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North Carolina's January County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH —Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 93 of North Carolina's counties in January, decreased in one, and remained unchanged in six. Hyde County had the highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.6 percent. Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases while one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount at 6.9 percent had the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.7 percent. The January not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.7 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
January 2018	55	42	3
December 2017	67	32	1

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

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in January by 7,551 to 4,705,785, while those unemployed increased 16,597 to 230,510. Since January 2017, the number of workers employed statewide increased 97,857, while those unemployed decreased 23,674.

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, March 23, 2018 when the state unemployment rate for February 2018 will be released.

This information can be accessed on the Commerce website at <http://www.nccommerce.com/lead>

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
January 2018

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,936,295	230,510	4.7				
ALAMANCE	79,310	3,392	4.3	JOHNSTON	94,186	3,940	4.2
ALEXANDER	18,151	665	3.7	JONES	4,421	214	4.8
ALLEGHANY	4,059	254	6.3	LEE	26,718	1,336	5.0
ANSON	10,375	545	5.3	LENOIR	28,126	1,313	4.7
ASHE	12,599	573	4.5	LINCOLN	42,613	1,754	4.1
AVERY	7,493	355	4.7	MCDOWELL	20,655	841	4.1
BEAUFORT	19,844	1,063	5.4	MACON	14,670	757	5.2
BERTIE	8,061	504	6.3	MADISON	9,913	438	4.4
BLADEN	14,270	917	6.4	MARTIN	9,539	577	6.0
BRUNSWICK	49,562	3,428	6.9	MECKLENBURG	607,959	26,597	4.4
BUNCOMBE	137,678	4,905	3.6	MITCHELL	5,943	348	5.9
BURKE	40,614	1,728	4.3	MONTGOMERY	11,740	524	4.5
CABARRUS	105,331	4,407	4.2	MOORE	39,674	1,852	4.7
CALDWELL	36,585	1,661	4.5	NASH	42,709	2,610	6.1
CAMDEN	4,621	210	4.5	NEW HANOVER	116,719	5,192	4.4
CARTERET	30,994	1,584	5.1	NORTHAMPTON	7,698	510	6.6
CASWELL	9,712	514	5.3	ONSLOW	64,005	3,371	5.3
CATAWBA	78,503	3,247	4.1	ORANGE	76,065	2,866	3.8
CHATHAM	34,988	1,378	3.9	PAMLICO	5,349	275	5.1
CHEROKEE	11,010	625	5.7	PASQUOTANK	17,400	1,066	6.1
CHOWAN	5,589	317	5.7	PENDER	26,914	1,353	5.0
CLAY	3,922	214	5.5	PERQUIMANS	5,040	290	5.8
CLEVELAND	47,815	2,329	4.9	PERSON	18,216	852	4.7
COLUMBUS	21,990	1,408	6.4	PITT	89,296	4,357	4.9
CRAVEN	41,316	2,003	4.8	POLK	8,925	397	4.4
CUMBERLAND	128,047	7,585	5.9	RANDOLPH	66,776	2,958	4.4
CURRITUCK	13,147	684	5.2	RICHMOND	16,634	1,097	6.6
DARE	17,700	1,859	10.5	ROBESON	50,218	3,442	6.9
DAVIDSON	80,144	3,444	4.3	ROCKINGHAM	40,941	2,249	5.5
DAVIE	20,359	858	4.2	ROWAN	66,454	3,138	4.7
DUPLIN	25,126	1,340	5.3	RUTHERFORD	24,444	1,592	6.5
DURHAM	164,792	6,725	4.1	SAMPSON	29,015	1,406	4.8
EDGECOMBE	21,817	1,835	8.4	SCOTLAND	11,629	1,017	8.7
FORSYTH	184,539	8,301	4.5	STANLY	29,920	1,263	4.2
FRANKLIN	30,219	1,422	4.7	STOKES	22,072	980	4.4
GASTON	109,750	5,135	4.7	SURRY	33,608	1,445	4.3
GATES	5,133	233	4.5	SWAIN	6,808	474	7.0
GRAHAM	3,055	256	8.4	TRANSYLVANIA	13,868	652	4.7
GRANVILLE	30,111	1,221	4.1	TYRRELL	1,332	141	10.6
GREENE	9,520	413	4.3	UNION	120,244	4,776	4.0
GUILFORD	259,064	12,842	5.0	VANCE	17,859	1,179	6.6
HALIFAX	20,484	1,544	7.5	WAKE	574,882	22,569	3.9
HARNETT	52,892	2,798	5.3	WARREN	6,834	501	7.3
HAYWOOD	29,157	1,217	4.2	WASHINGTON	4,683	354	7.6
HENDERSON	53,453	2,070	3.9	WATAUGA	28,264	1,141	4.0
HERTFORD	9,164	552	6.0	WAYNE	52,863	2,700	5.1
HOKE	19,926	1,160	5.8	WILKES	31,791	1,368	4.3
HYDE	1,975	289	14.6	WILSON	35,448	2,544	7.2
IREDELL	87,939	3,843	4.4	YADKIN	17,710	699	3.9
JACKSON	18,277	1,003	5.5	YANCEY	7,322	340	4.6

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	4.7	4.4	5.5	0.3	-0.8						
ALAMANCE	4.3	4.0	5.0	0.3	-0.7	JOHNSTON	4.2	4.0	4.9	0.2	-0.7
ALEXANDER	3.7	3.7	4.5	0.0	-0.8	JONES	4.8	4.6	5.7	0.2	-0.9
ALLEGHANY	6.3	5.3	7.6	1.0	-1.3	LEE	5.0	4.9	6.2	0.1	-1.2
ANSON	5.3	4.9	6.4	0.4	-1.1	LENOIR	4.7	4.5	5.9	0.2	-1.2
ASHE	4.5	4.1	5.6	0.4	-1.1	LINCOLN	4.1	3.9	5.0	0.2	-0.9
AVERY	4.7	4.3	5.9	0.4	-1.2	MCDOWELL	4.1	4.0	5.2	0.1	-1.1
BEAUFORT	5.4	5.1	6.3	0.3	-0.9	MACON	5.2	4.4	6.5	0.8	-1.3
BERTIE	6.3	6.0	7.3	0.3	-1.0	MADISON	4.4	4.1	5.6	0.3	-1.2
BLADEN	6.4	6.0	7.2	0.4	-0.8	MARTIN	6.0	5.7	7.4	0.3	-1.4
BRUNSWICK	6.9	6.1	7.7	0.8	-0.8	MECKLENBURG	4.4	4.1	5.1	0.3	-0.7
BUNCOMBE	3.6	3.4	4.3	0.2	-0.7	MITCHELL	5.9	5.1	7.2	0.8	-1.3
BURKE	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9	MONTGOMERY	4.5	4.4	5.5	0.1	-1.0
CABARRUS	4.2	4.0	4.9	0.2	-0.7	MOORE	4.7	4.5	5.5	0.2	-0.8
CALDWELL	4.5	4.5	5.6	0.0	-1.1	NASH	6.1	5.7	7.1	0.4	-1.0
CAMDEN	4.5	4.4	5.7	0.1	-1.2	NEW HANOVER	4.4	4.1	5.2	0.3	-0.8
CARTERET	5.1	4.5	6.2	0.6	-1.1	NORTHAMPTON	6.6	6.3	7.9	0.3	-1.3
CASWELL	5.3	4.9	5.8	0.4	-0.5	ONSLow	5.3	5.0	6.2	0.3	-0.9
CATAWBA	4.1	4.1	5.1	0.0	-1.0	ORANGE	3.8	3.6	4.5	0.2	-0.7
CHATHAM	3.9	3.8	4.7	0.1	-0.8	PAMLICO	5.1	4.8	5.9	0.3	-0.8
CHEROKEE	5.7	5.4	6.3	0.3	-0.6	PASQUOTANK	6.1	5.7	7.1	0.4	-1.0
CHOWAN	5.7	5.4	7.2	0.3	-1.5	PENDER	5.0	4.8	5.8	0.2	-0.8
CLAY	5.5	5.1	6.1	0.4	-0.6	PERQUIMANS	5.8	5.9	7.5	-0.1	-1.7
CLEVELAND	4.9	4.7	5.9	0.2	-1.0	PERSON	4.7	4.3	5.7	0.4	-1.0
COLUMBUS	6.4	5.6	7.0	0.8	-0.6	PITT	4.9	4.7	5.8	0.2	-0.9
Craven	4.8	4.7	5.7	0.1	-0.9	POLK	4.4	4.2	5.0	0.2	-0.6
CUMBERLAND	5.9	5.5	6.8	0.4	-0.9	RANDOLPH	4.4	4.2	5.3	0.2	-0.9
CURRITUCK	5.2	4.6	6.4	0.6	-1.2	RICHMOND	6.6	6.1	7.9	0.5	-1.3
DARE	10.5	6.8	13.0	3.7	-2.5	ROBESON	6.9	6.4	8.2	0.5	-1.3
DAVIDSON	4.3	4.2	5.3	0.1	-1.0	ROCKINGHAM	5.5	5.1	6.2	0.4	-0.7
DAVIE	4.2	4.1	4.9	0.1	-0.7	ROWAN	4.7	4.5	5.8	0.2	-1.1
DUPLIN	5.3	4.9	5.8	0.4	-0.5	RUTHERFORD	6.5	6.0	7.4	0.5	-0.9
DURHAM	4.1	3.9	4.8	0.2	-0.7	SAMPSON	4.8	4.6	6.0	0.2	-1.2
EDGEcombe	8.4	7.5	9.3	0.9	-0.9	SCOTLAND	8.7	8.0	9.7	0.7	-1.0
FORSYTH	4.5	4.3	5.2	0.2	-0.7	STANLY	4.2	4.2	5.1	0.0	-0.9
FRANKLIN	4.7	4.4	5.4	0.3	-0.7	STOKES	4.4	4.2	5.1	0.2	-0.7
GASTON	4.7	4.5	5.6	0.2	-0.9	SURRY	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9
GATES	4.5	4.5	5.7	0.0	-1.2	SWAIN	7.0	4.9	7.7	2.1	-0.7
GRAHAM	8.4	7.5	10.6	0.9	-2.2	TRANSYLVANIA	4.7	4.4	5.7	0.3	-1.0
GRANVILLE	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.3	-0.4	TYRRELL	10.6	9.1	14.3	1.5	-3.7
GREENE	4.3	4.3	5.1	0.0	-0.8	UNION	4.0	3.8	4.7	0.2	-0.7
GUILFORD	5.0	4.6	5.6	0.4	-0.6	VANCE	6.6	6.3	7.4	0.3	-0.8
HALIFAX	7.5	7.1	8.7	0.4	-1.2	WAKE	3.9	3.7	4.6	0.2	-0.7
HARNETT	5.3	5.0	6.1	0.3	-0.8	WARREN	7.3	6.9	8.0	0.4	-0.7
HAYWOOD	4.2	3.9	5.3	0.3	-1.1	WASHINGTON	7.6	7.3	8.8	0.3	-1.2
HENDERSON	3.9	3.8	4.7	0.1	-0.8	WATAUGA	4.0	3.7	4.9	0.3	-0.9
HERTFORD	6.0	5.6	6.9	0.4	-0.9	WAYNE	5.1	5.0	6.2	0.1	-1.1
HOKE	5.8	5.5	6.9	0.3	-1.1	WILKES	4.3	4.1	5.2	0.2	-0.9
HYDE	14.6	10.6	16.3	4.0	-1.7	WILSON	7.2	6.8	8.5	0.4	-1.3
IREDELL	4.4	4.1	5.3	0.3	-0.9	YADKIN	3.9	3.8	4.9	0.1	-1.0
JACKSON	5.5	4.6	6.4	0.9	-0.9	YANCEY	4.6	4.3	6.0	0.3	-1.4

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
January 2018*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	230,201	8,630	3.7
BURLINGTON	79,310	3,392	4.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,327,870	58,969	4.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	294,061	11,821	4.0
FAYETTEVILLE	147,973	8,745	5.9
GOLDSBORO	52,863	2,700	5.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	366,781	18,049	4.9
GREENVILLE	89,296	4,357	4.9
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	173,853	7,301	4.2
JACKSONVILLE	64,005	3,371	5.3
NEW BERN	51,086	2,492	4.9
RALEIGH	699,287	27,931	4.0
ROCKY MOUNT	64,526	4,445	6.9
WILMINGTON	143,633	6,545	4.6
WINSTON-SALEM	324,824	14,282	4.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	29,920	1,263	4.2
BOONE	28,264	1,141	4.0
BREVARD	13,868	652	4.7
CULLOWHEE	18,277	1,003	5.5
DUNN	52,892	2,798	5.3
ELIZABETH CITY	27,061	1,566	5.8
FOREST CITY	24,444	1,592	6.5
HENDERSON	17,859	1,179	6.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,032	2,000	10.5
KINSTON	28,126	1,313	4.7
LAURINBURG	11,629	1,017	8.7
LUMBERTON	50,218	3,442	6.9
MARION	20,655	841	4.1
MOREHEAD CITY	30,994	1,584	5.1
MOUNT AIRY	33,608	1,445	4.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	31,791	1,368	4.3
OXFORD	30,111	1,221	4.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	39,674	1,852	4.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	28,182	2,054	7.3
ROCKINGHAM	16,634	1,097	6.6
SANFORD	26,718	1,336	5.0
SHELBY	47,815	2,329	4.9
WASHINGTON	19,844	1,063	5.4
WILSON	35,448	2,544	7.2

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
January 2018*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	244,069	9,282	3.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,405,605	62,561	4.5
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	209,820	13,204	6.3
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	804,523	37,168	4.6
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	109,140	5,420	5.0
HICKORY-LENOIR	194,508	8,142	4.2
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,080	4,076	5.0
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,120,928	46,286	4.1
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	128,156	9,043	7.1

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.7	3.6	4.6	0.1	-0.9
BURLINGTON	4.3	4.0	5.0	0.3	-0.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	4.4	4.2	5.1	0.2	-0.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	4.0	3.8	4.8	0.2	-0.8
FAYETTEVILLE	5.9	5.5	6.8	0.4	-0.9
GOLDSBORO	5.1	5.0	6.2	0.1	-1.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.9	4.6	5.6	0.3	-0.7
GREENVILLE	4.9	4.7	5.8	0.2	-0.9
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	4.2	4.2	5.2	0.0	-1.0
JACKSONVILLE	5.3	5.0	6.2	0.3	-0.9
NEW BERN	4.9	4.7	5.7	0.2	-0.8
RALEIGH	4.0	3.8	4.7	0.2	-0.7
ROCKY MOUNT	6.9	6.3	7.8	0.6	-0.9
WILMINGTON	4.6	4.3	5.3	0.3	-0.7
WINSTON-SALEM	4.4	4.2	5.2	0.2	-0.8

Micropolitan Statistical Area	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	4.2	4.2	5.1	0.0	-0.9
BOONE	4.0	3.7	4.9	0.3	-0.9
BREVARD	4.7	4.4	5.7	0.3	-1.0
CULLOWHEE	5.5	4.6	6.4	0.9	-0.9
DUNN	5.3	5.0	6.1	0.3	-0.8
ELIZABETH CITY	5.8	5.5	6.9	0.3	-1.1
FOREST CITY	6.5	6.0	7.4	0.5	-0.9
HENDERSON	6.6	6.3	7.4	0.3	-0.8
KILL DEVIL HILLS	10.5	6.9	13.1	3.6	-2.6
KINSTON	4.7	4.5	5.9	0.2	-1.2
LAURINBURG	8.7	8.0	9.7	0.7	-1.0
LUMBERTON	6.9	6.4	8.2	0.5	-1.3
MARION	4.1	4.0	5.2	0.1	-1.1
MOREHEAD CITY	5.1	4.5	6.2	0.6	-1.1
MOUNT AIRY	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.3	4.1	5.2	0.2	-0.9
OXFORD	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.3	-0.4
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	4.7	4.5	5.5	0.2	-0.8
ROANOKE RAPIDS	7.3	6.9	8.5	0.4	-1.2
ROCKINGHAM	6.6	6.1	7.9	0.5	-1.3
SANFORD	5.0	4.9	6.2	0.1	-1.2
SHELBY	4.9	4.7	5.9	0.2	-1.0
WASHINGTON	5.4	5.1	6.3	0.3	-0.9
WILSON	7.2	6.8	8.5	0.4	-1.3

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

Combined Statistical Area	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.8	3.6	4.7	0.2	-0.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	4.5	4.2	5.1	0.3	-0.6
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	6.3	5.9	7.3	0.4	-1.0
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.6	4.4	5.3	0.2	-0.7
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	5.0	4.8	5.9	0.2	-0.9
HICKORY-LENOIR	4.2	4.1	5.2	0.1	-1.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	5.0	4.6	5.9	0.4	-0.9
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	4.1	3.9	4.8	0.2	-0.7
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	7.1	6.5	8.1	0.6	-1.0

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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BUNCOMBE	137,678	4,905	3.6%	1	CLEVELAND	47,815	2,329	4.9%	51
ALEXANDER	18,151	665	3.7%	2	PITT	89,296	4,357	4.9%	52
ORANGE	76,065	2,866	3.8%	3	GUILFORD	259,064	12,842	5.0%	53
HENDERSON	53,453	2,070	3.9%	4	LEE	26,718	1,336	5.0%	54
WAKE	574,882	22,569	3.9%	5	PENDER	26,914	1,353	5.0%	55
CHATHAM	34,988	1,378	3.9%	6	WAYNE	52,863	2,700	5.1%	56
YADKIN	17,710	699	3.9%	7	CARTERET	30,994	1,584	5.1%	57
UNION	120,244	4,776	4.0%	8	PAMLICO	5,349	275	5.1%	58
WATAUGA	28,264	1,141	4.0%	9	MACON	14,670	757	5.2%	59
GRANVILLE	30,111	1,221	4.1%	10	CURRITUCK	13,147	684	5.2%	60
MCDOWELL	20,655	841	4.1%	11	ANSON	10,375	545	5.3%	61
DURHAM	164,792	6,725	4.1%	12	ONSLow	64,005	3,371	5.3%	62
LINCOLN	42,613	1,754	4.1%	13	HARNETT	52,892	2,798	5.3%	63
CATAWBA	78,503	3,247	4.1%	14	CASWELL	9,712	514	5.3%	64
HAYWOOD	29,157	1,217	4.2%	15	DUPLIN	25,126	1,340	5.3%	65
JOHNSTON	94,186	3,940	4.2%	16	BEAUFORT	19,844	1,063	5.4%	66
CABARRUS	105,331	4,407	4.2%	17	CLAY	3,922	214	5.5%	67
DAVIE	20,359	858	4.2%	18	JACKSON	18,277	1,003	5.5%	68
STANLY	29,920	1,263	4.2%	19	ROCKINGHAM	40,941	2,249	5.5%	69
BURKE	40,614	1,728	4.3%	20	CHOWAN	5,589	317	5.7%	70
ALAMANCE	79,310	3,392	4.3%	21	CHEROKEE	11,010	625	5.7%	71
DAVIDSON	80,144	3,444	4.3%	22	PERQUIMANS	5,040	290	5.8%	72
SURRY	33,608	1,445	4.3%	23	HOKE	19,926	1,160	5.8%	73
WILKES	31,791	1,368	4.3%	24	MITCHELL	5,943	348	5.9%	74
GREENE	9,520	413	4.3%	25	CUMBERLAND	128,047	7,585	5.9%	75
IREDELL	87,939	3,843	4.4%	26	HERTFORD	9,164	552	6.0%	76
MECKLENBURG	607,959	26,597	4.4%	27	MARTIN	9,539	577	6.0%	77
MADISON	9,913	438	4.4%	28	NASH	42,709	2,610	6.1%	78
RANDOLPH	66,776	2,958	4.4%	29	PASQUOTANK	17,400	1,066	6.1%	79
STOKES	22,072	980	4.4%	30	BERTIE	8,061	504	6.3%	80
POLK	8,925	397	4.4%	31	ALLEGHANY	4,059	254	6.3%	81
NEW HANOVER	116,719	5,192	4.4%	32	COLUMBUS	21,990	1,408	6.4%	82
MONTGOMERY	11,740	524	4.5%	33	BLADEN	14,270	917	6.4%	83
FORSYTH	184,539	8,301	4.5%	34	RUTHERFORD	24,444	1,592	6.5%	84
GATES	5,133	233	4.5%	35	RICHMOND	16,634	1,097	6.6%	85
CALDWELL	36,585	1,661	4.5%	36	VANCE	17,859	1,179	6.6%	86
CAMDEN	4,621	210	4.5%	37	NORTHAMPTON	7,698	510	6.6%	87
ASHE	12,599	573	4.5%	38	ROBESON	50,218	3,442	6.9%	88
YANCEY	7,322	340	4.6%	39	BRUNSWICK	49,562	3,428	6.9%	89
MOORE	39,674	1,852	4.7%	40	SWAIN	6,808	474	7.0%	90
LENOIR	28,126	1,313	4.7%	41	WILSON	35,448	2,544	7.2%	91
PERSON	18,216	852	4.7%	42	WARREN	6,834	501	7.3%	92
GASTON	109,750	5,135	4.7%	43	HALIFAX	20,484	1,544	7.5%	93
TRANSYLVANIA	13,868	652	4.7%	44	WASHINGTON	4,683	354	7.6%	94
FRANKLIN	30,219	1,422	4.7%	45	GRAHAM	3,055	256	8.4%	95
ROWAN	66,454	3,138	4.7%	46	EDGEcombe	21,817	1,835	8.4%	96
AVERY	7,493	355	4.7%	47	SCOTLAND	11,629	1,017	8.7%	97
JONES	4,421	214	4.8%	48	DARE	17,700	1,859	10.5%	98
SAMPSON	29,015	1,406	4.8%	49	TYRRELL	1,332	141	10.6%	99
CRAVEN	41,316	2,003	4.8%	50	HYDE	1,975	289	14.6%	100

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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 www.bls.gov/lau/laumthd.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 July 15, 2015. 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.

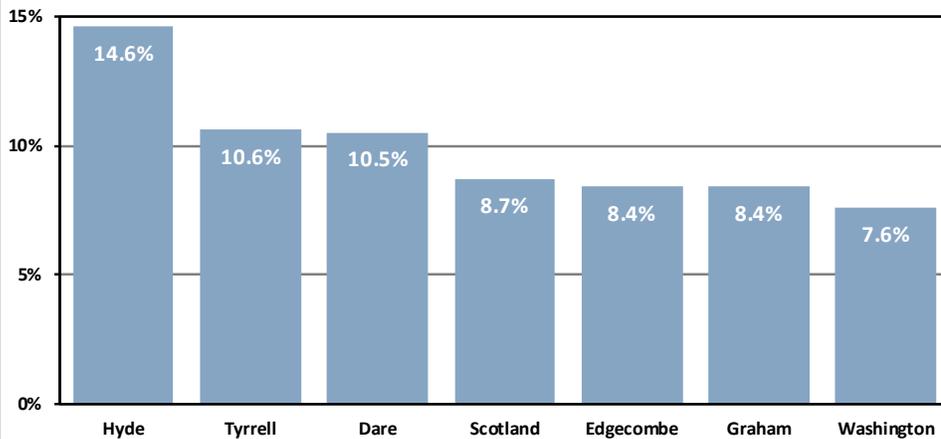
Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018 when the state unemployment rate for February 2018 will be released.

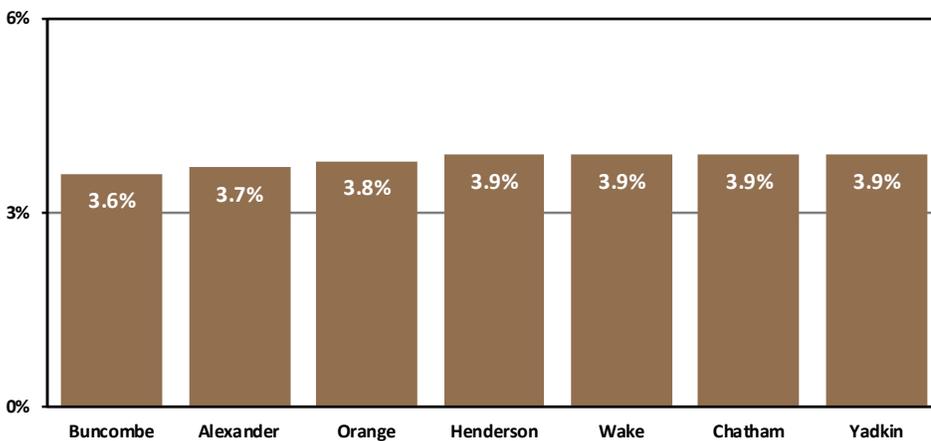
The complete 2018 data release schedule can be accessed at:

<http://www.nccommerce.com/lead/research-publications/schedule-of-release-dates>

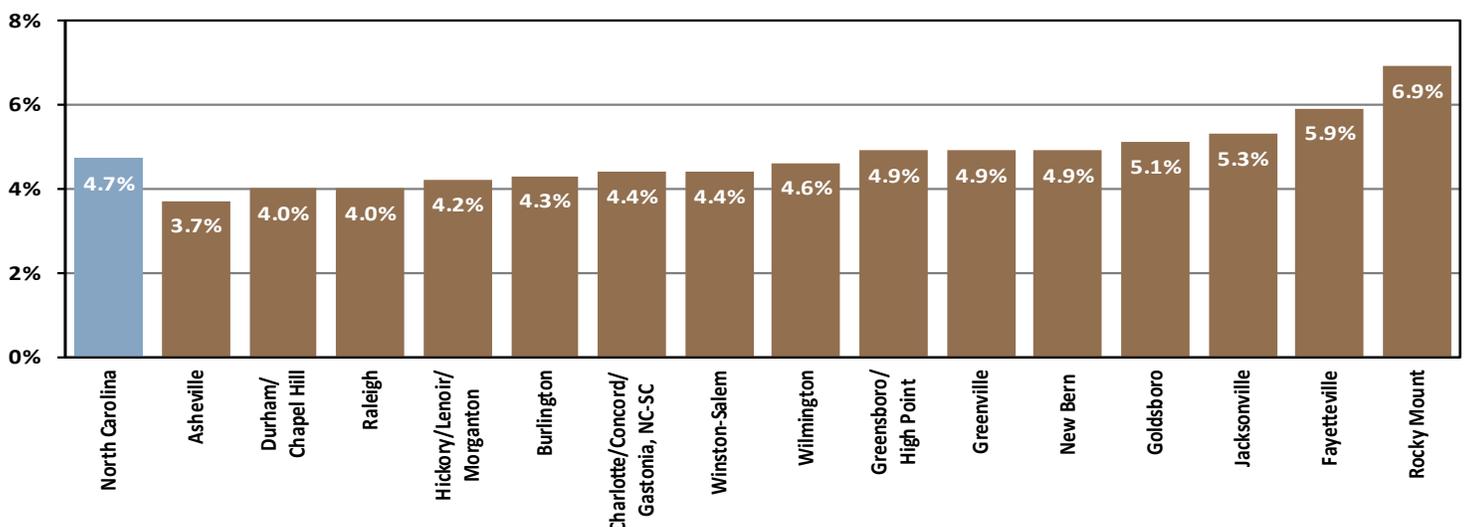
Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates January 2018* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.7 percent in January. This increased 0.3 of a percentage point from December's benchmarked rate, while falling 0.5 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 93 of 100 counties. Forty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.7 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded January's highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent, followed by Tyrrell at 10.6 percent, Dare at 10.5 percent, Scotland at 8.7 percent, and Edgecombe & Graham at 8.4 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, followed by Alexander at 3.7 percent, and Orange at 3.8 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in 14 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in January at 6.9 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.9 percent, and Jacksonville at 5.3 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill & Raleigh at 4.0 percent.

*All January 2018 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 3.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 191,100
 Monthly Change | (-3,400) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (4,700) 2.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-4.5%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000	-2.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	-600	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-1.8%
Other Services	-100	-1.2%
Government	-300	-1.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.7%
Manufacturing	700	3.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.4%
Information	-100	-4.8%
Financial Activities	200	3.2%
Professional & Business Services	1,000	5.9%
Education & Health Services	500	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	4.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	400	1.6%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 60,800
 Monthly Change | (-1,300) -2.1%
 Yearly Change | (100) 0.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.7%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700	-5.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-1.5%
Information	-100	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.3%
Other Services	100	5.0%
Government	100	1.5%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,188,100
 Monthly Change | (-23,200) -1.9%
 Yearly Change | (34,800) 3.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,600	-2.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-10,700	-4.3%
Information	-100	-0.4%
Financial Activities	-800	-0.9%
Professional & Business Services	-3,700	-1.8%
Education & Health Services	-1,400	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,000	-1.5%
Other Services	-900	-2.2%
Government	-2,000	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,000	3.4%
Manufacturing	1,600	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300	0.6%
Information	900	3.3%
Financial Activities	2,800	3.1%
Professional & Business Services	3,700	1.9%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	9,200	7.3%
Other Services	1,100	2.8%
Government	8,300	5.4%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 307,400
 Monthly Change | (-5,800) -1.9%
 Yearly Change | (3,300) 1.1%

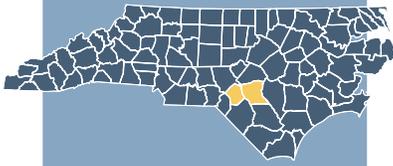
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-3.7%
Manufacturing	-300	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-3.2%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.2%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-2,600	-3.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.3%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.4%
Professional & Business Services	700	1.7%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.1%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	1,700	2.5%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 129,400
 Monthly Change | (-2,600) -2.0%
 Yearly Change | (400) 0.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-4.2%
Manufacturing	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-4.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.6%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.9%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-500	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	7.0%
Manufacturing	200	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.4%
Information	-100	-7.7%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-300	-1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	1.3%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,400
 Monthly Change | (-600) -1.4%
 Yearly Change | (-100) -0.2%

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	100	1.1%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 355,300
 Monthly Change | (-7,900) -2.2%
 Yearly Change | (500) 0.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-2.7%
Manufacturing	-500	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,300	-3.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100	-2.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,400	-2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	-900	-2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	1.4%
Manufacturing	200	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	0.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-500	-2.8%
Professional & Business Services	1,300	2.7%
Education & Health Services	-500	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-3.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	500	1.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 79,300
 Monthly Change | (-1,600) -2.0%
 Yearly Change | (800) 1.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.2%
Manufacturing	-200	-3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-4.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-300	-1.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	7.1%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	400	6.3%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.4%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 153,000
 Monthly Change | (-1,900) -1.2%
 Yearly Change | (1,200) 0.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.5%
Manufacturing	-300	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-1.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-3.7%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.6%
Manufacturing	300	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.4%
Information	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300	2.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 5.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 48,700
 Monthly Change | (-900) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (0) 0.0%

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	-2.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,000
 Monthly Change | (-800) -1.8%
 Yearly Change | (-400) -0.9%

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	-1.4%

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 | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 616,400
 Monthly Change | (-9,500) -1.5%
 Yearly Change | (17,000) 2.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	600	1.6%
Manufacturing	-200	-0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,600	-2.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	-2,000	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	-800	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,900	-4.2%
Other Services	-200	-0.8%
Government	-1,500	-1.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,000	8.4%
Manufacturing	400	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,900	2.7%
Information	1,200	5.7%
Financial Activities	1,300	4.2%
Professional & Business Services	5,800	5.3%
Education & Health Services	800	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.4%
Government	1,600	1.7%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 6.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 54,900
 Monthly Change | (-2,000) -3.5%
 Yearly Change | (-1,100) -2.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-600	-5.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-4.1%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-2.1%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	-300	-2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.4%
Manufacturing	-500	-4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	-300	-6.0%
Education & Health Services	100	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.6%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 122,800
 Monthly Change | (-3,400) -2.7%
 Yearly Change | (1,200) 1.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900	-3.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000	-6.1%
Education & Health Services	-200	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-3.9%
Other Services	-100	-2.0%
Government	-400	-1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-200	-3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	2.5%
Information	-100	-3.2%
Financial Activities	300	5.4%
Professional & Business Services	500	3.3%
Education & Health Services	200	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-3.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	2.2%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2018



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 262,700
 Monthly Change | (-3,900) -1.5%
 Yearly Change | (3,100) 1.2%

Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-1.9%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,500	-3.1%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-700	-2.0%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.4%
Other Services	-100	-1.2%
Government	-400	-1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-0.8%
Information	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	200	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.3%
Education & Health Services	2,500	4.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.6%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	0	0.0%

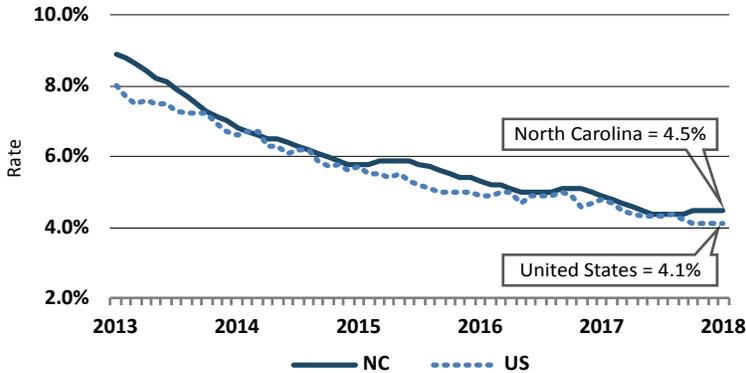
Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All January 2018 data are preliminary.

Over the month, net industry employment decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 23,200, followed by Raleigh, 9,500; Greensboro/High Point, 7,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,800; and Winston-Salem, 3,900. Rocky Mount experienced the greatest percentage decrease at 3.5 percent, followed by Wilmington, 2.7 percent; and Greensboro/High Point, 2.2 percent. 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 11 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 34,800, followed by Raleigh, 17,000; Asheville, 4,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 3,300; and Winston-Salem, 3,100. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Raleigh, 2.8 percent; and Asheville, 2.5 percent.

The most astute readers of NCToday may notice that some of the graphs herein, such as the unemployment rate trend and labor force participation, appear to show slightly different figures compared to the last publication. Following our annual LAUS and CES data revision processes, some of the monthly spikes and drops were leveled out. However, the overall long-term trends still hold. This is a reminder to be judicious when interpreting the month-to-month movements in economic data. Instead, focus on longer trends. You can read more about this process and what it tells us about NC's economy on our LEAD Feed blog at <http://bit.ly/2pdNs18>.

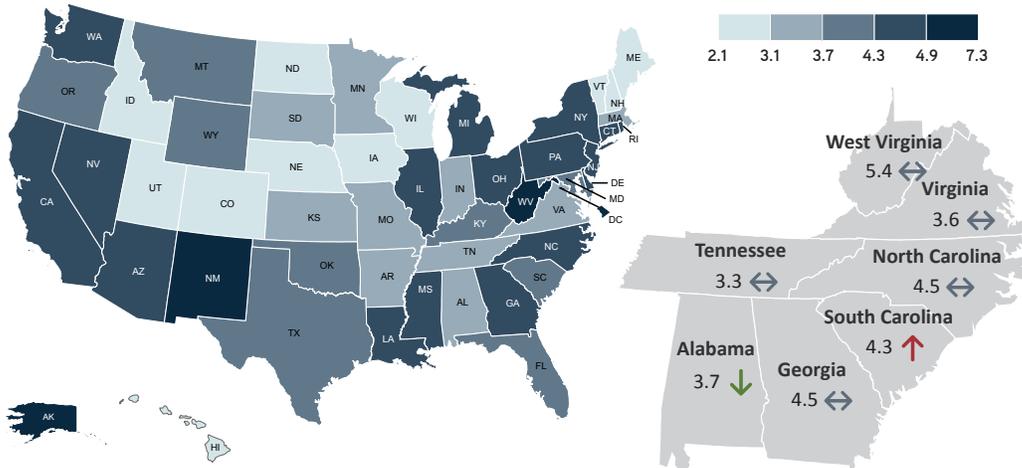
Unemployment Rate Trend



NC
4.4 percentage points from 8.9% in January 2013

US
3.9 percentage points from 8% in January 2013

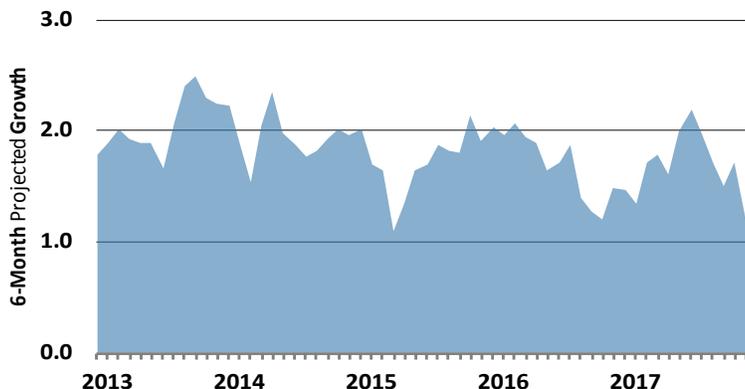
Unemployment Rate Comparison



Philadelphia Federal Reserve Leading Indicators for North Carolina



This leading index predicts the six-month growth rate of the state's economy (as measured by the Phil Fed's current indicator index). A positive number reflects economic growth, while a negative projects a decline.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Note: December 2017 data most current available.

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NC
4.5%

US
4.1%

Unemployment Rate Change
↔ 0.0 ↔ 0.0

Change in Employed
↑ 3,505 (0.1%) ↑ 409,000 (0.3%)

Change in Unemployed
↑ 407 (0.2%) ↑ 108,000 (1.6%)

Labor Force Participation Rate
↔ 0.0 to 61.4% ↔ 0.0 to 62.7%

Data

Industry Employment
4,457,900 Total Nonfarm Jobs
↑ 8,700 over the month
↑ 70,200 over the year

Initial UI Claims
10,445 Individuals Filing
↓ 314 over the month
↓ 5,758 over the year
Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA

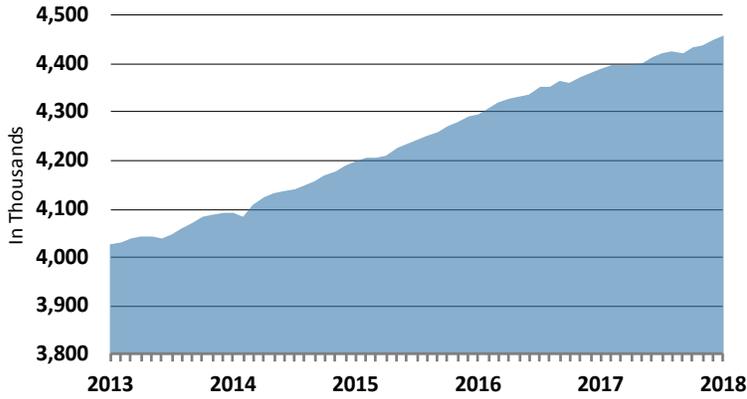
Real Taxable Retail Sales
↑ \$51.7M over the month
↑ \$328.1M over the year
Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: December 2017 data most current available at time of release.

Residential Building Permits
↑ 1.6% over the month
↑ 24.8% over the year
Source: United States Census Bureau
Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

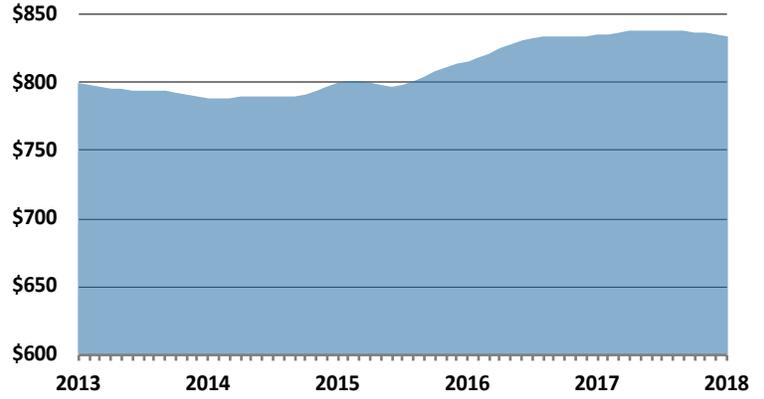
Job Postings
↓ 2.8% over the month
↑ 8.2% over the year
Source: The Conference Board; BLS; LEAD
Note: December 2017 data most current available at time of release.

Manufacturing Hours Worked
↓ 2.5% over the month
↓ 1.7% over the year
Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

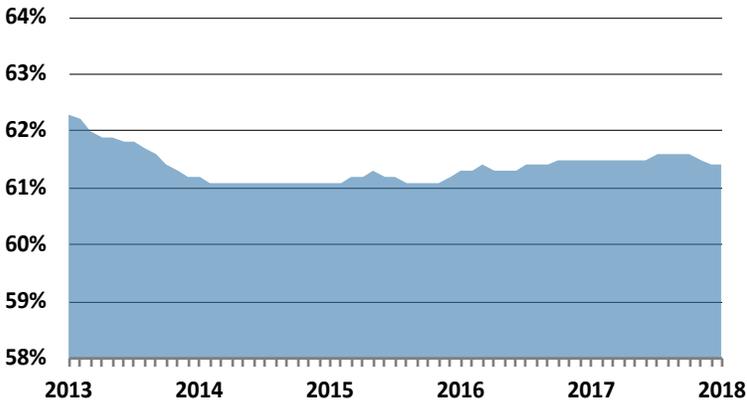
Total Nonfarm Jobs



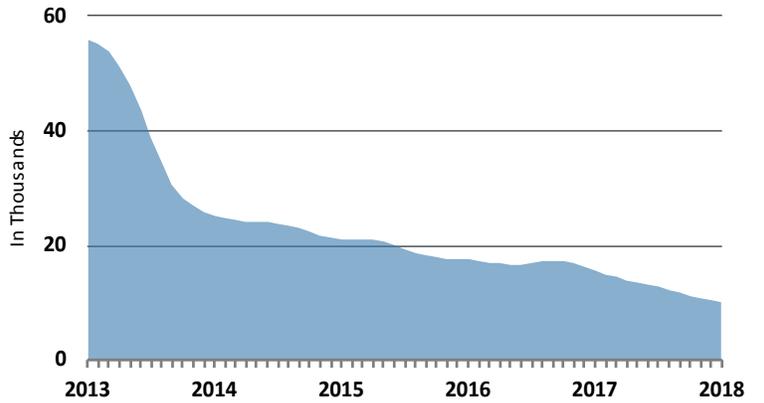
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

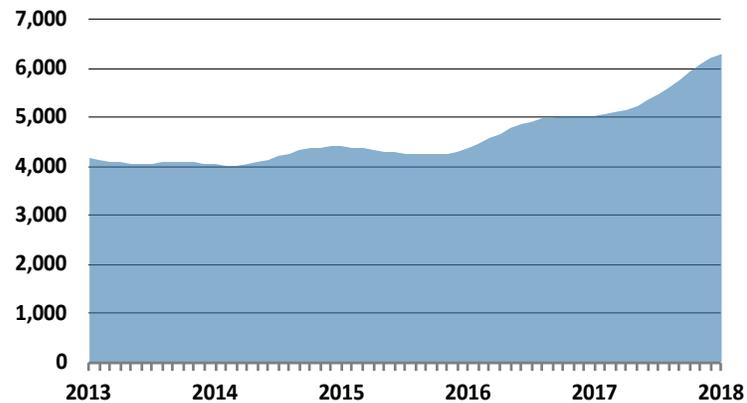


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims



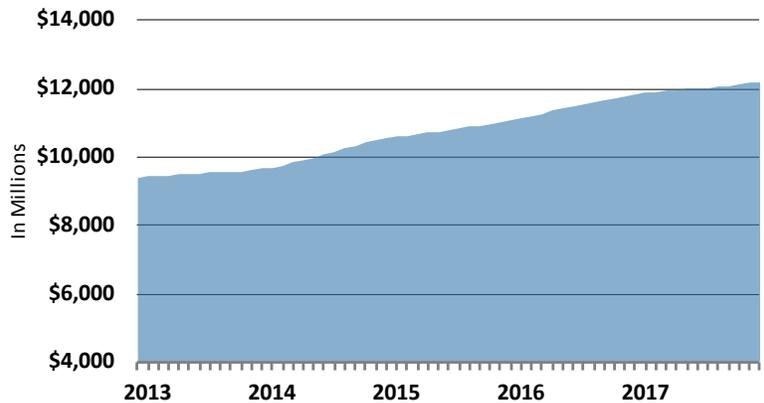
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Residential Building Permits



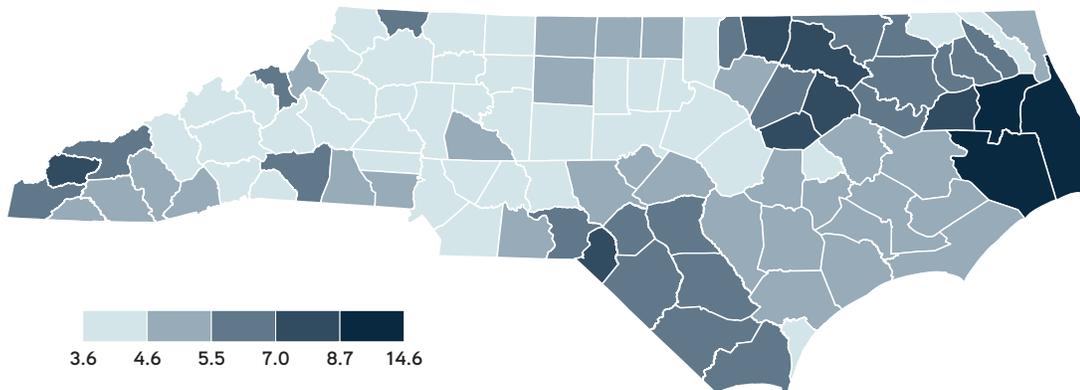
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Real Taxable Retail Sales



Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
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Unemployment Rate By County (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Lowest	
Buncombe	3.6%
Alexander	3.7%
Orange	3.8%
Henderson	3.9%
Wake	3.9%

Highest	
Hyde	14.6%
Tyrrell	10.6%
Dare	10.5%
Scotland	8.7%
Edgecombe	8.4%

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