.7%
Education & Health Services	-2,700 -14.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,100 -55.5%
Other Services	-1,200 -26.1%
Government	-800 -3.5%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



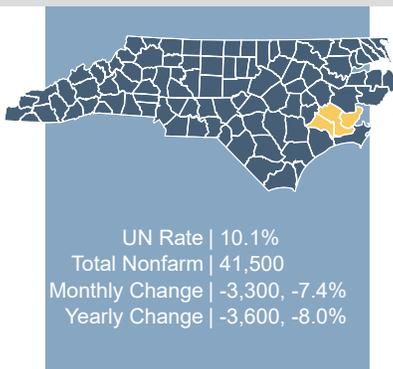
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	200 1.4%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



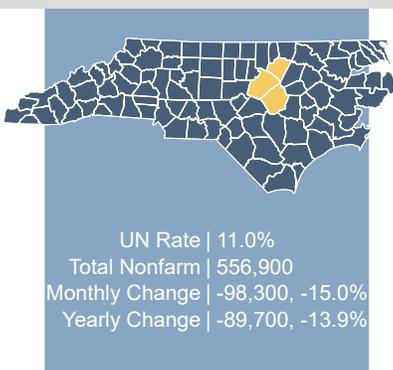
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-400 -2.7%

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 | April 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,400 -5.8%
Manufacturing	-4,100 -11.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-10,700 -9.6%
Information	-1,600 -7.0%
Financial Activities	-1,300 -3.7%
Professional & Business Services	-9,500 -7.5%
Education & Health Services	-9,900 -12.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-44,800 -61.5%
Other Services	-7,200 -27.6%
Government	-6,800 -6.7%

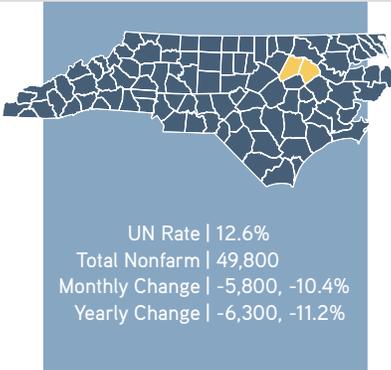
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,200 -3.0%
Manufacturing	-5,000 -13.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-9,800 -8.9%
Information	-1,300 -5.8%
Financial Activities	200 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-4,600 -3.8%
Education & Health Services	-10,500 -12.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-44,700 -61.4%
Other Services	-6,800 -26.5%
Government	-6,000 -6.0%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



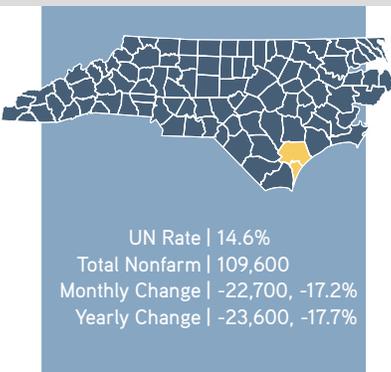
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -10.7%
Manufacturing	-1,800 -19.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -5.2%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-300 -6.3%
Education & Health Services	-1,700 -25.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,900 -52.7%
Other Services	*
Government	-700 -6.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -10.7%
Manufacturing	-2,200 -23.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -5.2%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-400 -8.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,700 -25.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,200 -55.2%
Other Services	*
Government	-600 -5.6%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



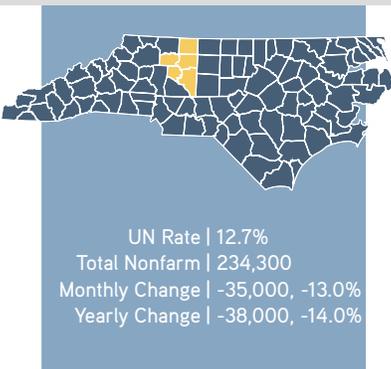
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-700 -7.5%
Manufacturing	-600 -10.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,400 -5.6%
Information	-200 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-800 -12.5%
Professional & Business Services	-1,300 -7.8%
Education & Health Services	-2,100 -13.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-13,400 -68.0%
Other Services	-1,500 -26.3%
Government	-700 -2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -6.5%
Manufacturing	-800 -13.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,100 -8.1%
Information	-300 -9.4%
Financial Activities	-600 -9.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200 -7.3%
Education & Health Services	-2,100 -13.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-14,200 -69.3%
Other Services	-1,300 -23.6%
Government	-400 -1.6%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300 -11.1%
Manufacturing	-3,000 -9.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-4,200 -8.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-400 -2.9%
Professional & Business Services	-6,000 -16.5%
Education & Health Services	-4,900 -8.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-12,000 -42.9%
Other Services	-2,200 -24.2%
Government	-1,000 -3.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -7.1%
Manufacturing	-3,300 -9.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-4,300 -9.0%
Information	-100 -5.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-7,300 -19.4%
Education & Health Services	-5,500 -9.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-13,500 -45.8%
Other Services	-1,900 -21.6%
Government	-1,100 -3.4%

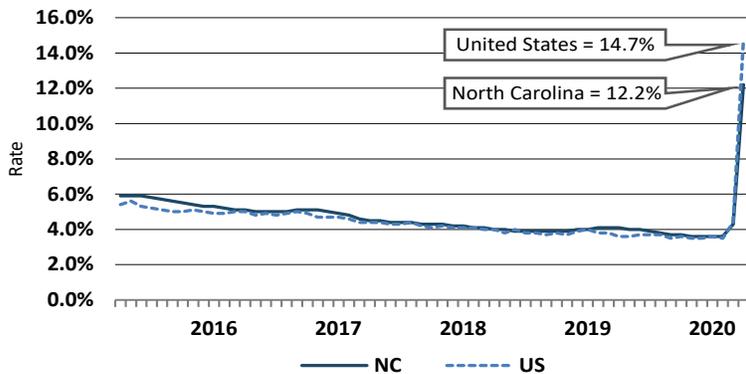
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Over the month, net industry employment decreased in all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 171,300, followed by Raleigh, 98,300; Greensboro/High Point, 62,200; Durham/Chapel Hill, 36,300; Winston-Salem, 35,000; Asheville, 34,400; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 27,600. Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton had the greatest percentage decrease at 17.8 percent, followed by Asheville, 17.5%, Burlington, 17.5%, Greensboro/High Point, 17.2%, and Wilmington, 17.2%. 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 decreased in all 15 MSAs as well. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 162,200, followed by Raleigh, 89,700; Greensboro/High Point, 67,100; and Winston-Salem; 38,000. Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton had the greatest percentage decrease at 18.4 percent, followed by Asheville, 18.3 percent; Greensboro/High Point, 18.3 percent; and Wilmington, 17.7 percent.

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was 12.2%, an increase of 8.1 percentage points from a year ago; the national rate increased 11.1 percentage points to 14.7% during the same period. Unemployment increased across the state in April, as it did across the country. Compared to April 2019, unemployment rates grew in every county in the state - from an increase of 1.8 percentage points, in Bertie County, to 20 points, in Dare County. While NC also experienced a sharp decline in jobs over the month (-12.5%), the drop was not as great as the national overall (-13.5%). The statewide employment statistics for May will be released on June 19.

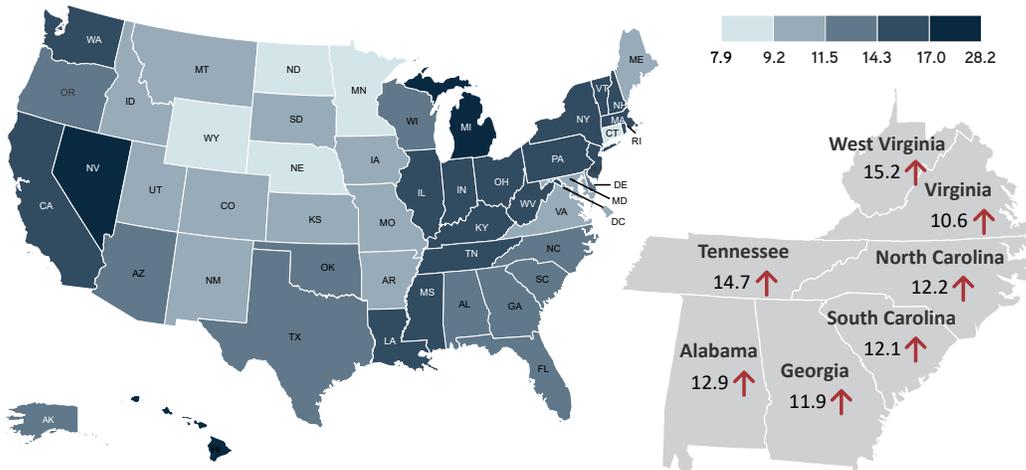
Unemployment Rate Trend



NC
6.3 percentage points from 5.9% in April 2015

US
9.3 percentage points from 5.4% in April 2015

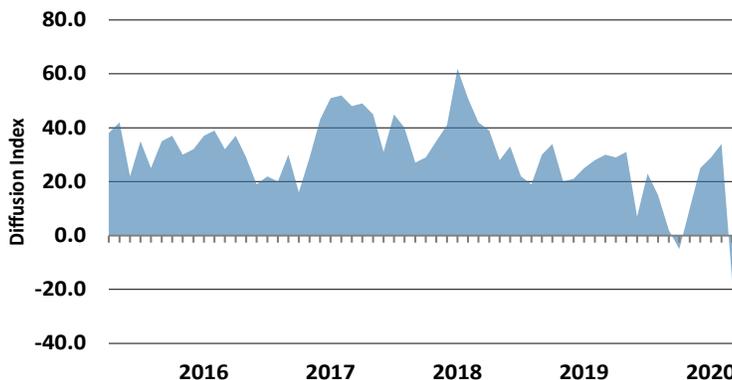
Unemployment Rate Comparison



Expected Future Business Conditions

NC/SC

This is an index of expected business conditions over the next six months based on a survey of contacts in the Carolinas. A positive number reflects expected growth, while a negative number reflects expected decline.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Carolinas Survey of Business Activity. Not seasonally adjusted. Note: March 2020 data most current available.

NC
12.2%

US
14.7%

Unemployment Rate Change

↑ 7.9 ↑ 10.3

Change in Employed

↓ 643,157 (13.5%) ↓ 22,369,000 (14.4%)

Change in Unemployed

↑ 357,418 (165.7%) ↑ 15,938,000 (223.2%)

Labor Force Participation Rate

↓ 3.5 to 56.3% ↓ 2.5 to 60.2%

Data

Industry Employment

3,996,000 Total Nonfarm Jobs
 ↓ 571,700 over the month
 ↓ 568,200 over the year

Initial UI Claims

518,386 Individuals Filing
 ↑ 124,072 over the month
 ↑ 504,906 over the year
 Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA

Real Taxable Retail Sales

↑ \$71.7M over the month
 ↑ \$325.5M over the year
 Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
 Note: March 2020 data most current available at time of release.

Residential Building Permits

↓ 0.7% over the month
 ↑ 10.5% over the year
 Source: United States Census Bureau
 Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Job Postings

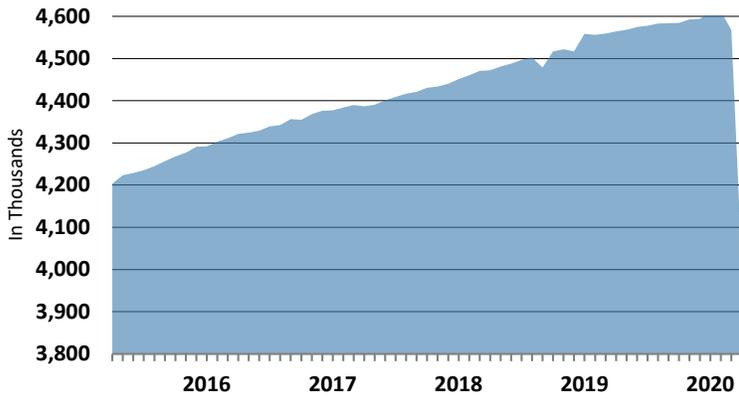
↓ 3.2% over the month
 ↓ 15.9% over the year
 Source: LEAD; The Conference Board
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Manufacturing Hours Worked

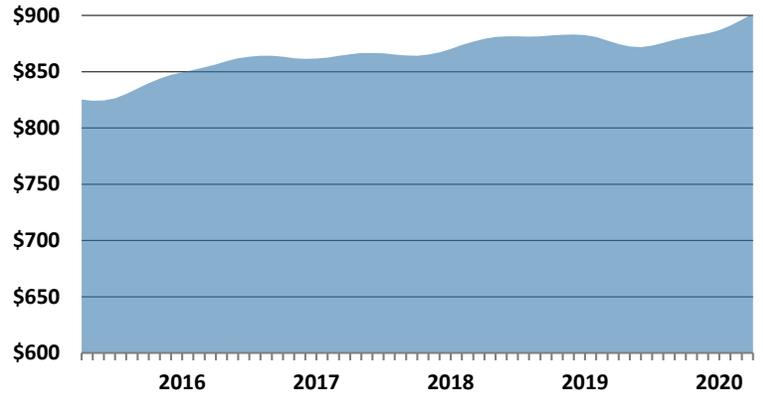
↓ 5.6% over the month
 ↓ 5.4% over the year
 Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

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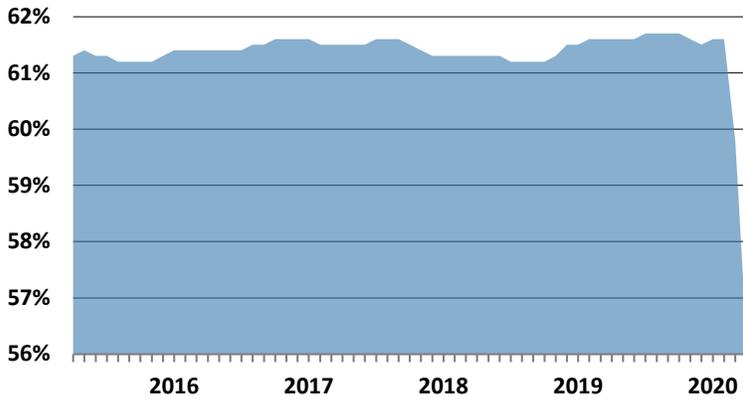
Total Nonfarm Jobs



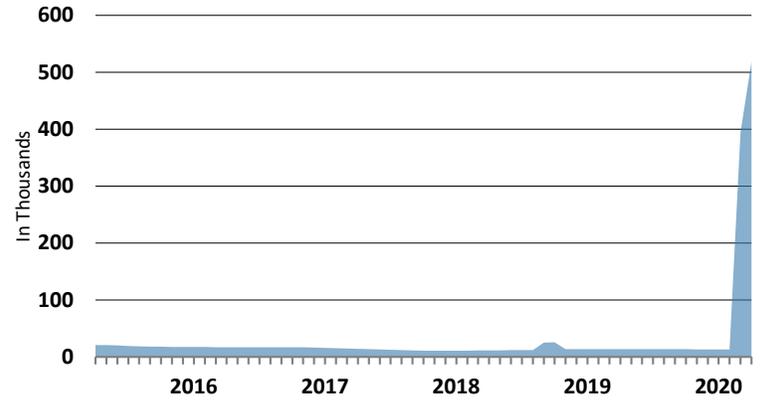
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

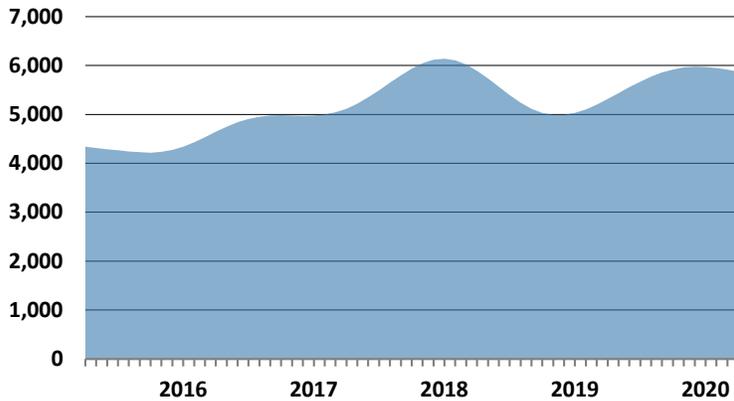


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims



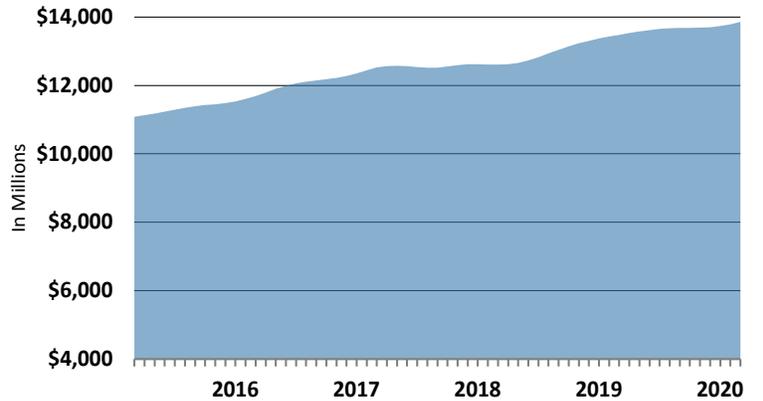
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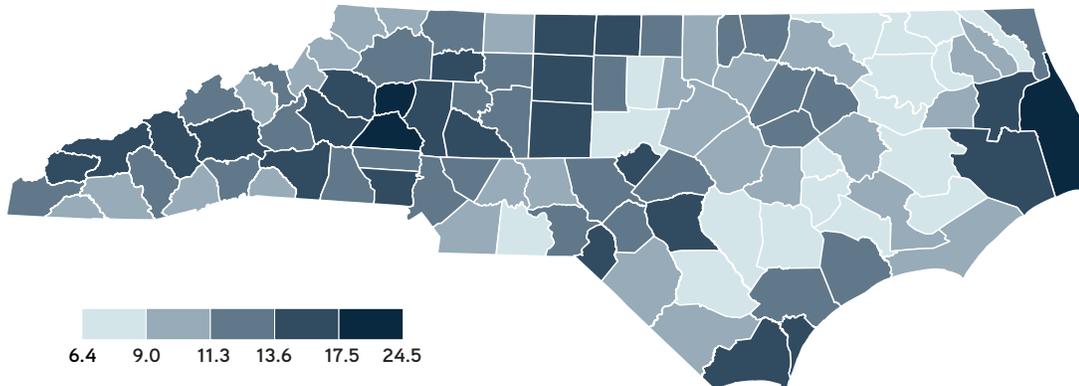
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Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Real Taxable Retail Sales



Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: March 2020 data most current available at time of release.

Unemployment Rate By County (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Lowest	
Bertie	6.4%
Lenoir	6.8%
Hertford	6.9%
Duplin	7.2%
Gates	7.2%

Highest	
Dare	24.5%
Alexander	20.1%
Catawba	18.8%
Buncombe	17.5%
Brunswick	17.3%

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