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North Carolina's April County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 counties in April 2025. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 4.9 percent while Currituck and Camden Counties each had the lowest at 2.7 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 4.5 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 2.9 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.4 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
April	100	0	0
March (Revised)	92	8	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 87 counties, decreased in five, and remained unchanged in eight. Fourteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year and one remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in April by 347 to 5,106,110, while those unemployed decreased by 14,207 to 180,760. Since April 2024, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 10,602, while those unemployed increased 14,194.

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 Tuesday, June 24, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for May 2025 will be released.

These data can be accessed on the Commerce website at <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
April 2025

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,286,870	180,760	3.4	JOHNSTON	128,086	3,640	2.8
ALAMANCE	86,014	2,864	3.3	JONES	3,907	146	3.7
ALEXANDER	16,139	550	3.4	LEE	31,175	1,050	3.4
ALLEGHANY	4,712	154	3.3	LENOIR	24,683	867	3.5
ANSON	9,040	364	4.0	LINCOLN	48,140	1,423	3.0
ASHE	12,467	379	3.0	MCDOWELL	18,960	776	4.1
AVERY	7,483	299	4.0	MACON	16,651	538	3.2
BEAUFORT	19,160	624	3.3	MADISON	10,862	483	4.4
BERTIE	5,982	267	4.5	MARTIN	9,161	320	3.5
BLADEN	12,011	524	4.4	MECKLENBURG	658,529	22,896	3.5
BRUNSWICK	66,045	2,580	3.9	MITCHELL	7,122	335	4.7
BUNCOMBE	142,626	6,634	4.7	MONTGOMERY	10,531	392	3.7
BURKE	39,854	1,391	3.5	MOORE	44,846	1,365	3.0
CABARRUS	125,545	3,944	3.1	NASH	42,626	1,851	4.3
CALDWELL	36,485	1,322	3.6	NEW HANOVER	124,840	4,063	3.3
CAMDEN	5,353	144	2.7	NORTHAMPTON	6,556	276	4.2
CARTERET	32,215	1,013	3.1	ONSLOW	73,876	2,554	3.5
CASWELL	10,010	304	3.0	ORANGE	78,182	2,322	3.0
CATAWBA	77,125	2,485	3.2	PAMLICO	4,814	172	3.6
CHATHAM	39,658	1,204	3.0	PASQUOTANK	18,159	630	3.5
CHEROKEE	11,268	395	3.5	PENDER	31,748	999	3.1
CHOWAN	6,266	190	3.0	PERQUIMANS	5,674	171	3.0
CLAY	4,761	147	3.1	PERSON	20,293	636	3.1
CLEVELAND	45,676	1,746	3.8	PITT	83,264	2,991	3.6
COLUMBUS	20,169	768	3.8	POLK	9,787	328	3.4
CRAVEN	41,461	1,412	3.4	RANDOLPH	67,131	2,156	3.2
CUMBERLAND	131,744	5,692	4.3	RICHMOND	19,368	724	3.7
CURRITUCK	16,129	433	2.7	ROBESON	45,317	2,079	4.6
DARE	19,442	762	3.9	ROCKINGHAM	40,006	1,554	3.9
DAVIDSON	80,719	2,745	3.4	ROWAN	71,748	2,319	3.2
DAVIE	20,909	658	3.1	RUTHERFORD	26,467	1,180	4.5
DUPLIN	22,968	685	3.0	SAMPSON	24,841	872	3.5
DURHAM	185,308	5,645	3.0	SCOTLAND	13,228	619	4.7
EDGECOMBE	20,580	1,016	4.9	STANLY	34,426	953	2.8
FORSYTH	185,401	6,467	3.5	STOKES	20,508	662	3.2
FRANKLIN	39,195	1,162	3.0	SURRY	32,717	1,002	3.1
GASTON	117,646	4,184	3.6	SWAIN	6,520	215	3.3
GATES	4,540	146	3.2	TRANSYLVANIA	14,253	484	3.4
GRAHAM	3,590	114	3.2	TYRRELL	1,372	63	4.6
GRANVILLE	28,799	944	3.3	UNION	133,884	3,988	3.0
GREENE	8,843	263	3.0	VANCE	18,715	774	4.1
GUILFORD	263,440	10,160	3.9	WAKE	679,864	19,535	2.9
HALIFAX	18,369	845	4.6	WARREN	7,258	334	4.6
HARNETT	59,067	2,132	3.6	WASHINGTON	3,944	172	4.4
HAYWOOD	29,375	1,052	3.6	WATAUGA	27,695	906	3.3
HENDERSON	57,917	1,811	3.1	WAYNE	51,292	1,739	3.4
HERTFORD	8,322	323	3.9	WILKES	25,894	917	3.5
HOKE	20,631	829	4.0	WILSON	34,531	1,612	4.7
HYDE	1,755	78	4.4	YADKIN	17,380	499	2.9
IREDELL	104,122	3,278	3.1	YANCEY	8,660	353	4.1
JACKSON	21,044	696	3.3				

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.4	3.7	3.2	-0.3	0.2	JOHNSTON	2.8	3.0	2.7	-0.2	0.1
ALAMANCE	3.3	3.6	3.2	-0.3	0.1	JONES	3.7	4.0	3.0	-0.3	0.7
ALEXANDER	3.4	3.7	3.3	-0.3	0.1	LEE	3.4	3.5	3.1	-0.1	0.3
ALLEGHANY	3.3	3.6	3.3	-0.3	0.0	LENOIR	3.5	3.7	3.4	-0.2	0.1
ANSON	4.0	4.2	3.9	-0.2	0.1	LINCOLN	3.0	3.2	2.8	-0.2	0.2
ASHE	3.0	3.4	2.5	-0.4	0.5	MCDOWELL	4.1	4.4	3.0	-0.3	1.1
AVERY	4.0	4.3	3.0	-0.3	1.0	MACON	3.2	3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4
BEAUFORT	3.3	3.5	3.3	-0.2	0.0	MADISON	4.4	5.1	2.5	-0.7	1.9
BERTIE	4.5	4.8	4.2	-0.3	0.3	MARTIN	3.5	3.8	3.6	-0.3	-0.1
BLADEN	4.4	4.8	4.3	-0.4	0.1	MECKLENBURG	3.5	3.7	3.3	-0.2	0.2
BRUNSWICK	3.9	4.1	3.5	-0.2	0.4	MITCHELL	4.7	5.4	2.7	-0.7	2.0
BUNCOMBE	4.7	5.3	2.6	-0.6	2.1	MONTGOMERY	3.7	3.8	3.4	-0.1	0.3
BURKE	3.5	3.8	2.9	-0.3	0.6	MOORE	3.0	3.3	3.0	-0.3	0.0
CABARRUS	3.1	3.4	3.1	-0.3	0.0	NASH	4.3	4.5	4.0	-0.2	0.3
CALDWELL	3.6	3.7	3.1	-0.1	0.5	NEW HANOVER	3.3	3.5	2.9	-0.2	0.4
CAMDEN	2.7	2.8	2.4	-0.1	0.3	NORTHAMPTON	4.2	4.4	3.6	-0.2	0.6
CARTERET	3.1	3.6	3.0	-0.5	0.1	ONslow	3.5	3.7	3.3	-0.2	0.2
CASWELL	3.0	3.4	3.3	-0.4	-0.3	ORANGE	3.0	3.3	2.8	-0.3	0.2
CATAWBA	3.2	3.5	3.1	-0.3	0.1	PAMLICO	3.6	3.8	3.4	-0.2	0.2
CHATHAM	3.0	3.2	2.8	-0.2	0.2	PASQUOTANK	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
CHEROKEE	3.5	3.7	3.4	-0.2	0.1	PENDER	3.1	3.4	2.9	-0.3	0.2
CHOWAN	3.0	3.3	2.9	-0.3	0.1	PERQUIMANS	3.0	3.6	3.3	-0.6	-0.3
CLAY	3.1	3.6	2.8	-0.5	0.3	PERSON	3.1	3.3	3.0	-0.2	0.1
CLEVELAND	3.8	4.0	3.4	-0.2	0.4	PITT	3.6	3.9	3.5	-0.3	0.1
COLUMBUS	3.8	4.1	3.9	-0.3	-0.1	POLK	3.4	3.6	2.7	-0.2	0.7
CRAVEN	3.4	3.7	3.1	-0.3	0.3	RANDOLPH	3.2	3.4	3.1	-0.2	0.1
CUMBERLAND	4.3	4.6	4.0	-0.3	0.3	RICHMOND	3.7	4.0	3.4	-0.3	0.3
CURRITUCK	2.7	3.0	2.4	-0.3	0.3	ROBESON	4.6	4.9	4.3	-0.3	0.3
DARE	3.9	5.5	3.7	-1.6	0.2	ROCKINGHAM	3.9	4.1	3.4	-0.2	0.5
DAVIDSON	3.4	3.7	3.2	-0.3	0.2	ROWAN	3.2	3.5	3.0	-0.3	0.2
DAVIE	3.1	3.4	2.8	-0.3	0.3	RUTHERFORD	4.5	4.8	3.5	-0.3	1.0
DUPLIN	3.0	3.3	2.8	-0.3	0.2	SAMPSON	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
DURHAM	3.0	3.2	2.8	-0.2	0.2	SCOTLAND	4.7	5.1	4.6	-0.4	0.1
EDGECOMBE	4.9	5.1	4.7	-0.2	0.2	STANLY	2.8	3.0	2.7	-0.2	0.1
FORSYTH	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2	STOKES	3.2	3.5	3.0	-0.3	0.2
FRANKLIN	3.0	3.2	3.0	-0.2	0.0	SURRY	3.1	3.3	2.9	-0.2	0.2
GASTON	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4	SWAIN	3.3	3.9	3.3	-0.6	0.0
GATES	3.2	3.4	2.9	-0.2	0.3	TRANSYLVANIA	3.4	3.7	2.9	-0.3	0.5
GRAHAM	3.2	3.7	3.0	-0.5	0.2	TYRRELL	4.6	5.6	4.9	-1.0	-0.3
GRANVILLE	3.3	3.5	3.1	-0.2	0.2	UNION	3.0	3.3	2.8	-0.3	0.2
GREENE	3.0	3.2	2.6	-0.2	0.4	VANCE	4.1	4.3	3.9	-0.2	0.2
GUILFORD	3.9	4.2	3.6	-0.3	0.3	WAKE	2.9	3.1	2.8	-0.2	0.1
HALIFAX	4.6	4.7	4.6	-0.1	0.0	WARREN	4.6	4.9	4.0	-0.3	0.6
HARNETT	3.6	3.8	3.4	-0.2	0.2	WASHINGTON	4.4	4.6	3.9	-0.2	0.5
HAYWOOD	3.6	3.8	2.8	-0.2	0.8	WATAUGA	3.3	3.7	2.9	-0.4	0.4
HENDERSON	3.1	3.5	2.5	-0.4	0.6	WAYNE	3.4	3.6	3.3	-0.2	0.1
HERTFORD	3.9	4.3	3.7	-0.4	0.2	WILKES	3.5	3.8	3.2	-0.3	0.3
HOKE	4.0	4.2	3.7	-0.2	0.3	WILSON	4.7	4.8	4.5	-0.1	0.2
HYDE	4.4	6.8	4.4	-2.4	0.0	YADKIN	2.9	3.1	2.7	-0.2	0.2
IREDELL	3.1	3.4	2.9	-0.3	0.2	YANCEY	4.1	4.7	2.8	-0.6	1.3
JACKSON	3.3	3.9	3.1	-0.6	0.2						

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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	211,405	8,928	4.2
BURLINGTON	86,014	2,864	3.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,489,991	51,085	3.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	323,441	9,807	3.0
FAYETTEVILLE	152,375	6,521	4.3
GOLDSBORO	51,292	1,739	3.4
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	370,577	13,870	3.7
GREENVILLE	83,264	2,991	3.6
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	169,603	5,748	3.4
JACKSONVILLE	73,876	2,554	3.5
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	44,846	1,365	3.0
RALEIGH	847,145	24,337	2.9
ROCKY MOUNT	63,206	2,867	4.5
WILMINGTON	222,633	7,642	3.4
WINSTON-SALEM	324,917	11,031	3.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	34,426	953	2.8
ANDERSON CREEK	59,067	2,132	3.6
BOONE	27,695	906	3.3
BREVARD	14,253	484	3.4
ELIZABETH CITY	18,159	630	3.5
FOREST CITY	26,467	1,180	4.5
HENDERSON	18,715	774	4.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,442	762	3.9
KINSTON	24,683	867	3.5
LAURINBURG	13,228	619	4.7
LUMBERTON	45,317	2,079	4.6
MARION	18,960	776	4.1
MOREHEAD CITY	32,215	1,013	3.1
MOUNT AIRY	32,717	1,002	3.1
MOREHEAD CITY	50,182	1,730	3.4
NEW BERN	25,894	917	3.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	24,925	1,121	4.5
ROCKINGHAM	19,368	724	3.7
SANFORD	31,175	1,050	3.4
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	45,676	1,746	3.8
WASHINGTON	19,160	624	3.3
WAYNESVILLE	29,375	1,052	3.6
WILSON	34,531	1,612	4.7

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
April 2025

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	255,033	10,464	4.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,758,656	60,308	3.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	275,134	11,308	4.1
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	814,225	28,767	3.5
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	102,424	3,615	3.5
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,397	2,743	3.3
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	1,279,543	38,100	3.0
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,662	5,600	4.6

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	4.2	4.8	2.5	-0.6	1.7
BURLINGTON	3.3	3.6	3.2	-0.3	0.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.4	3.7	3.2	-0.3	0.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.0	3.2	2.8	-0.2	0.2
FAYETTEVILLE	4.3	4.6	3.9	-0.3	0.4
GOLDSBORO	3.4	3.6	3.3	-0.2	0.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	3.7	4.0	3.5	-0.3	0.2
GREENVILLE	3.6	3.9	3.5	-0.3	0.1
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.4	3.6	3.1	-0.2	0.3
JACKSONVILLE	3.5	3.7	3.3	-0.2	0.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.0	3.3	3.0	-0.3	0.0
RALEIGH	2.9	3.1	2.8	-0.2	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT	4.5	4.7	4.2	-0.2	0.3
WILMINGTON	3.4	3.7	3.1	-0.3	0.3
WINSTON-SALEM	3.4	3.7	3.2	-0.3	0.2

Micropolitan Statistical Area	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	2.8	3.0	2.7	-0.2	0.1
ANDERSON CREEK	3.6	3.8	3.4	-0.2	0.2
BOONE	3.3	3.7	2.9	-0.4	0.4
BREVARD	3.4	3.7	2.9	-0.3	0.5
ELIZABETH CITY	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
FOREST CITY	4.5	4.8	3.5	-0.3	1.0
HENDERSON	4.1	4.3	3.9	-0.2	0.2
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.9	5.5	3.7	-1.6	0.2
KINSTON	3.5	3.7	3.4	-0.2	0.1
LAURINBURG	4.7	5.1	4.6	-0.4	0.1
LUMBERTON	4.6	4.9	4.3	-0.3	0.3
MARION	4.1	4.4	3.0	-0.3	1.1
MOREHEAD CITY	3.1	3.6	3.0	-0.5	0.1
MOUNT AIRY	3.1	3.3	2.9	-0.2	0.2
MOREHEAD CITY	3.4	3.7	3.1	-0.3	0.3
NEW BERN	3.5	3.8	3.2	-0.3	0.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.5	4.7	4.3	-0.2	0.2
ROCKINGHAM	3.7	4.0	3.4	-0.3	0.3
SANFORD	3.4	3.5	3.1	-0.1	0.3
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	3.8	4.0	3.4	-0.2	0.4
WASHINGTON	3.3	3.5	3.3	-0.2	0.0
WAYNESVILLE	3.6	3.8	2.8	-0.2	0.8
WILSON	4.7	4.8	4.5	-0.1	0.2

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

Combined Statistical Area	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	4.1	4.6	2.6	-0.5	1.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.4	3.7	3.2	-0.3	0.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	4.1	4.4	3.8	-0.3	0.3
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	3.5	3.9	3.5	-0.4	0.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.3	3.6	3.1	-0.3	0.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	3.0	3.2	2.9	-0.2	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	4.6	4.7	4.3	-0.1	0.3

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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CURRITUCK	16,129	433	2.7	1	ONslow	73,876	2,554	3.5	51
CAMDEN	5,353	144	2.7	2	PASQUOTANK	18,159	630	3.5	52
STANLY	34,426	953	2.8	3	MECKLENBURG	658,529	22,896	3.5	53
JOHNSTON	128,086	3,640	2.8	4	FORSYTH	185,401	6,467	3.5	54
YADKIN	17,380	499	2.9	5	BURKE	39,854	1,391	3.5	55
WAKE	679,864	19,535	2.9	6	MARTIN	9,161	320	3.5	56
LINCOLN	48,140	1,423	3.0	7	CHEROKEE	11,268	395	3.5	57
FRANKLIN	39,195	1,162	3.0	8	SAMPSON	24,841	872	3.5	58
ORANGE	78,182	2,322	3.0	9	LENOIR	24,683	867	3.5	59
GREENE	8,843	263	3.0	10	WILKES	25,894	917	3.5	60
UNION	133,884	3,988	3.0	11	GASTON	117,646	4,184	3.6	61
DUPLIN	22,968	685	3.0	12	PAMLICO	4,814	172	3.6	62
PERQUIMANS	5,674	171	3.0	13	HAYWOOD	29,375	1,052	3.6	63
CHOWAN	6,266	190	3.0	14	PITT	83,264	2,991	3.6	64
CHATHAM	39,658	1,204	3.0	15	HARNETT	59,067	2,132	3.6	65
CASWELL	10,010	304	3.0	16	CALDWELL	36,485	1,322	3.6	66
ASHE	12,467	379	3.0	17	MONTGOMERY	10,531	392	3.7	67
MOORE	44,846	1,365	3.0	18	JONES	3,907	146	3.7	68
DURHAM	185,308	5,645	3.0	19	RICHMOND	19,368	724	3.7	69
SURRY	32,717	1,002	3.1	20	COLUMBUS	20,169	768	3.8	70
CLAY	4,761	147	3.1	21	CLEVELAND	45,676	1,746	3.8	71
HENDERSON	57,917	1,811	3.1	22	GUILFORD	263,440	10,160	3.9	72
PERSON	20,293	636	3.1	23	HERTFORD	8,322	323	3.9	73
CABARRUS	125,545	3,944	3.1	24	ROCKINGHAM	40,006	1,554	3.9	74
CARTERET	32,215	1,013	3.1	25	BRUNSWICK	66,045	2,580	3.9	75
PENDER	31,748	999	3.1	26	DARE	19,442	762	3.9	76
DAVIE	20,909	658	3.1	27	AVERY	7,483	299	4.0	77
IREDELL	104,122	3,278	3.1	28	HOKE	20,631	829	4.0	78
GRAHAM	3,590	114	3.2	29	ANSON	9,040	364	4.0	79
RANDOLPH	67,131	2,156	3.2	30	YANCEY	8,660	353	4.1	80
GATES	4,540	146	3.2	31	MCDOWELL	18,960	776	4.1	81
CATAWBA	77,125	2,485	3.2	32	VANCE	18,715	774	4.1	82
STOKES	20,508	662	3.2	33	NORTHAMPTON	6,556	276	4.2	83
MACON	16,651	538	3.2	34	CUMBERLAND	131,744	5,692	4.3	84
ROWAN	71,748	2,319	3.2	35	NASH	42,626	1,851	4.3	85
NEW HANOVER	124,840	4,063	3.3	36	WASHINGTON	3,944	172	4.4	86
BEAUFORT	19,160	624	3.3	37	BLADEN	12,011	524	4.4	87
ALLEGHANY	4,712	154	3.3	38	HYDE	1,755	78	4.4	88
WATAUGA	27,695	906	3.3	39	MADISON	10,862	483	4.4	89
GRANVILLE	28,799	944	3.3	40	RUTHERFORD	26,467	1,180	4.5	90
SWAIN	6,520	215	3.3	41	BERTIE	5,982	267	4.5	91
JACKSON	21,044	696	3.3	42	ROBESON	45,317	2,079	4.6	92
ALAMANCE	86,014	2,864	3.3	43	TYRRELL	1,372	63	4.6	93
POLK	9,787	328	3.4	44	HALIFAX	18,369	845	4.6	94
LEE	31,175	1,050	3.4	45	WARREN	7,258	334	4.6	95
WAYNE	51,292	1,739	3.4	46	BUNCOMBE	142,626	6,634	4.7	96
TRANSYLVANIA	14,253	484	3.4	47	WILSON	34,531	1,612	4.7	97
DAVIDSON	80,719	2,745	3.4	48	SCOTLAND	13,228	619	4.7	98
CRAVEN	41,461	1,412	3.4	49	MITCHELL	7,122	335	4.7	99
ALEXANDER	16,139	550	3.4	50	EDGEcombe	20,580	1,016	4.9	100

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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 July 21, 2023. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available online at <https://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 Tuesday, June 24, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for May 2025 will be released.

The complete data release schedule through 2025 can be accessed here:

<https://www.commerce.nc.gov/documents/release-dates-unemployment-rates>