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North Carolina's October County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 99 of North Carolina's counties in October and decreased in one. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.5 percent while Orange County had the lowest at 3.1 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.2 percent while Asheville, Durham-Chapel Hill, and Raleigh each had the lowest at 3.3 percent. The October not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.9 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
October	82	18	0
September (Revised)	92	8	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 61 counties, increased in 30 counties, and remained unchanged in nine. Twelve of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year, one increased, and two remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in October by 2,629 to 4,947,826, while those unemployed increased by 32,875 to 202,689. Since October 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 135,671, while those unemployed decreased 6,888.

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 16, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for November 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
October 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,150,515	202,689	3.9				
ALAMANCE	83,321	3,254	3.9	JOHNSTON	107,550	3,798	3.5
ALEXANDER	17,796	627	3.5	JONES	4,264	160	3.8
ALLEGHANY	4,455	178	4.0	LEE	26,524	1,212	4.6
ANSON	10,326	507	4.9	LENOIR	27,207	1,071	3.9
ASHE	13,348	471	3.5	LINCOLN	46,364	1,555	3.4
AVERY	7,870	266	3.4	MCDOWELL	19,596	763	3.9
BEAUFORT	20,006	833	4.2	MACON	15,902	595	3.7
BERTIE	7,429	374	5.0	MADISON	10,038	364	3.6
BLADEN	14,000	697	5.0	MARTIN	8,709	416	4.8
BRUNSWICK	56,425	2,880	5.1	MECKLENBURG	651,555	24,693	3.8
BUNCOMBE	141,359	4,515	3.2	MITCHELL	6,009	269	4.5
BURKE	40,361	1,535	3.8	MONTGOMERY	11,443	439	3.8
CABARRUS	115,953	4,217	3.6	MOORE	41,345	1,646	4.0
CALDWELL	35,923	1,403	3.9	NASH	41,849	2,326	5.6
CAMDEN	4,658	178	3.8	NEW HANOVER	128,064	4,500	3.5
CARTERET	31,871	1,174	3.7	NORTHAMPTON	7,154	366	5.1
CASWELL	9,835	414	4.2	ONSLOW	67,211	3,111	4.6
CATAWBA	78,332	2,958	3.8	ORANGE	82,950	2,587	3.1
CHATHAM	38,224	1,274	3.3	PAMLICO	5,393	211	3.9
CHEROKEE	10,881	476	4.4	PASQUOTANK	16,619	772	4.6
CHOWAN	5,767	251	4.4	PENDER	30,504	1,149	3.8
CLAY	4,068	185	4.5	PERQUIMANS	4,966	226	4.6
CLEVELAND	48,868	2,064	4.2	PERSON	19,198	775	4.0
COLUMBUS	23,260	1,094	4.7	PITT	88,989	3,743	4.2
CRAVEN	41,192	1,678	4.1	POLK	9,520	386	4.1
CUMBERLAND	128,492	7,310	5.7	RANDOLPH	65,814	2,594	3.9
CURRITUCK	14,559	501	3.4	RICHMOND	16,414	976	5.9
DARE	20,360	763	3.7	ROBESON	48,025	3,018	6.3
DAVIDSON	81,428	3,063	3.8	ROCKINGHAM	39,791	1,802	4.5
DAVIE	20,781	762	3.7	ROWAN	67,711	2,612	3.9
DUPLIN	24,683	954	3.9	RUTHERFORD	24,332	1,314	5.4
DURHAM	182,182	6,099	3.3	SAMPSON	28,685	1,099	3.8
EDGECOMBE	20,137	1,512	7.5	SCOTLAND	11,188	823	7.4
FORSYTH	188,465	7,471	4.0	STANLY	30,529	1,104	3.6
FRANKLIN	33,807	1,307	3.9	STOKES	21,669	780	3.6
GASTON	114,604	4,589	4.0	SURRY	31,852	1,201	3.8
GATES	5,116	203	4.0	SWAIN	7,363	239	3.2
GRAHAM	3,053	161	5.3	TRANSYLVANIA	14,927	560	3.8
GRANVILLE	30,487	1,029	3.4	TYRRELL	1,356	73	5.4
GREENE	9,579	326	3.4	UNION	130,222	4,325	3.3
GUILFORD	261,756	11,520	4.4	VANCE	16,623	1,111	6.7
HALIFAX	19,034	1,211	6.4	WAKE	627,039	20,544	3.3
HARNETT	55,312	2,439	4.4	WARREN	6,554	459	7.0
HAYWOOD	30,065	1,031	3.4	WASHINGTON	4,361	249	5.7
HENDERSON	55,353	1,904	3.4	WATAUGA	29,451	996	3.4
HERTFORD	8,611	479	5.6	WAYNE	51,421	2,158	4.2
HOKE	20,443	1,126	5.5	WILKES	26,824	1,106	4.1
HYDE	1,838	86	4.7	WILSON	32,884	1,884	5.7
IREDELL	94,575	3,470	3.7	YADKIN	17,658	627	3.6
JACKSON	20,265	772	3.8	YANCEY	8,387	313	3.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.9	3.3	4.2	0.6	-0.3						
ALAMANCE	3.9	3.3	4.1	0.6	-0.2	JOHNSTON	3.5	3.0	3.7	0.5	-0.2
ALEXANDER	3.5	2.8	3.6	0.7	-0.1	JONES	3.8	3.0	3.6	0.8	0.2
ALLEGHANY	4.0	3.2	3.7	0.8	0.3	LEE	4.6	3.8	4.9	0.8	-0.3
ANSON	4.9	4.2	6.1	0.7	-1.2	LENOIR	3.9	3.3	4.6	0.6	-0.7
ASHE	3.5	3.0	3.3	0.5	0.2	LINCOLN	3.4	2.7	3.5	0.7	-0.1
AVERY	3.4	2.7	3.2	0.7	0.2	MCDOWELL	3.9	3.2	3.9	0.7	0.0
BEAUFORT	4.2	3.5	4.2	0.7	0.0	MACON	3.7	3.0	3.4	0.7	0.3
BERTIE	5.0	4.4	5.2	0.6	-0.2	MADISON	3.6	3.0	3.5	0.6	0.1
BLADEN	5.0	4.2	5.4	0.8	-0.4	MARTIN	4.8	4.1	4.8	0.7	0.0
BRUNSWICK	5.1	4.2	5.1	0.9	0.0	MECKLENBURG	3.8	3.2	4.3	0.6	-0.5
BUNCOMBE	3.2	2.6	3.4	0.6	-0.2	MITCHELL	4.5	3.6	4.4	0.9	0.1
BURKE	3.8	3.1	3.9	0.7	-0.1	MONTGOMERY	3.8	3.3	4.1	0.5	-0.3
CABARRUS	3.6	3.1	3.8	0.5	-0.2	MOORE	4.0	3.3	4.0	0.7	0.0
CALDWELL	3.9	3.2	4.2	0.7	-0.3	NASH	5.6	4.9	5.8	0.7	-0.2
CAMDEN	3.8	3.2	3.4	0.6	0.4	NEW HANOVER	3.5	2.9	3.6	0.6	-0.1
CARTERET	3.7	3.0	3.5	0.7	0.2	NORTHAMPTON	5.1	4.3	5.5	0.8	-0.4
CASWELL	4.2	3.6	4.7	0.6	-0.5	ONSLOW	4.6	3.9	4.4	0.7	0.2
CATAWBA	3.8	3.1	4.0	0.7	-0.2	ORANGE	3.1	2.6	2.9	0.5	0.2
CHATHAM	3.3	2.7	3.1	0.6	0.2	PAMLICO	3.9	3.1	3.8	0.8	0.1
CHEROKEE	4.4	3.5	4.3	0.9	0.1	PASQUOTANK	4.6	4.0	4.5	0.6	0.1
CHOWAN	4.4	3.7	4.2	0.7	0.2	PENDER	3.8	3.1	3.6	0.7	0.2
CLAY	4.5	3.8	4.1	0.7	0.4	PERQUIMANS	4.6	3.8	4.5	0.8	0.1
CLEVELAND	4.2	3.6	4.6	0.6	-0.4	PERSON	4.0	3.2	4.3	0.8	-0.3
COLUMBUS	4.7	4.1	5.5	0.6	-0.8	PITT	4.2	3.7	4.4	0.5	-0.2
CRAVEN	4.1	3.3	4.0	0.8	0.1	POLK	4.1	3.2	4.4	0.9	-0.3
CUMBERLAND	5.7	4.9	6.2	0.8	-0.5	RANDOLPH	3.9	3.3	4.0	0.6	-0.1
CURRITUCK	3.4	2.8	3.2	0.6	0.2	RICHMOND	5.9	5.2	6.7	0.7	-0.8
DARE	3.7	3.0	4.1	0.7	-0.4	ROBESON	6.3	5.5	6.9	0.8	-0.6
DAVIDSON	3.8	3.1	3.9	0.7	-0.1	ROCKINGHAM	4.5	3.8	4.8	0.7	-0.3
DAVIE	3.7	3.0	3.7	0.7	0.0	ROWAN	3.9	3.3	4.2	0.6	-0.3
DUPLIN	3.9	3.3	3.8	0.6	0.1	RUTHERFORD	5.4	4.5	5.7	0.9	-0.3
DURHAM	3.3	2.7	3.5	0.6	-0.2	SAMPSON	3.8	3.3	4.0	0.5	-0.2
EDGECOMBE	7.5	6.8	8.3	0.7	-0.8	SCOTLAND	7.4	6.5	8.7	0.9	-1.3
FORSYTH	4.0	3.4	4.3	0.6	-0.3	STANLY	3.6	3.0	3.8	0.6	-0.2
FRANKLIN	3.9	3.2	4.2	0.7	-0.3	STOKES	3.6	3.0	3.5	0.6	0.1
GASTON	4.0	3.4	4.6	0.6	-0.6	SURRY	3.8	3.1	3.7	0.7	0.1
GATES	4.0	3.3	3.7	0.7	0.3	SWAIN	3.2	2.7	3.5	0.5	-0.3
GRAHAM	5.3	4.4	5.7	0.9	-0.4	TRANSYLVANIA	3.8	3.0	3.5	0.8	0.3
GRANVILLE	3.4	2.8	3.5	0.6	-0.1	TYRRELL	5.4	4.6	6.3	0.8	-0.9
GREENE	3.4	2.9	3.7	0.5	-0.3	UNION	3.3	2.8	3.4	0.5	-0.1
GUILFORD	4.4	3.8	4.9	0.6	-0.5	VANCE	6.7	5.9	7.3	0.8	-0.6
HALIFAX	6.4	5.6	6.9	0.8	-0.5	WAKE	3.3	2.7	3.4	0.6	-0.1
HARNETT	4.4	3.7	4.6	0.7	-0.2	WARREN	7.0	7.7	7.0	-0.7	0.0
HAYWOOD	3.4	2.7	3.5	0.7	-0.1	WASHINGTON	5.7	4.7	6.1	1.0	-0.4
HENDERSON	3.4	2.8	3.4	0.6	0.0	WATAUGA	3.4	2.9	3.1	0.5	0.3
HERTFORD	5.6	4.7	6.0	0.9	-0.4	WAYNE	4.2	3.5	4.4	0.7	-0.2
HOKE	5.5	4.8	5.6	0.7	-0.1	WILKES	4.1	3.4	4.1	0.7	0.0
HYDE	4.7	4.0	4.9	0.7	-0.2	WILSON	5.7	5.1	6.2	0.6	-0.5
IREDELL	3.7	3.0	4.0	0.7	-0.3	YADKIN	3.6	2.9	3.5	0.7	0.1
JACKSON	3.8	3.2	3.7	0.6	0.1	YANCEY	3.7	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.1

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	236,815	7,814	3.3
BURLINGTON	83,321	3,254	3.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,428,770	52,877	3.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	322,554	10,735	3.3
FAYETTEVILLE	148,935	8,436	5.7
GOLDSBORO	51,421	2,158	4.2
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	367,361	15,916	4.3
GREENVILLE	88,989	3,743	4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	172,412	6,523	3.8
JACKSONVILLE	67,211	3,111	4.6
NEW BERN	50,849	2,049	4.0
RALEIGH	768,396	25,649	3.3
ROCKY MOUNT	61,986	3,838	6.2
WILMINGTON	158,568	5,649	3.6
WINSTON-SALEM	330,001	12,703	3.8

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,529	1,104	3.6
BOONE	29,451	996	3.4
BREVARD	14,927	560	3.8
CULLOWHEE	20,265	772	3.8
DUNN	55,312	2,439	4.4
ELIZABETH CITY	26,243	1,176	4.5
FOREST CITY	24,332	1,314	5.4
HENDERSON	16,623	1,111	6.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,716	836	3.8
KINSTON	27,207	1,071	3.9
LAURINBURG	11,188	823	7.4
LUMBERTON	48,025	3,018	6.3
MARION	19,596	763	3.9
MOREHEAD CITY	31,871	1,174	3.7
MOUNT AIRY	31,852	1,201	3.8
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,824	1,106	4.1
OXFORD	30,487	1,029	3.4
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	41,345	1,646	4.0
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,188	1,577	6.0
ROCKINGHAM	16,414	976	5.9
SANFORD	26,524	1,212	4.6
SHELBY	48,868	2,064	4.2
WASHINGTON	20,006	833	4.2
WILSON	32,884	1,884	5.7

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

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	251,742	8,374	3.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,508,167	56,045	3.7
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	208,148	12,277	5.9
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	812,535	33,074	4.1
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	108,995	4,576	4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	192,008	7,286	3.8
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,720	3,223	3.9
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,219,896	42,175	3.5
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	121,058	7,299	6.0

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.3	2.7	3.4	0.6	-0.1
BURLINGTON	3.9	3.3	4.1	0.6	-0.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.7	3.1	4.0	0.6	-0.3
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.3	2.7	3.4	0.6	-0.1
FAYETTEVILLE	5.7	4.9	6.1	0.8	-0.4
GOLDSBORO	4.2	3.5	4.4	0.7	-0.2
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.3	3.7	4.7	0.6	-0.4
GREENVILLE	4.2	3.7	4.4	0.5	-0.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.8	3.1	4.0	0.7	-0.2
JACKSONVILLE	4.6	3.9	4.4	0.7	0.2
NEW BERN	4.0	3.3	4.0	0.7	0.0
RALEIGH	3.3	2.8	3.5	0.5	-0.2
ROCKY MOUNT	6.2	5.5	6.6	0.7	-0.4
WILMINGTON	3.6	3.0	3.6	0.6	0.0
WINSTON-SALEM	3.8	3.3	4.1	0.5	-0.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.6	3.0	3.8	0.6	-0.2
BOONE	3.4	2.9	3.1	0.5	0.3
BREVARD	3.8	3.0	3.5	0.8	0.3
CULLOWHEE	3.8	3.2	3.7	0.6	0.1
DUNN	4.4	3.7	4.6	0.7	-0.2
ELIZABETH CITY	4.5	3.8	4.3	0.7	0.2
FOREST CITY	5.4	4.5	5.7	0.9	-0.3
HENDERSON	6.7	5.9	7.3	0.8	-0.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.8	3.1	4.3	0.7	-0.5
KINSTON	3.9	3.3	4.6	0.6	-0.7
LAURINBURG	7.4	6.5	8.7	0.9	-1.3
LUMBERTON	6.3	5.5	6.9	0.8	-0.6
MARION	3.9	3.2	3.9	0.7	0.0
MOREHEAD CITY	3.7	3.0	3.5	0.7	0.2
MOUNT AIRY	3.8	3.1	3.7	0.7	0.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.1	3.4	4.1	0.7	0.0
OXFORD	3.4	2.8	3.5	0.6	-0.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	4.0	3.3	4.0	0.7	0.0
ROANOKE RAPIDS	6.0	5.3	6.5	0.7	-0.5
ROCKINGHAM	5.9	5.2	6.7	0.7	-0.8
SANFORD	4.6	3.8	4.9	0.8	-0.3
SHELBY	4.2	3.6	4.6	0.6	-0.4
WASHINGTON	4.2	3.5	4.2	0.7	0.0
WILSON	5.7	5.1	6.2	0.6	-0.5

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.3	2.7	3.4	0.6	-0.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.7	3.2	4.0	0.5	-0.3
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.9	5.1	6.5	0.8	-0.6
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.1	3.4	4.4	0.7	-0.3
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.2	3.6	4.4	0.6	-0.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.8	3.1	4.0	0.7	-0.2
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.9	3.2	3.8	0.7	0.1
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.5	2.9	3.6	0.6	-0.1
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	6.0	5.3	6.5	0.7	-0.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for October 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	82,950	2,587	3.1%	1	RANDOLPH	65,814	2,594	3.9%	51
BUNCOMBE	141,359	4,515	3.2%	2	FORSYTH	188,465	7,471	4.0%	52
SWAIN	7,363	239	3.2%	3	GATES	5,116	203	4.0%	53
WAKE	627,039	20,544	3.3%	4	MOORE	41,345	1,646	4.0%	54
UNION	130,222	4,325	3.3%	5	ALLEGHANY	4,455	178	4.0%	55
CHATHAM	38,224	1,274	3.3%	6	GASTON	114,604	4,589	4.0%	56
DURHAM	182,182	6,099	3.3%	7	PERSON	19,198	775	4.0%	57
LINCOLN	46,364	1,555	3.4%	8	POLK	9,520	386	4.1%	58
GRANVILLE	30,487	1,029	3.4%	9	CRAVEN	41,192	1,678	4.1%	59
AVERY	7,870	266	3.4%	10	WILKES	26,824	1,106	4.1%	60
WATAUGA	29,451	996	3.4%	11	BEAUFORT	20,006	833	4.2%	61
GREENE	9,579	326	3.4%	12	WAYNE	51,421	2,158	4.2%	62
HAYWOOD	30,065	1,031	3.4%	13	PITT	88,989	3,743	4.2%	63
HENDERSON	55,353	1,904	3.4%	14	CASWELL	9,835	414	4.2%	64
CURRITUCK	14,559	501	3.4%	15	CLEVELAND	48,868	2,064	4.2%	65
NEW HANOVER	128,064	4,500	3.5%	16	CHOWAN	5,767	251	4.4%	66
ALEXANDER	17,796	627	3.5%	17	CHEROKEE	10,881	476	4.4%	67
ASHE	13,348	471	3.5%	18	GUILFORD	261,756	11,520	4.4%	68
JOHNSTON	107,550	3,798	3.5%	19	HARNETT	55,312	2,439	4.4%	69
YADKIN	17,658	627	3.6%	20	MITCHELL	6,009	269	4.5%	70
STOKES	21,669	780	3.6%	21	ROCKINGHAM	39,791	1,802	4.5%	71
STANLY	30,529	1,104	3.6%	22	CLAY	4,068	185	4.5%	72
MADISON	10,038	364	3.6%	23	PERQUIMANS	4,966	226	4.6%	73
CABARRUS	115,953	4,217	3.6%	24	LEE	26,524	1,212	4.6%	74
DAVIE	20,781	762	3.7%	25	ONSLOW	67,211	3,111	4.6%	75
IREDELL	94,575	3,470	3.7%	26	PASQUOTANK	16,619	772	4.6%	76
CARTERET	31,871	1,174	3.7%	27	HYDE	1,838	86	4.7%	77
YANCEY	8,387	313	3.7%	28	COLUMBUS	23,260	1,094	4.7%	78
MACON	15,902	595	3.7%	29	MARTIN	8,709	416	4.8%	79
DARE	20,360	763	3.7%	30	ANSON	10,326	507	4.9%	80
TRANSYLVANIA	14,927	560	3.8%	31	BLADEN	14,000	697	5.0%	81
JONES	4,264	160	3.8%	32	BERTIE	7,429	374	5.0%	82
DAVIDSON	81,428	3,063	3.8%	33	BRUNSWICK	56,425	2,880	5.1%	83
PENDER	30,504	1,149	3.8%	34	NORTHAMPTON	7,154	366	5.1%	84
SURRY	31,852	1,201	3.8%	35	GRAHAM	3,053	161	5.3%	85
CATAWBA	78,332	2,958	3.8%	36	TYRRELL	1,356	73	5.4%	86
MECKLENBURG	651,555	24,693	3.8%	37	RUTHERFORD	24,332	1,314	5.4%	87
BURKE	40,361	1,535	3.8%	38	HOKE	20,443	1,126	5.5%	88
JACKSON	20,265	772	3.8%	39	NASH	41,849	2,326	5.6%	89
CAMDEN	4,658	178	3.8%	40	HERTFORD	8,611	479	5.6%	90
SAMPSON	28,685	1,099	3.8%	41	CUMBERLAND	128,492	7,310	5.7%	91
MONTGOMERY	11,443	439	3.8%	42	WASHINGTON	4,361	249	5.7%	92
ROWAN	67,711	2,612	3.9%	43	WILSON	32,884	1,884	5.7%	93
DUPLIN	24,683	954	3.9%	44	RICHMOND	16,414	976	5.9%	94
FRANKLIN	33,807	1,307	3.9%	45	ROBESON	48,025	3,018	6.3%	95
MCDOWELL	19,596	763	3.9%	46	HALIFAX	19,034	1,211	6.4%	96
ALAMANCE	83,321	3,254	3.9%	47	VANCE	16,623	1,111	6.7%	97
CALDWELL	35,923	1,403	3.9%	48	WARREN	6,554	459	7.0%	98
PAMLICO	5,393	211	3.9%	49	SCOTLAND	11,188	823	7.4%	99
LENOIR	27,207	1,071	3.9%	50	EDGECOMBE	20,137	1,512	7.5%	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 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, December 16, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for November 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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