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North Carolina's October County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 of North Carolina's counties in October. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 10.5 percent while Watauga County had the lowest at 4.1 percent. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Fayetteville had the highest rate at 8.3 percent while Raleigh and Durham-Chapel Hill each had the lowest at 5.3 percent. The October not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 6.1 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
October	17	82	1
September (Revised)	3	94	3

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 99 counties and decreased in one. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in October by 99,091 to 4,655,614, while those unemployed decreased by 37,449 to 302,413. Since October 2019, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 287,403, while those unemployed increased 122,332.

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, December 18, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for November 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
October 2020*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,958,027	302,413	6.1				
ALAMANCE	81,056	4,865	6.0	JOHNSTON	96,975	5,158	5.3
ALEXANDER	17,212	935	5.4	JONES	4,336	213	4.9
ALLEGHANY	4,637	254	5.5	LEE	25,976	1,707	6.6
ANSON	10,820	781	7.2	LENOIR	28,847	1,618	5.6
ASHE	13,497	632	4.7	LINCOLN	42,626	2,278	5.3
AVERY	8,029	370	4.6	MCDOWELL	20,637	1,181	5.7
BEAUFORT	19,287	1,090	5.7	MACON	15,926	830	5.2
BERTIE	7,893	457	5.8	MADISON	9,595	519	5.4
BLADEN	15,324	940	6.1	MARTIN	8,944	572	6.4
BRUNSWICK	51,006	3,549	7.0	MECKLENBURG	615,499	41,054	6.7
BUNCOMBE	134,318	8,283	6.2	MITCHELL	6,068	390	6.4
BURKE	39,099	2,248	5.7	MONTGOMERY	11,548	660	5.7
CABARRUS	107,118	6,245	5.8	MOORE	42,678	2,326	5.5
CALDWELL	35,049	2,310	6.6	NASH	42,450	3,158	7.4
CAMDEN	4,641	211	4.5	NEW HANOVER	119,664	6,705	5.6
CARTERET	31,516	1,506	4.8	NORTHAMPTON	7,675	516	6.7
CASWELL	9,748	624	6.4	ONSLow	65,540	3,879	5.9
CATAWBA	75,407	4,662	6.2	ORANGE	76,596	3,345	4.4
CHATHAM	34,918	1,610	4.6	PAMLICO	5,216	260	5.0
CHEROKEE	11,451	681	5.9	PASQUOTANK	16,780	1,003	6.0
CHOWAN	5,679	292	5.1	PENDER	27,821	1,468	5.3
CLAY	4,295	256	6.0	PERQUIMANS	4,985	271	5.4
CLEVELAND	50,328	3,387	6.7	PERSON	18,067	1,096	6.1
COLUMBUS	23,406	1,691	7.2	PITT	86,642	5,206	6.0
CRAVEN	40,853	2,370	5.8	POLK	9,002	463	5.1
CUMBERLAND	123,651	10,352	8.4	RANDOLPH	64,131	3,772	5.9
CURRITUCK	13,869	632	4.6	RICHMOND	17,236	1,419	8.2
DARE	18,083	1,078	6.0	ROBESON	50,789	4,208	8.3
DAVIDSON	79,435	4,591	5.8	ROCKINGHAM	38,997	2,668	6.8
DAVIE	20,250	1,069	5.3	ROWAN	65,218	4,117	6.3
DUPLIN	25,730	1,224	4.8	RUTHERFORD	25,636	1,887	7.4
DURHAM	167,955	9,595	5.7	SAMPSON	30,164	1,461	4.8
EDGECOMBE	21,206	2,081	9.8	SCOTLAND	12,267	1,289	10.5
FORSYTH	185,105	11,745	6.3	STANLY	30,655	1,558	5.1
FRANKLIN	30,652	1,827	6.0	STOKES	21,287	1,141	5.4
GASTON	109,749	7,415	6.8	SURRY	34,068	1,762	5.2
GATES	5,279	262	5.0	SWAIN	7,702	382	5.0
GRAHAM	3,441	242	7.0	TRANSYLVANIA	14,611	695	4.8
GRANVILLE	29,807	1,482	5.0	TYRRELL	1,369	93	6.8
GREENE	9,724	509	5.2	UNION	120,886	5,882	4.9
GUILFORD	256,244	18,615	7.3	VANCE	17,963	1,626	9.1
HALIFAX	20,402	1,756	8.6	WAKE	582,478	30,952	5.3
HARNETT	53,370	3,396	6.4	WARREN	6,754	575	8.5
HAYWOOD	28,393	1,633	5.8	WASHINGTON	4,355	333	7.6
HENDERSON	52,171	2,781	5.3	WATAUGA	30,991	1,261	4.1
HERTFORD	9,412	575	6.1	WAYNE	49,654	2,915	5.9
HOKE	19,459	1,502	7.7	WILKES	29,669	1,573	5.3
HYDE	1,863	120	6.4	WILSON	34,714	2,685	7.7
IREDELL	87,946	5,134	5.8	YADKIN	17,426	916	5.3
JACKSON	20,799	1,060	5.1	YANCEY	8,328	438	5.3

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	6.1	6.9	3.5	-0.8	2.6	JOHNSTON	5.3	6.1	3.3	-0.8	2.0
ALAMANCE	6.0	6.8	3.4	-0.8	2.6	JONES	4.9	5.5	3.6	-0.6	1.3
ALEXANDER	5.4	6.3	3.1	-0.9	2.3	LEE	6.6	7.3	4.0	-0.7	2.6
ALLEGHANY	5.5	6.2	4.4	-0.7	1.1	LENOIR	5.6	6.1	3.5	-0.5	2.1
ANSON	7.2	8.5	3.9	-1.3	3.3	LINCOLN	5.3	5.9	3.2	-0.6	2.1
ASHE	4.7	5.1	3.0	-0.4	1.7	MCDOWELL	5.7	6.0	4.2	-0.3	1.5
AVERY	4.6	5.1	3.2	-0.5	1.4	MACON	5.2	5.8	3.3	-0.6	1.9
BEAUFORT	5.7	6.3	4.2	-0.6	1.5	MADISON	5.4	6.1	3.3	-0.7	2.1
BERTIE	5.8	6.3	4.3	-0.5	1.5	MARTIN	6.4	7.1	4.5	-0.7	1.9
BLADEN	6.1	6.7	4.5	-0.6	1.6	MECKLENBURG	6.7	7.7	3.3	-1.0	3.4
BRUNSWICK	7.0	7.7	4.7	-0.7	2.3	MITCHELL	6.4	6.7	4.1	-0.3	2.3
BUNCOMBE	6.2	7.4	2.7	-1.2	3.5	MONTGOMERY	5.7	6.6	3.8	-0.9	1.9
BURKE	5.7	6.5	3.4	-0.8	2.3	MOORE	5.5	6.2	3.5	-0.7	2.0
CABARRUS	5.8	6.7	3.3	-0.9	2.5	NASH	7.4	8.5	4.4	-1.1	3.0
CALDWELL	6.6	7.5	3.7	-0.9	2.9	NEW HANOVER	5.6	6.4	3.1	-0.8	2.5
CAMDEN	4.5	4.7	3.4	-0.2	1.1	NORTHAMPTON	6.7	7.2	4.8	-0.5	1.9
CARTERET	4.8	5.2	3.5	-0.4	1.3	ONSLow	5.9	6.6	4.3	-0.7	1.6
CASWELL	6.4	7.0	4.2	-0.6	2.2	ORANGE	4.4	5.0	2.9	-0.6	1.5
CATAWBA	6.2	7.2	3.3	-1.0	2.9	PAMLICO	5.0	5.5	3.4	-0.5	1.6
CHATHAM	4.6	5.1	3.1	-0.5	1.5	PASQUOTANK	6.0	6.5	4.1	-0.5	1.9
CHEROKEE	5.9	6.7	4.0	-0.8	1.9	PENDER	5.3	5.9	3.5	-0.6	1.8
CHOWAN	5.1	5.8	4.2	-0.7	0.9	PERQUIMANS	5.4	6.0	4.7	-0.6	0.7
CLAY	6.0	6.5	4.0	-0.5	2.0	PERSON	6.1	6.9	3.9	-0.8	2.2
CLEVELAND	6.7	7.5	3.7	-0.8	3.0	PITT	6.0	7.0	3.8	-1.0	2.2
COLUMBUS	7.2	7.9	4.5	-0.7	2.7	POLK	5.1	5.5	3.5	-0.4	1.6
CRAVEN	5.8	6.4	3.6	-0.6	2.2	RANDOLPH	5.9	6.6	3.4	-0.7	2.5
CUMBERLAND	8.4	9.4	4.7	-1.0	3.7	RICHMOND	8.2	9.1	5.1	-0.9	3.1
CURRITUCK	4.6	5.1	3.2	-0.5	1.4	ROBESON	8.3	9.2	5.0	-0.9	3.3
DARE	6.0	6.5	3.4	-0.5	2.6	ROCKINGHAM	6.8	7.7	4.0	-0.9	2.8
DAVIDSON	5.8	6.6	3.4	-0.8	2.4	ROWAN	6.3	7.2	3.6	-0.9	2.7
DAVIE	5.3	5.9	3.1	-0.6	2.2	RUTHERFORD	7.4	8.3	4.5	-0.9	2.9
DUPLIN	4.8	5.1	3.6	-0.3	1.2	SAMPSON	4.8	5.4	3.5	-0.6	1.3
DURHAM	5.7	6.6	3.1	-0.9	2.6	SCOTLAND	10.5	11.9	6.3	-1.4	4.2
EDGECOMBE	9.8	11.2	5.4	-1.4	4.4	STANLY	5.1	5.7	3.5	-0.6	1.6
FORSYTH	6.3	7.2	3.4	-0.9	2.9	STOKES	5.4	5.9	3.3	-0.5	2.1
FRANKLIN	6.0	6.7	3.6	-0.7	2.4	SURRY	5.2	5.8	3.5	-0.6	1.7
GASTON	6.8	7.7	3.5	-0.9	3.3	SWAIN	5.0	5.8	3.2	-0.8	1.8
GATES	5.0	5.3	3.7	-0.3	1.3	TRANSYLVANIA	4.8	5.3	3.4	-0.5	1.4
GRAHAM	7.0	7.5	4.5	-0.5	2.5	TYRRELL	6.8	7.5	5.2	-0.7	1.6
GRANVILLE	5.0	5.6	3.1	-0.6	1.9	UNION	4.9	5.6	3.1	-0.7	1.8
GREENE	5.2	5.7	3.4	-0.5	1.8	VANCE	9.1	10.0	5.4	-0.9	3.7
GUILFORD	7.3	8.3	3.7	-1.0	3.6	WAKE	5.3	6.1	3.0	-0.8	2.3
HALIFAX	8.6	9.5	5.5	-0.9	3.1	WARREN	8.5	9.5	5.3	-1.0	3.2
HARNETT	6.4	6.9	4.1	-0.5	2.3	WASHINGTON	7.6	8.5	5.3	-0.9	2.3
HAYWOOD	5.8	6.8	3.0	-1.0	2.8	WATAUGA	4.1	4.6	3.0	-0.5	1.1
HENDERSON	5.3	6.0	3.0	-0.7	2.3	WAYNE	5.9	6.4	3.8	-0.5	2.1
HERTFORD	6.1	6.7	4.5	-0.6	1.6	WILKES	5.3	5.8	3.8	-0.5	1.5
HOKE	7.7	8.5	4.7	-0.8	3.0	WILSON	7.7	8.5	5.3	-0.8	2.4
HYDE	6.4	7.5	9.2	-1.1	-2.8	YADKIN	5.3	5.9	3.1	-0.6	2.2
IREDELL	5.8	6.7	3.3	-0.9	2.5	YANCEY	5.3	5.7	3.3	-0.4	2.0
JACKSON	5.1	5.9	3.5	-0.8	1.6						

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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	224,477	13,216	5.9
BURLINGTON	81,056	4,865	6.0
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,343,572	80,661	6.0
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	297,536	15,646	5.3
FAYETTEVILLE	143,110	11,854	8.3
GOLDSBORO	49,654	2,915	5.9
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	359,372	25,055	7.0
GREENVILLE	86,642	5,206	6.0
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	166,767	10,155	6.1
JACKSONVILLE	65,540	3,879	5.9
NEW BERN	50,405	2,843	5.6
RALEIGH	710,105	37,937	5.3
ROCKY MOUNT	63,656	5,239	8.2
WILMINGTON	147,485	8,173	5.5
WINSTON-SALEM	323,503	19,462	6.0

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,655	1,558	5.1
BOONE	30,991	1,261	4.1
BREVARD	14,611	695	4.8
CULLOWHEE	20,799	1,060	5.1
DUNN	53,370	3,396	6.4
ELIZABETH CITY	26,406	1,485	5.6
FOREST CITY	25,636	1,887	7.4
HENDERSON	17,963	1,626	9.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,452	1,171	6.0
KINSTON	28,847	1,618	5.6
LAURINBURG	12,267	1,289	10.5
LUMBERTON	50,789	4,208	8.3
MARION	20,637	1,181	5.7
MOREHEAD CITY	31,516	1,506	4.8
MOUNT AIRY	34,068	1,762	5.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	29,669	1,573	5.3
OXFORD	29,807	1,482	5.0
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	42,678	2,326	5.5
ROANOKE RAPIDS	28,077	2,272	8.1
ROCKINGHAM	17,236	1,419	8.2
SANFORD	25,976	1,707	6.6
SHELBY	50,328	3,387	6.7
WASHINGTON	19,287	1,090	5.7
WILSON	34,714	2,685	7.7

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
October 2020*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	239,088	13,911	5.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,424,555	85,606	6.0
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	206,166	17,351	8.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	797,999	51,144	6.4
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	105,929	6,296	5.9
HICKORY-LENOIR	187,404	11,336	6.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	81,921	4,349	5.3
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,134,757	61,794	5.4
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	126,447	10,196	8.1

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	5.9	6.9	2.8	-1.0	3.1
BURLINGTON	6.0	6.8	3.4	-0.8	2.6
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	6.0	7.0	3.2	-1.0	2.8
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	5.3	6.0	3.1	-0.7	2.2
FAYETTEVILLE	8.3	9.3	4.7	-1.0	3.6
GOLDSBORO	5.9	6.4	3.8	-0.5	2.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	7.0	7.9	3.7	-0.9	3.3
GREENVILLE	6.0	7.0	3.8	-1.0	2.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	6.1	7.0	3.4	-0.9	2.7
JACKSONVILLE	5.9	6.6	4.3	-0.7	1.6
NEW BERN	5.6	6.2	3.6	-0.6	2.0
RALEIGH	5.3	6.1	3.1	-0.8	2.2
ROCKY MOUNT	8.2	9.4	4.7	-1.2	3.5
WILMINGTON	5.5	6.3	3.2	-0.8	2.3
WINSTON-SALEM	6.0	6.8	3.3	-0.8	2.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	5.1	5.7	3.5	-0.6	1.6
BOONE	4.1	4.6	3.0	-0.5	1.1
BREVARD	4.8	5.3	3.4	-0.5	1.4
CULLOWHEE	5.1	5.9	3.5	-0.8	1.6
DUNN	6.4	6.9	4.1	-0.5	2.3
ELIZABETH CITY	5.6	6.1	4.1	-0.5	1.5
FOREST CITY	7.4	8.3	4.5	-0.9	2.9
HENDERSON	9.1	10.0	5.4	-0.9	3.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	6.0	6.6	3.5	-0.6	2.5
KINSTON	5.6	6.1	3.5	-0.5	2.1
LAURINBURG	10.5	11.9	6.3	-1.4	4.2
LUMBERTON	8.3	9.2	5.0	-0.9	3.3
MARION	5.7	6.0	4.2	-0.3	1.5
MOREHEAD CITY	4.8	5.2	3.5	-0.4	1.3
MOUNT AIRY	5.2	5.8	3.5	-0.6	1.7
NORTH WILKESBORO	5.3	5.8	3.8	-0.5	1.5
OXFORD	5.0	5.6	3.1	-0.6	1.9
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	5.5	6.2	3.5	-0.7	2.0
ROANOKE RAPIDS	8.1	8.9	5.3	-0.8	2.8
ROCKINGHAM	8.2	9.1	5.1	-0.9	3.1
SANFORD	6.6	7.3	4.0	-0.7	2.6
SHELBY	6.7	7.5	3.7	-0.8	3.0
WASHINGTON	5.7	6.3	4.2	-0.6	1.5
WILSON	7.7	8.5	5.3	-0.8	2.4

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

Combined Statistical Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	5.8	6.8	2.9	-1.0	2.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	6.0	7.0	3.2	-1.0	2.8
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	8.4	9.4	4.8	-1.0	3.6
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	6.4	7.3	3.5	-0.9	2.9
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	5.9	6.8	3.9	-0.9	2.0
HICKORY-LENOIR	6.0	6.9	3.5	-0.9	2.5
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	5.3	5.8	3.6	-0.5	1.7
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	5.4	6.2	3.2	-0.8	2.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	8.1	9.0	5.0	-0.9	3.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
WATAUGA	30,991	1,261	4.1%	1	CABARRUS	107,118	6,245	5.8%	51
ORANGE	76,596	3,345	4.4%	2	IREDELL	87,946	5,134	5.8%	52
CAMDEN	4,641	211	4.5%	3	WAYNE	49,654	2,915	5.9%	53
CURRITUCK	13,869	632	4.6%	4	RANDOLPH	64,131	3,772	5.9%	54
AVERY	8,029	370	4.6%	5	ONslow	65,540	3,879	5.9%	55
CHATHAM	34,918	1,610	4.6%	6	CHEROKEE	11,451	681	5.9%	56
ASHE	13,497	632	4.7%	7	CLAY	4,295	256	6.0%	57
TRANSYLVANIA	14,611	695	4.8%	8	FRANKLIN	30,652	1,827	6.0%	58
DUPLIN	25,730	1,224	4.8%	9	DARE	18,083	1,078	6.0%	59
CARTERET	31,516	1,506	4.8%	10	PASQUOTANK	16,780	1,003	6.0%	60
SAMPSON	30,164	1,461	4.8%	11	ALAMANCE	81,056	4,865	6.0%	61
UNION	120,886	5,882	4.9%	12	PITT	86,642	5,206	6.0%	62
JONES	4,336	213	4.9%	13	PERSON	18,067	1,096	6.1%	63
SWAIN	7,702	382	5.0%	14	HERTFORD	9,412	575	6.1%	64
GATES	5,279	262	5.0%	15	BLADEN	15,324	940	6.1%	65
GRANVILLE	29,807	1,482	5.0%	16	BUNCOMBE	134,318	8,283	6.2%	66
PAMLICO	5,216	260	5.0%	17	CATAWBA	75,407	4,662	6.2%	67
STANLY	30,655	1,558	5.1%	18	ROWAN	65,218	4,117	6.3%	68
JACKSON	20,799	1,060	5.1%	19	FORSYTH	185,105	11,745	6.3%	69
CHOWAN	5,679	292	5.1%	20	HARNETT	53,370	3,396	6.4%	70
POLK	9,002	463	5.1%	21	MARTIN	8,944	572	6.4%	71
SURRY	34,068	1,762	5.2%	22	CASWELL	9,748	624	6.4%	72
MACON	15,926	830	5.2%	23	MITCHELL	6,068	390	6.4%	73
GREENE	9,724	509	5.2%	24	HYDE	1,863	120	6.4%	74
YADKIN	17,426	916	5.3%	25	LEE	25,976	1,707	6.6%	75
YANCEY	8,328	438	5.3%	26	CALDWELL	35,049	2,310	6.6%	76
PENDER	27,821	1,468	5.3%	27	MECKLENBURG	615,499	41,054	6.7%	77
DAVIE	20,250	1,069	5.3%	28	NORTHAMPTON	7,675	516	6.7%	78
WILKES	29,669	1,573	5.3%	29	CLEVELAND	50,328	3,387	6.7%	79
WAKE	582,478	30,952	5.3%	30	GASTON	109,749	7,415	6.8%	80
JOHNSTON	96,975	5,158	5.3%	31	TYRRELL	1,369	93	6.8%	81
HENDERSON	52,171	2,781	5.3%	32	ROCKINGHAM	38,997	2,668	6.8%	82
LINCOLN	42,626	2,278	5.3%	33	BRUNSWICK	51,006	3,549	7.0%	83
STOKES	21,287	1,141	5.4%	34	GRAHAM	3,441	242	7.0%	84
MADISON	9,595	519	5.4%	35	ANSON	10,820	781	7.2%	85
ALEXANDER	17,212	935	5.4%	36	COLUMBUS	23,406	1,691	7.2%	86
PERQUIMANS	4,985	271	5.4%	37	GUILFORD	256,244	18,615	7.3%	87
MOORE	42,678	2,326	5.5%	38	RUTHERFORD	25,636	1,887	7.4%	88
ALLEGHANY	4,637	254	5.5%	39	NASH	42,450	3,158	7.4%	89
NEW HANOVER	119,664	6,705	5.6%	40	WASHINGTON	4,355	333	7.6%	90
LENOIR	28,847	1,618	5.6%	41	HOKE	19,459	1,502	7.7%	91
BEAUFORT	19,287	1,090	5.7%	42	WILSON	34,714	2,685	7.7%	92
DURHAM	167,955	9,595	5.7%	43	RICHMOND	17,236	1,419	8.2%	93
MONTGOMERY	11,548	660	5.7%	44	ROBESON	50,789	4,208	8.3%	94
MCDOWELL	20,637	1,181	5.7%	45	CUMBERLAND	123,651	10,352	8.4%	95
BURKE	39,099	2,248	5.7%	46	WARREN	6,754	575	8.5%	96
HAYWOOD	28,393	1,633	5.8%	47	HALIFAX	20,402	1,756	8.6%	97
DAVIDSON	79,435	4,591	5.8%	48	VANCE	17,963	1,626	9.1%	98
BERTIE	7,893	457	5.8%	49	EDGEcombe	21,206	2,081	9.8%	99
CRAVEN	40,853	2,370	5.8%	50	SCOTLAND	12,267	1,289	10.5%	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.

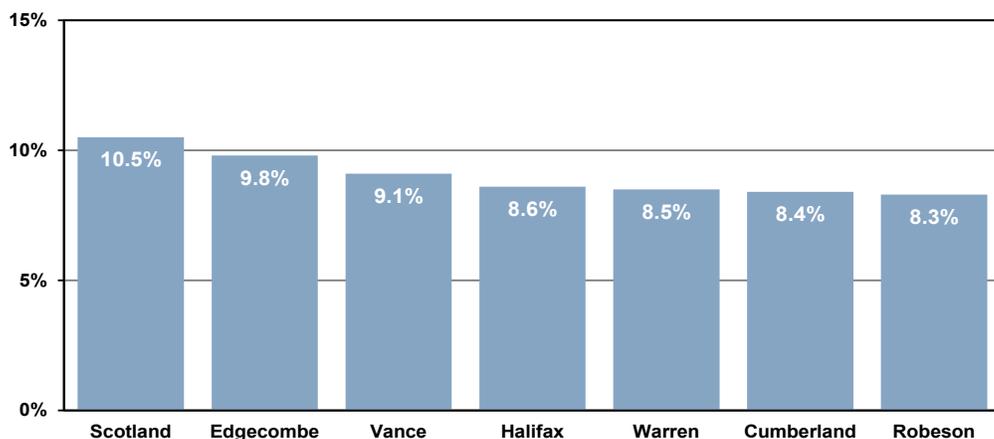
Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for November 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 October 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

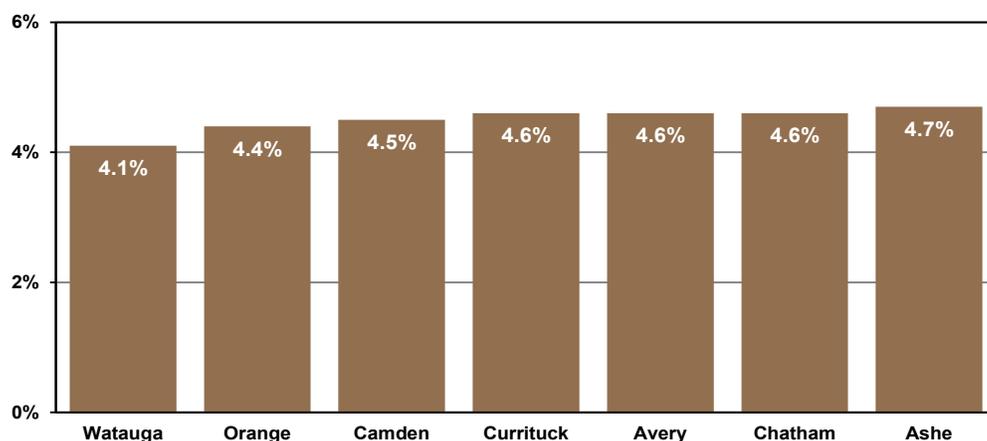


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 6.1 percent in October. This decreased 0.8 of a percentage point from September's revised rate, and grew 2.6 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Sixty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 6.1 percent rate.

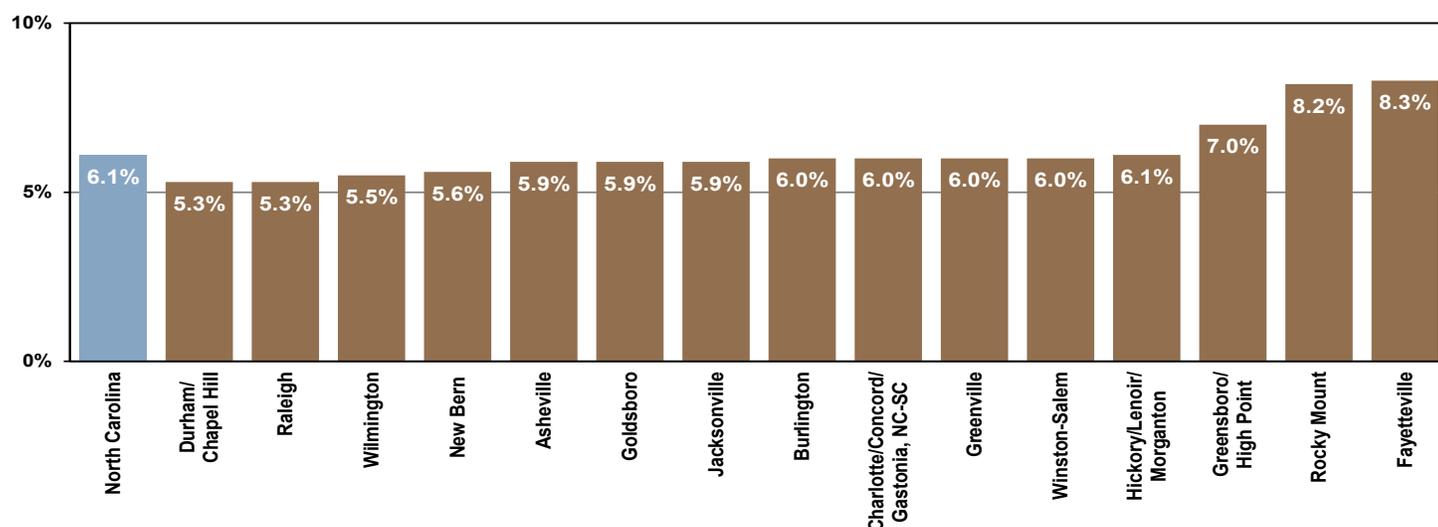
Scotland County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 10.5 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 9.8 percent. Watauga had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates October 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in October at 8.3 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 8.2 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 5.3 percent, followed by Wilmington at 5.5 percent, and New Bern at 5.6 percent.

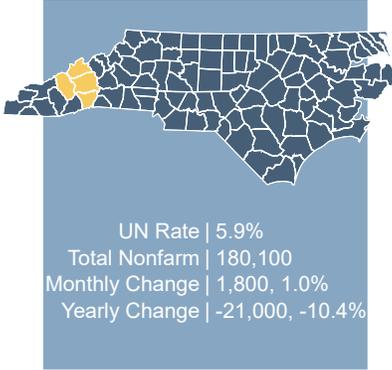
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates October 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



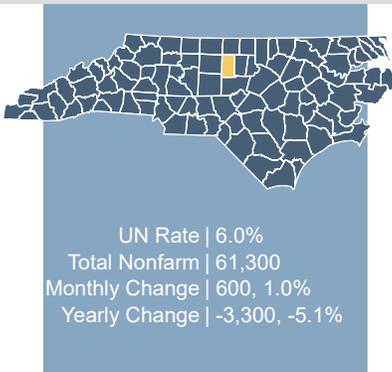
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	300 1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.3%
Education & Health Services	400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.5%
Other Services	100 1.3%
Government	100 0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.0%
Manufacturing	-1,700 -7.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,100 -3.0%
Information	-500 -26.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.2%
Education & Health Services	-4,100 -10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,400 -33.2%
Other Services	-1,300 -14.0%
Government	-1,700 -6.3%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



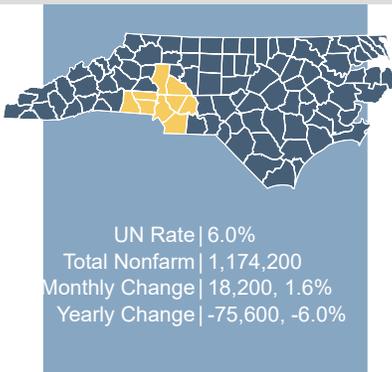
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 4.0%
Education & Health Services	-300 -2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 5.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.9%
Manufacturing	-1,100 -11.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -5.3%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -3.7%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-900 -10.7%
Other Services	-300 -13.0%
Government	-100 -1.4%

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



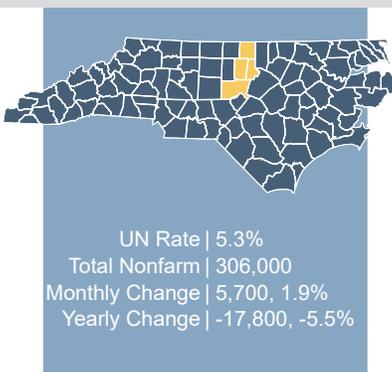
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 0.3%
Manufacturing	900 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,500 1.0%
Information	300 1.3%
Financial Activities	1,000 0.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,600 2.7%
Education & Health Services	2,200 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 3.2%
Other Services	300 0.8%
Government	1,800 1.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-700 -1.0%
Manufacturing	-6,400 -5.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,300 -2.1%
Information	-1,300 -5.4%
Financial Activities	3,600 3.4%
Professional & Business Services	-5,400 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	-10,000 -7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-36,300 -25.0%
Other Services	-2,000 -4.8%
Government	-11,800 -7.4%

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	200 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.8%
Information	100 2.2%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	2,500 6.0%
Education & Health Services	500 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 3.4%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	1,100 1.6%

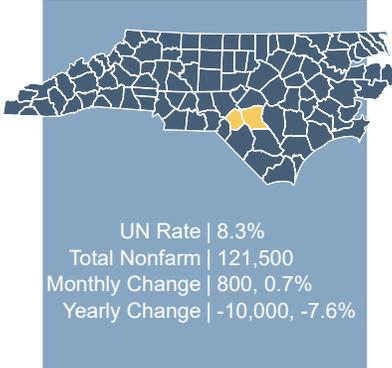
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	-6,800 -24.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100 -2.4%
Education & Health Services	-1,800 -2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-9,600 -34.2%
Other Services	-400 -3.4%
Government	1,800 2.6%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



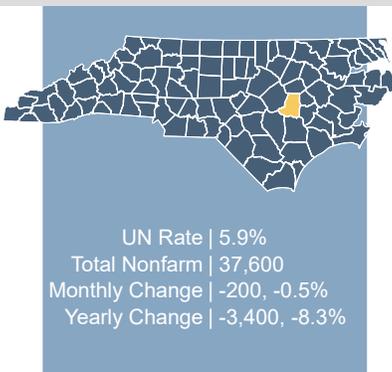
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.9%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 5.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -10.3%
Manufacturing	-900 -10.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.3%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-200 -5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -5.4%
Education & Health Services	-1,500 -9.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,000 -17.9%
Other Services	-1,000 -21.7%
Government	-2,400 -5.9%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



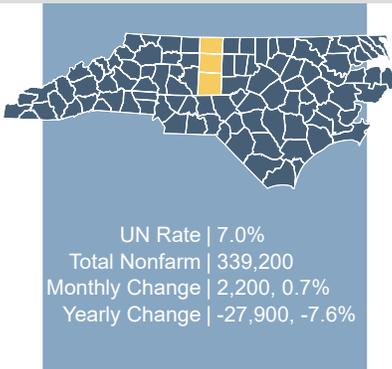
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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 | October 2020



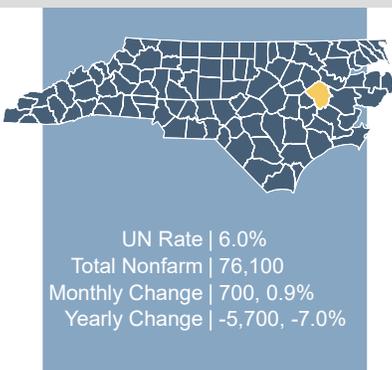
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.4%
Information	100 2.4%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	500 1.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 1.7%
Other Services	100 0.8%
Government	600 1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-8,700 -16.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -0.9%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-3,300 -6.9%
Education & Health Services	-4,200 -8.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,000 -20.7%
Other Services	-300 -2.4%
Government	-2,300 -5.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.6%
Manufacturing	100 1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 4.8%
Education & Health Services	100 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

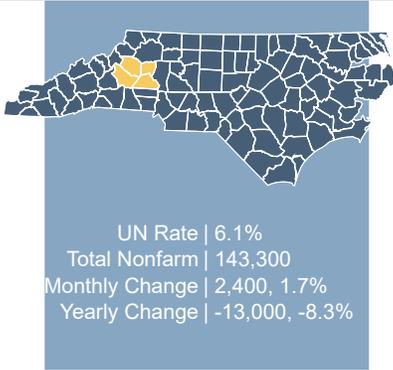
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-600 -8.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 5.0%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -8.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.6%
Education & Health Services	400 4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,500 -26.3%
Other Services	-300 -13.6%
Government	-3,100 -11.0%

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



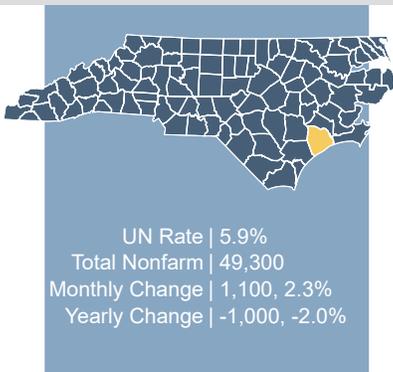
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.3%
Manufacturing	800 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.7%
Information	100 14.3%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 2.9%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 4.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-5,700 -13.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -4.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	-2,100 -10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,300 -16.3%
Other Services	-300 -6.7%
Government	-1,100 -4.7%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



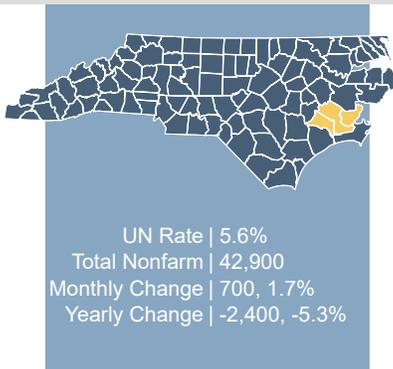
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 2.1%

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%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



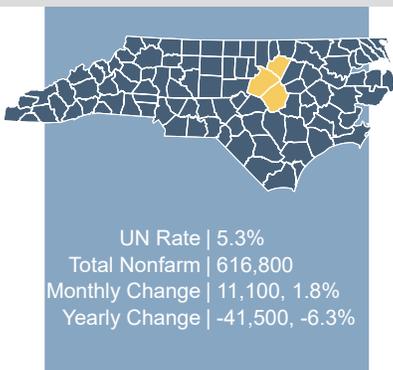
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.5%

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	-700 -4.8%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 2.4%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,400 2.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,400 1.9%
Education & Health Services	900 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 6.5%
Other Services	300 1.2%
Government	900 1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,300 3.1%
Manufacturing	-4,000 -10.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-800 -0.7%
Information	-700 -3.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.3%
Professional & Business Services	2,700 2.1%
Education & Health Services	-11,400 -13.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-19,000 -25.4%
Other Services	-1,300 -5.0%
Government	-8,200 -8.1%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 8.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 53,000
 Monthly Change | 1,100, 2.1%
 Yearly Change | -4,000, -7.0%

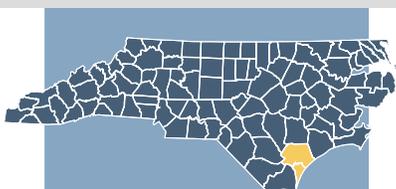
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.6%
Manufacturing	300	3.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.6%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	200	3.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	2.7%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,800	-17.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	600	12.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,100	-15.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,900	-33.3%
Other Services	*	
Government	-1,700	-15.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 5.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 124,000
 Monthly Change | 800, 0.6%
 Yearly Change | -10,500, -7.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.1%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500	3.1%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.4%
Other Services	100	1.9%
Government	-200	-0.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.2%
Manufacturing	1,000	16.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	-200	-6.5%
Financial Activities	-600	-9.4%
Professional & Business Services	-600	-3.5%
Education & Health Services	-1,600	-10.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,900	-28.2%
Other Services	-200	-3.5%
Government	-2,200	-9.1%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2020



UN Rate | 6.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 257,900
 Monthly Change | 4,500, 1.8%
 Yearly Change | -15,600, -5.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	400	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,800	5.3%
Education & Health Services	500	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	4.3%
Other Services	100	1.2%
Government	300	1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,000	-8.6%
Manufacturing	-1,300	-3.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200	-2.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,400	-3.7%
Education & Health Services	-4,000	-7.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,500	-18.6%
Other Services	-600	-6.7%
Government	-500	-1.6%

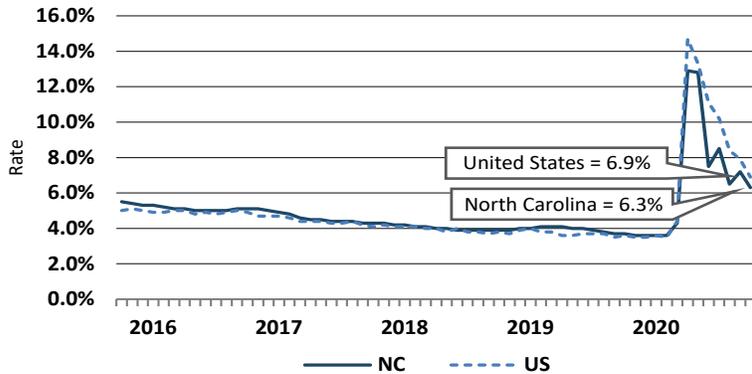
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Over the month, 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 18,200, followed by Raleigh, 11,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,700; Winston-Salem, 4,500; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 2,400. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage increase at 2.3% followed by Rocky Mount, 2.1%, Durham/Chapel Hill, 1.9%, Raleigh, 1.8%, and Winston-Salem, 1.8%. 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. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 75,600, followed by Raleigh, 41,500; Greensboro/High Point, 27,900; Asheville; 21,000; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 17,800. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 10.4%, followed by Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 8.3%; Goldsboro, 8.3%; Wilmington, 7.8% Greensboro/High Point, 7.6%; and Fayetteville, 7.6%.

North Carolina continues to keep pace with the national growth trend, with a net gain of 26,400 jobs in October. The labor market is improving as unemployment trends downward and labor force participation trends upward; however, the number of people with jobs still remains below pre-pandemic levels. Business contacts surveyed by the Richmond Fed expect conditions in the Carolinas to continue improving over the next six months.

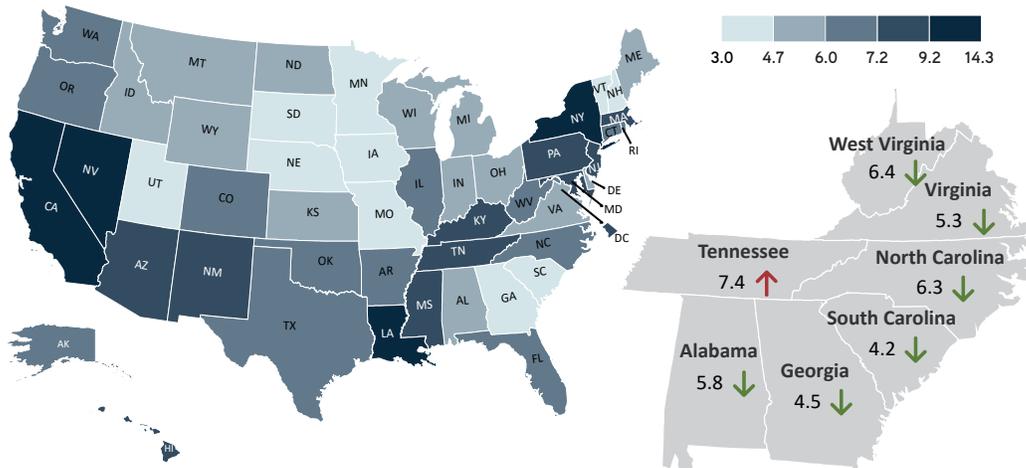
Unemployment Rate Trend



NC
↑ 0.8 percentage points from 5.5% in October 2015

US
↑ 1.9 percentage points from 5.0% in October 2015

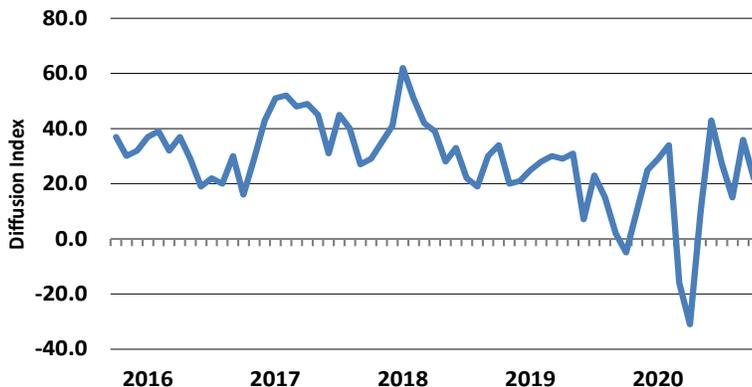
Unemployment Rate Comparison



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.

NC
6.3%

US
6.9%

Unemployment Rate Change
↓ 0.9 ↓ 1.0

Change in Employed
↑ 79,754 (1.8%) ↑ 2,243,000 (1.5%)

Change in Unemployed
↓ 41,542 (11.8%) ↓ 1,519,000 (12.1%)

Labor Force Participation Rate
↑ 0.4 to 58.9% ↑ 0.3 to 61.7%

Data

Industry Employment
4,346,400 Total Nonfarm Jobs
↑ 26,400 over the month
↓ 238,200 over the year

Initial UI Claims
66,331 Individuals Filing
↑ 13,167 over the month
↑ 51,485 over the year
Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA (not SA)

Real Taxable Retail Sales
↓ \$300.1M over the month
↑ \$421.7M over the year
Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: September 2020 data most current available at time of release.

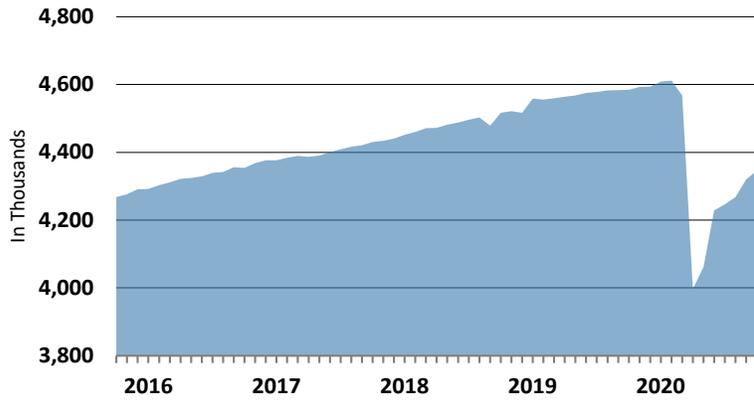
Residential Building Permits
↓ 3.0% over the month
↑ 4.7% over the year
Source: United States Census Bureau
Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Job Postings
↑ 3.2% over the month
↓ 9.1% over the year
Source: LEAD; The Conference Board
Note: September 2020 data most current available at time of release.

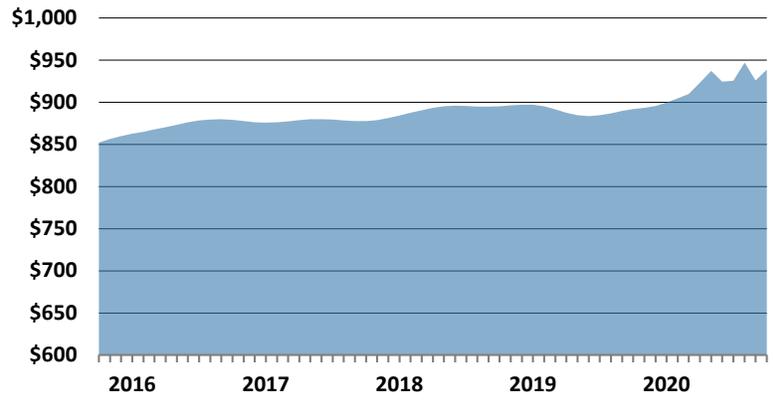
Manufacturing Hours Worked
↑ 0.7% over the month
↑ 2.5% over the year
Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

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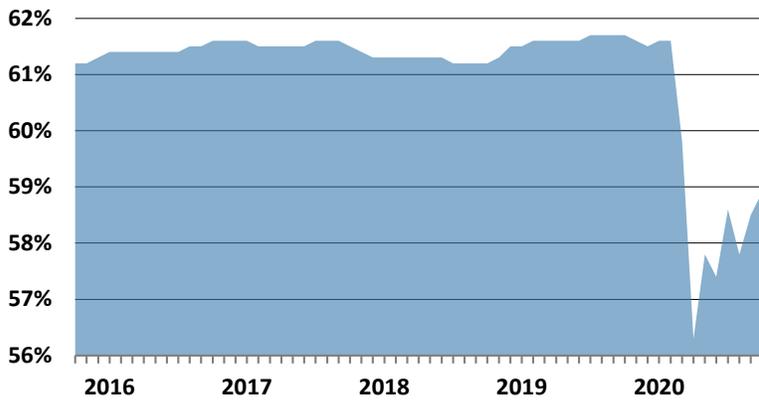
Total Nonfarm Jobs



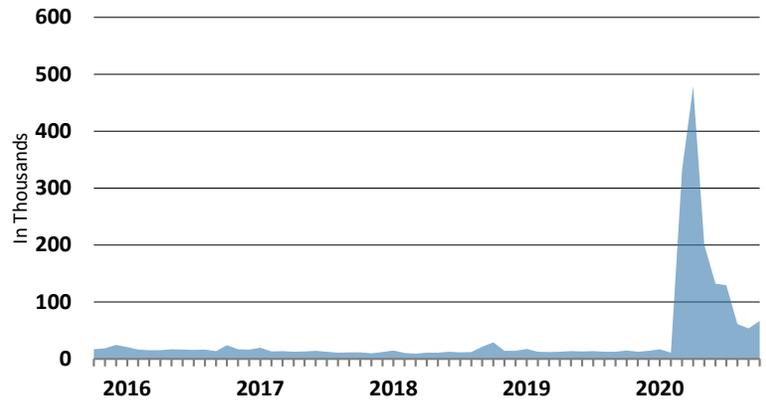
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

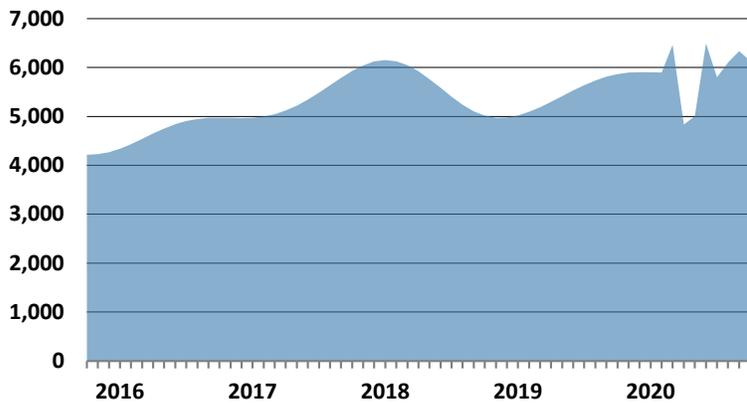


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims



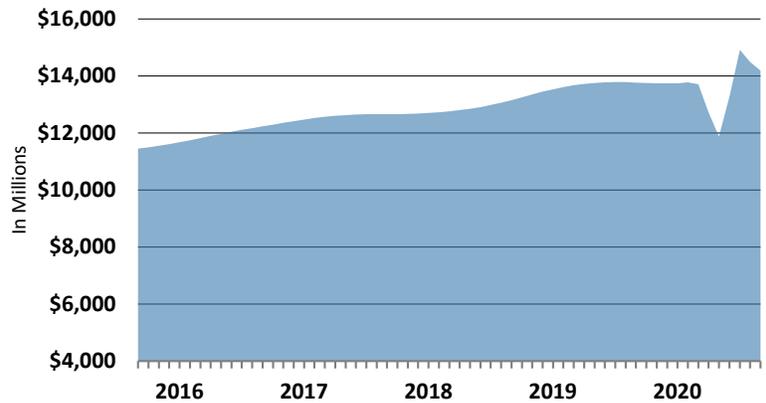
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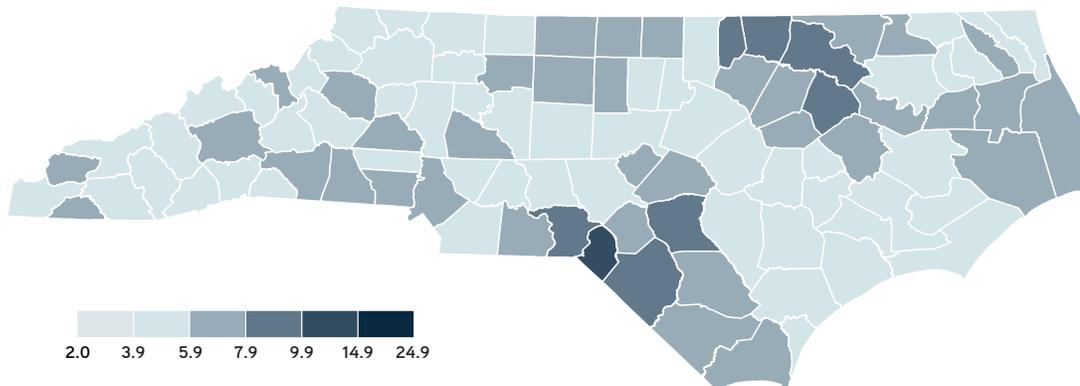
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Real Taxable Retail Sales



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



Lowest	
Watauga	4.1%
Orange	4.4%
Camden	4.5%
Currituck	4.6%
Avery	4.6%
Highest	
Scotland	10.5%
Edgecombe	9.8%
Vance	9.1%
Halifax	8.6%
Warren	8.5%

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