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North Carolina’s May County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 89 of North Carolina’s counties in May, decreased in six, and remained unchanged in five. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.3 percent while Chatham and Orange Counties each had the lowest at 2.9 percent. All fifteen of the state’s metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.9 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 3.0 percent. The May not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.6 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
May	85	15	0
April (Revised)	87	13	0

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

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in May by 23,486 to 4,949,923, while those unemployed increased by 12,208 to 187,438. Since May 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 270,139, while those unemployed decreased 67,479.

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, July 22, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for June 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
May 2022*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,137,361	187,438	3.6				
ALAMANCE	83,338	3,048	3.7	JOHNSTON	106,736	3,495	3.3
ALEXANDER	18,018	574	3.2	JONES	4,294	142	3.3
ALLEGHANY	4,348	164	3.8	LEE	26,281	1,094	4.2
ANSON	10,337	482	4.7	LENOIR	27,222	1,008	3.7
ASHE	13,012	412	3.2	LINCOLN	45,842	1,432	3.1
AVERY	7,695	255	3.3	MCDOWELL	20,184	685	3.4
BEAUFORT	20,232	762	3.8	MACON	15,812	541	3.4
BERTIE	7,398	367	5.0	MADISON	10,100	339	3.4
BLADEN	14,163	638	4.5	MARTIN	8,792	384	4.4
BRUNSWICK	57,640	2,637	4.6	MECKLENBURG	643,675	22,519	3.5
BUNCOMBE	142,236	4,226	3.0	MITCHELL	5,955	243	4.1
BURKE	40,784	1,367	3.4	MONTGOMERY	11,496	415	3.6
CABARRUS	114,543	3,787	3.3	MOORE	40,956	1,517	3.7
CALDWELL	36,364	1,320	3.6	NASH	41,976	2,182	5.2
CAMDEN	4,662	158	3.4	NEW HANOVER	127,159	4,133	3.3
CARTERET	32,288	1,065	3.3	NORTHAMPTON	7,254	337	4.6
CASWELL	9,813	382	3.9	ONSLOW	67,708	2,841	4.2
CATAWBA	79,259	2,698	3.4	ORANGE	82,852	2,443	2.9
CHATHAM	38,082	1,116	2.9	PAMLICO	5,437	199	3.7
CHEROKEE	11,130	425	3.8	PASQUOTANK	16,619	702	4.2
CHOWAN	5,751	226	3.9	PENDER	30,264	1,008	3.3
CLAY	4,117	164	4.0	PERQUIMANS	4,975	213	4.3
CLEVELAND	48,814	1,956	4.0	PERSON	19,169	715	3.7
COLUMBUS	23,364	1,075	4.6	PITT	89,534	3,628	4.1
CRAVEN	41,405	1,494	3.6	POLK	9,347	348	3.7
CUMBERLAND	129,198	6,822	5.3	RANDOLPH	65,730	2,296	3.5
CURRITUCK	14,528	468	3.2	RICHMOND	16,574	919	5.5
DARE	20,472	792	3.9	ROBESON	48,517	2,867	5.9
DAVIDSON	81,220	2,790	3.4	ROCKINGHAM	39,728	1,620	4.1
DAVIE	20,734	690	3.3	ROWAN	66,965	2,439	3.6
DUPLIN	24,993	894	3.6	RUTHERFORD	24,484	1,238	5.1
DURHAM	181,841	5,558	3.1	SAMPSON	28,878	1,031	3.6
EDGECOMBE	20,223	1,459	7.2	SCOTLAND	11,104	815	7.3
FORSYTH	188,106	6,954	3.7	STANLY	30,430	991	3.3
FRANKLIN	33,553	1,222	3.6	STOKES	21,597	698	3.2
GASTON	113,299	4,269	3.8	SURRY	32,720	1,123	3.4
GATES	5,094	173	3.4	SWAIN	6,929	230	3.3
GRAHAM	3,054	160	5.2	TRANSYLVANIA	14,673	487	3.3
GRANVILLE	30,686	941	3.1	TYRRELL	1,362	67	4.9
GREENE	9,691	311	3.2	UNION	128,823	4,032	3.1
GUILFORD	261,877	10,876	4.2	VANCE	16,984	1,049	6.2
HALIFAX	19,273	1,111	5.8	WAKE	622,065	18,900	3.0
HARNETT	54,923	2,248	4.1	WARREN	6,564	406	6.2
HAYWOOD	30,245	954	3.2	WASHINGTON	4,370	229	5.2
HENDERSON	55,664	1,740	3.1	WATAUGA	28,768	956	3.3
HERTFORD	8,600	437	5.1	WAYNE	51,970	2,057	4.0
HOKE	20,518	1,013	4.9	WILKES	27,227	1,043	3.8
HYDE	1,867	96	5.1	WILSON	32,959	1,842	5.6
IREDELL	93,456	3,150	3.4	YADKIN	17,645	584	3.3
JACKSON	20,392	739	3.6	YANCEY	8,356	291	3.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.6	3.4	5.2	0.2	-1.6	JOHNSTON	3.3	3.0	4.5	0.3	-1.2
ALAMANCE	3.7	3.4	5.1	0.3	-1.4	JONES	3.3	3.0	4.7	0.3	-1.4
ALEXANDER	3.2	2.9	4.7	0.3	-1.5	LEE	4.2	3.9	5.7	0.3	-1.5
ALLEGHANY	3.8	3.4	4.9	0.4	-1.1	LENOIR	3.7	3.6	5.2	0.1	-1.5
ANSON	4.7	4.6	6.3	0.1	-1.6	LINCOLN	3.1	2.9	4.4	0.2	-1.3
ASHE	3.2	2.9	4.2	0.3	-1.0	MCDOWELL	3.4	3.1	4.9	0.3	-1.5
AVERY	3.3	3.0	4.3	0.3	-1.0	MACON	3.4	3.2	4.5	0.2	-1.1
BEAUFORT	3.8	3.5	5.1	0.3	-1.3	MADISON	3.4	3.0	4.6	0.4	-1.2
BERTIE	5.0	4.7	6.6	0.3	-1.6	MARTIN	4.4	4.3	5.8	0.1	-1.4
BLADEN	4.5	4.3	6.1	0.2	-1.6	MECKLENBURG	3.5	3.4	5.3	0.1	-1.8
BRUNSWICK	4.6	4.4	6.4	0.2	-1.8	MITCHELL	4.1	3.8	5.3	0.3	-1.2
BUNCOMBE	3.0	2.8	4.6	0.2	-1.6	MONTGOMERY	3.6	3.3	5.1	0.3	-1.5
BURKE	3.4	3.0	4.9	0.4	-1.5	MOORE	3.7	3.4	5.0	0.3	-1.3
CABARRUS	3.3	3.1	4.7	0.2	-1.4	NASH	5.2	5.0	6.9	0.2	-1.7
CALDWELL	3.6	3.3	5.4	0.3	-1.8	NEW HANOVER	3.3	3.0	4.6	0.3	-1.3
CAMDEN	3.4	3.0	4.2	0.4	-0.8	NORTHAMPTON	4.6	4.4	6.5	0.2	-1.9
CARTERET	3.3	3.1	4.3	0.2	-1.0	ONSLow	4.2	3.8	5.5	0.4	-1.3
CASWELL	3.9	3.6	5.8	0.3	-1.9	ORANGE	2.9	2.6	3.7	0.3	-0.8
CATAWBA	3.4	3.2	5.1	0.2	-1.7	PAMLICO	3.7	3.3	4.6	0.4	-0.9
CHATHAM	2.9	2.6	3.9	0.3	-1.0	PASQUOTANK	4.2	3.9	5.8	0.3	-1.6
CHEROKEE	3.8	3.5	5.5	0.3	-1.7	PENDER	3.3	3.1	4.6	0.2	-1.3
CHOWAN	3.9	3.6	5.4	0.3	-1.5	PERQUIMANS	4.3	4.0	5.5	0.3	-1.2
CLAY	4.0	3.5	5.3	0.5	-1.3	PERSON	3.7	3.5	5.3	0.2	-1.6
CLEVELAND	4.0	3.8	5.7	0.2	-1.7	PITT	4.1	3.7	5.4	0.4	-1.3
COLUMBUS	4.6	4.6	6.5	0.0	-1.9	POLK	3.7	3.6	4.8	0.1	-1.1
Craven	3.6	3.3	5.1	0.3	-1.5	RANDOLPH	3.5	3.2	5.1	0.3	-1.6
CUMBERLAND	5.3	5.2	7.3	0.1	-2.0	RICHMOND	5.5	5.6	7.6	-0.1	-2.1
CURRITUCK	3.2	3.0	4.4	0.2	-1.2	ROBESON	5.9	5.8	8.0	0.1	-2.1
DARE	3.9	4.4	5.6	-0.5	-1.7	ROCKINGHAM	4.1	3.9	6.0	0.2	-1.9
DAVIDSON	3.4	3.2	4.9	0.2	-1.5	ROWAN	3.6	3.5	5.3	0.1	-1.7
DAVIE	3.3	3.1	4.6	0.2	-1.3	RUTHERFORD	5.1	4.7	6.8	0.4	-1.7
DUPLIN	3.6	3.2	4.5	0.4	-0.9	SAMPSON	3.6	3.3	4.6	0.3	-1.0
DURHAM	3.1	2.8	4.4	0.3	-1.3	SCOTLAND	7.3	7.3	9.7	0.0	-2.4
EDGEcombe	7.2	7.4	8.9	-0.2	-1.7	STANLY	3.3	3.0	4.6	0.3	-1.3
FORSYTH	3.7	3.5	5.3	0.2	-1.6	STOKES	3.2	2.9	4.6	0.3	-1.4
FRANKLIN	3.6	3.4	5.0	0.2	-1.4	SURRY	3.4	3.0	4.7	0.4	-1.3
GASTON	3.8	3.6	5.6	0.2	-1.8	SWAIN	3.3	3.2	4.9	0.1	-1.6
GATES	3.4	3.0	5.0	0.4	-1.6	TRANSYLVANIA	3.3	3.0	4.4	0.3	-1.1
GRAHAM	5.2	5.4	6.8	-0.2	-1.6	TYRRELL	4.9	5.6	6.5	-0.7	-1.6
GRANVILLE	3.1	2.9	4.3	0.2	-1.2	UNION	3.1	2.9	4.2	0.2	-1.1
GREENE	3.2	2.9	4.4	0.3	-1.2	VANCE	6.2	6.1	8.2	0.1	-2.0
GUILFORD	4.2	4.0	6.0	0.2	-1.8	WAKE	3.0	2.8	4.3	0.2	-1.3
HALIFAX	5.8	5.8	7.9	0.0	-2.1	WARREN	6.2	6.1	8.3	0.1	-2.1
HARNETT	4.1	3.8	5.7	0.3	-1.6	WASHINGTON	5.2	5.2	7.2	0.0	-2.0
HAYWOOD	3.2	2.9	4.6	0.3	-1.4	WATAUGA	3.3	2.9	4.1	0.4	-0.8
HENDERSON	3.1	2.8	4.5	0.3	-1.4	WAYNE	4.0	3.7	5.3	0.3	-1.3
HERTFORD	5.1	4.9	7.4	0.2	-2.3	WILKES	3.8	3.5	5.1	0.3	-1.3
HOKE	4.9	4.7	7.0	0.2	-2.1	WILSON	5.6	5.6	7.2	0.0	-1.6
HYDE	5.1	5.7	5.7	-0.6	-0.6	YADKIN	3.3	3.1	4.5	0.2	-1.2
IREDELL	3.4	3.1	5.0	0.3	-1.6	YANCEY	3.5	3.2	4.4	0.3	-0.9
JACKSON	3.6	3.3	4.8	0.3	-1.2						

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

*Preliminary Data for
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Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	238,245	7,259	3.0
BURLINGTON	83,338	3,048	3.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,414,245	48,293	3.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	321,944	9,832	3.1
FAYETTEVILLE	149,716	7,835	5.2
GOLDSBORO	51,970	2,057	4.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	367,335	14,792	4.0
GREENVILLE	89,534	3,628	4.1
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	174,425	5,959	3.4
JACKSONVILLE	67,708	2,841	4.2
NEW BERN	51,136	1,835	3.6
RALEIGH	762,354	23,617	3.1
ROCKY MOUNT	62,199	3,641	5.9
WILMINGTON	157,423	5,141	3.3
WINSTON-SALEM	329,302	11,716	3.6

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,430	991	3.3
BOONE	28,768	956	3.3
BREVARD	14,673	487	3.3
CULLOWHEE	20,392	739	3.6
DUNN	54,923	2,248	4.1
ELIZABETH CITY	26,256	1,073	4.1
FOREST CITY	24,484	1,238	5.1
HENDERSON	16,984	1,049	6.2
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,834	859	3.9
KINSTON	27,222	1,008	3.7
LAURINBURG	11,104	815	7.3
LUMBERTON	48,517	2,867	5.9
MARION	20,184	685	3.4
MOREHEAD CITY	32,288	1,065	3.3
MOUNT AIRY	32,720	1,123	3.4
NORTH WILKESBORO	27,227	1,043	3.8
OXFORD	30,686	941	3.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,956	1,517	3.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,527	1,448	5.5
ROCKINGHAM	16,574	919	5.5
SANFORD	26,281	1,094	4.2
SHELBY	48,814	1,956	4.0
WASHINGTON	20,232	762	3.8
WILSON	32,959	1,842	5.6

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
May 2022*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	252,918	7,746	3.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,493,489	51,240	3.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	209,337	11,517	5.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	812,695	30,679	3.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	109,766	4,390	4.0
HICKORY-LENOIR	194,609	6,644	3.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	83,424	2,900	3.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,213,172	38,781	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	121,685	6,931	5.7

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.0	2.8	4.6	0.2	-1.6
BURLINGTON	3.7	3.4	5.1	0.3	-1.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.4	3.2	4.8	0.2	-1.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.1	2.8	4.2	0.3	-1.1
FAYETTEVILLE	5.2	5.1	7.2	0.1	-2.0
GOLDSBORO	4.0	3.7	5.3	0.3	-1.3
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.0	3.8	5.9	0.2	-1.9
GREENVILLE	4.1	3.7	5.4	0.4	-1.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.4	3.1	5.1	0.3	-1.7
JACKSONVILLE	4.2	3.8	5.5	0.4	-1.3
NEW BERN	3.6	3.3	5.0	0.3	-1.4
RALEIGH	3.1	2.9	4.4	0.2	-1.3
ROCKY MOUNT	5.9	5.8	7.5	0.1	-1.6
WILMINGTON	3.3	3.0	4.6	0.3	-1.3
WINSTON-SALEM	3.6	3.3	5.1	0.3	-1.5

Micropolitan Statistical Area	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.3	3.0	4.6	0.3	-1.3
BOONE	3.3	2.9	4.1	0.4	-0.8
BREVARD	3.3	3.0	4.4	0.3	-1.1
CULLOWHEE	3.6	3.3	4.8	0.3	-1.2
DUNN	4.1	3.8	5.7	0.3	-1.6
ELIZABETH CITY	4.1	3.8	5.5	0.3	-1.4
FOREST CITY	5.1	4.7	6.8	0.4	-1.7
HENDERSON	6.2	6.1	8.2	0.1	-2.0
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.9	4.4	5.7	-0.5	-1.8
KINSTON	3.7	3.6	5.2	0.1	-1.5
LAURINBURG	7.3	7.3	9.7	0.0	-2.4
LUMBERTON	5.9	5.8	8.0	0.1	-2.1
MARION	3.4	3.1	4.9	0.3	-1.5
MOREHEAD CITY	3.3	3.1	4.3	0.2	-1.0
MOUNT AIRY	3.4	3.0	4.7	0.4	-1.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	3.8	3.5	5.1	0.3	-1.3
OXFORD	3.1	2.9	4.3	0.2	-1.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.7	3.4	5.0	0.3	-1.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.5	5.4	7.5	0.1	-2.0
ROCKINGHAM	5.5	5.6	7.6	-0.1	-2.1
SANFORD	4.2	3.9	5.7	0.3	-1.5
SHELBY	4.0	3.8	5.7	0.2	-1.7
WASHINGTON	3.8	3.5	5.1	0.3	-1.3
WILSON	5.6	5.6	7.2	0.0	-1.6

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

Combined Statistical Area	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.1	2.8	4.6	0.3	-1.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.4	3.2	4.9	0.2	-1.5
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.5	5.4	7.5	0.1	-2.0
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.8	3.5	5.4	0.3	-1.6
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.0	3.7	5.3	0.3	-1.3
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.4	3.1	5.1	0.3	-1.7
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.5	3.2	4.7	0.3	-1.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.2	2.9	4.5	0.3	-1.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.7	5.7	7.4	0.0	-1.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
CHATHAM	38,082	1,116	2.9%	1	PAMLICO	5,437	199	3.7%	51
ORANGE	82,852	2,443	2.9%	2	FORSYTH	188,106	6,954	3.7%	52
BUNCOMBE	142,236	4,226	3.0%	3	LENOIR	27,222	1,008	3.7%	53
WAKE	622,065	18,900	3.0%	4	MOORE	40,956	1,517	3.7%	54
DURHAM	181,841	5,558	3.1%	5	POLK	9,347	348	3.7%	55
GRANVILLE	30,686	941	3.1%	6	PERSON	19,169	715	3.7%	56
LINCOLN	45,842	1,432	3.1%	7	BEAUFORT	20,232	762	3.8%	57
HENDERSON	55,664	1,740	3.1%	8	GASTON	113,299	4,269	3.8%	58
UNION	128,823	4,032	3.1%	9	ALLEGHANY	4,348	164	3.8%	59
HAYWOOD	30,245	954	3.2%	10	CHEROKEE	11,130	425	3.8%	60
ASHE	13,012	412	3.2%	11	WILKES	27,227	1,043	3.8%	61
ALEXANDER	18,018	574	3.2%	12	DARE	20,472	792	3.9%	62
GREENE	9,691	311	3.2%	13	CASWELL	9,813	382	3.9%	63
CURRITUCK	14,528	468	3.2%	14	CHOWAN	5,751	226	3.9%	64
STOKES	21,597	698	3.2%	15	WAYNE	51,970	2,057	4.0%	65
NEW HANOVER	127,159	4,133	3.3%	16	CLAY	4,117	164	4.0%	66
STANLY	30,430	991	3.3%	17	CLEVELAND	48,814	1,956	4.0%	67
JOHNSTON	106,736	3,495	3.3%	18	PITT	89,534	3,628	4.1%	68
CARTERET	32,288	1,065	3.3%	19	ROCKINGHAM	39,728	1,620	4.1%	69
CABARRUS	114,543	3,787	3.3%	20	MITCHELL	5,955	243	4.1%	70
JONES	4,294	142	3.3%	21	HARNETT	54,923	2,248	4.1%	71
YADKIN	17,645	584	3.3%	22	GUILFORD	261,877	10,876	4.2%	72
AVERY	7,695	255	3.3%	23	LEE	26,281	1,094	4.2%	73
TRANSYLVANIA	14,673	487	3.3%	24	ONSLOW	67,708	2,841	4.2%	74
SWAIN	6,929	230	3.3%	25	PASQUOTANK	16,619	702	4.2%	75
WATAUGA	28,768	956	3.3%	26	PERQUIMANS	4,975	213	4.3%	76
DAVIE	20,734	690	3.3%	27	MARTIN	8,792	384	4.4%	77
PENDER	30,264	1,008	3.3%	28	BLADEN	14,163	638	4.5%	78
BURKE	40,784	1,367	3.4%	29	BRUNSWICK	57,640	2,637	4.6%	79
MADISON	10,100	339	3.4%	30	COLUMBUS	23,364	1,075	4.6%	80
IREDELL	93,456	3,150	3.4%	31	NORTHAMPTON	7,254	337	4.6%	81
CAMDEN	4,662	158	3.4%	32	ANSON	10,337	482	4.7%	82
MCDOWELL	20,184	685	3.4%	33	TYRRELL	1,362	67	4.9%	83
GATES	5,094	173	3.4%	34	HOKE	20,518	1,013	4.9%	84
CATAWBA	79,259	2,698	3.4%	35	BERTIE	7,398	367	5.0%	85
MACON	15,812	541	3.4%	36	RUTHERFORD	24,484	1,238	5.1%	86
SURRY	32,720	1,123	3.4%	37	HERTFORD	8,600	437	5.1%	87
DAVIDSON	81,220	2,790	3.4%	38	HYDE	1,867	96	5.1%	88
YANCEY	8,356	291	3.5%	39	NASH	41,976	2,182	5.2%	89
RANDOLPH	65,730	2,296	3.5%	40	GRAHAM	3,054	160	5.2%	90
MECKLENBURG	643,675	22,519	3.5%	41	WASHINGTON	4,370	229	5.2%	91
SAMPSON	28,878	1,031	3.6%	42	CUMBERLAND	129,198	6,822	5.3%	92
DUPLIN	24,993	894	3.6%	43	RICHMOND	16,574	919	5.5%	93
CRAVEN	41,405	1,494	3.6%	44	WILSON	32,959	1,842	5.6%	94
MONTGOMERY	11,496	415	3.6%	45	HALIFAX	19,273	1,111	5.8%	95
JACKSON	20,392	739	3.6%	46	ROBESON	48,517	2,867	5.9%	96
CALDWELL	36,364	1,320	3.6%	47	VANCE	16,984	1,049	6.2%	97
FRANKLIN	33,553	1,222	3.6%	48	WARREN	6,564	406	6.2%	98
ROWAN	66,965	2,439	3.6%	49	EDGECOMBE	20,223	1,459	7.2%	99
ALAMANCE	83,338	3,048	3.7%	50	SCOTLAND	11,104	815	7.3%	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.

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, July 22, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for June 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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