North Carolina's July County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 83 of North Carolina's counties in July 2024, decreased in three, and remained unchanged in 14. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent while Dare County had the lowest at 3.2 percent. Twelve of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases and three remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.0 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 3.3 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.3 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
July	80	20	0
June (Revised)	86	14	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 98 counties and decreased in two. All fifteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in July by 1,753 to 5,073,877, while those unemployed increased by 10,557 to 225,504. Since July 2023, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 13,213, while those unemployed increased 35,437.

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, September 20, 2024 when the statewide unemployment rate for August 2024 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
July 2024

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,299,381	225,504	4.3				
ALAMANCE	87,267	3,782	4.3	JOHNSTON	114,077	4,416	3.9
ALEXANDER	17,934	713	4.0	JONES	4,379	169	3.9
ALLEGHANY	4,175	195	4.7	LEE	25,133	1,190	4.7
ANSON	10,045	504	5.0	LENOIR	27,380	1,192	4.4
ASHE	12,748	430	3.4	LINCOLN	48,288	1,768	3.7
AVERY	8,156	283	3.5	MCDOWELL	19,992	779	3.9
BEAUFORT	19,352	899	4.6	MACON	16,612	618	3.7
BERTIE	6,696	381	5.7	MADISON	10,236	379	3.7
BLADEN	14,297	729	5.1	MARTIN	8,452	450	5.3
BRUNSWICK	63,365	2,838	4.5	MECKLENBURG	680,871	28,249	4.1
BUNCOMBE	144,513	4,709	3.3	MITCHELL	6,200	265	4.3
BURKE	40,756	1,642	4.0	MONTGOMERY	11,092	512	4.6
CABARRUS	121,022	4,916	4.1	MOORE	42,826	1,787	4.2
CALDWELL	36,337	1,522	4.2	NASH	42,211	2,377	5.6
CAMDEN	4,695	183	3.9	NEW HANOVER	135,982	4,884	3.6
CARTERET	33,958	1,204	3.5	NORTHAMPTON	7,205	371	5.1
CASWELL	9,805	442	4.5	ONSLOW	68,606	3,437	5.0
CATAWBA	79,410	3,338	4.2	ORANGE	85,783	3,244	3.8
CHATHAM	39,145	1,367	3.5	PAMLICO	5,631	209	3.7
CHEROKEE	10,783	492	4.6	PASQUOTANK	16,919	809	4.8
CHOWAN	5,892	251	4.3	PENDER	32,094	1,208	3.8
CLAY	4,207	175	4.2	PERQUIMANS	4,996	247	4.9
CLEVELAND	49,693	2,148	4.3	PERSON	19,646	819	4.2
COLUMBUS	22,290	1,134	5.1	PITT	90,773	4,470	4.9
CRAVEN	43,485	1,778	4.1	POLK	9,539	371	3.9
CUMBERLAND	129,785	7,548	5.8	RANDOLPH	64,918	2,901	4.5
CURRITUCK	15,297	504	3.3	RICHMOND	16,860	970	5.8
DARE	22,971	745	3.2	ROBESON	47,027	3,017	6.4
DAVIDSON	81,532	3,483	4.3	ROCKINGHAM	39,168	1,855	4.7
DAVIE	20,684	801	3.9	ROWAN	70,425	2,848	4.0
DUPLIN	25,056	1,030	4.1	RUTHERFORD	23,774	1,373	5.8
DURHAM	187,845	7,008	3.7	SAMPSON	26,378	1,279	4.8
EDGECOMBE	20,065	1,367	6.8	SCOTLAND	10,925	857	7.8
FORSYTH	188,849	8,423	4.5	STANLY	31,674	1,198	3.8
FRANKLIN	35,918	1,461	4.1	STOKES	21,660	857	4.0
GASTON	119,427	4,958	4.2	SURRY	32,760	1,291	3.9
GATES	5,320	199	3.7	SWAIN	7,262	251	3.5
GRAHAM	2,960	151	5.1	TRANSYLVANIA	15,465	582	3.8
GRANVILLE	30,592	1,160	3.8	TYRRELL	1,449	64	4.4
GREENE	9,375	343	3.7	UNION	135,830	5,211	3.8
GUILFORD	259,775	13,449	5.2	VANCE	16,562	1,062	6.4
HALIFAX	19,228	1,164	6.1	WAKE	669,492	24,881	3.7
HARNETT	55,597	2,698	4.9	WARREN	6,261	407	6.5
HAYWOOD	30,688	1,062	3.5	WASHINGTON	4,249	207	4.9
HENDERSON	56,369	1,947	3.5	WATAUGA	30,091	1,170	3.9
HERTFORD	8,175	518	6.3	WAYNE	51,822	2,403	4.6
HOKE	20,536	1,112	5.4	WILKES	25,042	1,176	4.7
HYDE	1,873	82	4.4	WILSON	33,454	2,286	6.8
IREDELL	98,667	4,039	4.1	YADKIN	17,486	646	3.7
JACKSON	19,552	891	4.6	YANCEY	8,260	295	3.6

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	4.3	4.1	3.6	0.2	0.7						
ALAMANCE	4.3	4.1	3.7	0.2	0.6	JOHNSTON	3.9	3.7	3.3	0.2	0.6
ALEXANDER	4.0	3.9	3.1	0.1	0.9	JONES	3.9	3.6	3.2	0.3	0.7
ALLEGHANY	4.7	4.6	5.0	0.1	-0.3	LEE	4.7	4.5	4.2	0.2	0.5
ANSON	5.0	4.7	4.2	0.3	0.8	LENOIR	4.4	4.3	3.7	0.1	0.7
ASHE	3.4	3.3	2.9	0.1	0.5	LINCOLN	3.7	3.5	3.0	0.2	0.7
AVERY	3.5	3.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	MCDOWELL	3.9	3.9	3.4	0.0	0.5
BEAUFORT	4.6	4.4	4.2	0.2	0.4	MACON	3.7	3.7	3.2	0.0	0.5
BERTIE	5.7	5.4	4.6	0.3	1.1	MADISON	3.7	3.6	3.3	0.1	0.4
BLADEN	5.1	4.7	4.4	0.4	0.7	MARTIN	5.3	4.9	4.8	0.4	0.5
BRUNSWICK	4.5	4.6	4.0	-0.1	0.5	MECKLENBURG	4.1	3.9	3.4	0.2	0.7
BUNCOMBE	3.3	3.2	2.7	0.1	0.6	MITCHELL	4.3	4.1	3.8	0.2	0.5
BURKE	4.0	4.0	3.5	0.0	0.5	MONTGOMERY	4.6	4.4	3.9	0.2	0.7
CABARRUS	4.1	3.8	3.4	0.3	0.7	MOORE	4.2	4.0	3.6	0.2	0.6
CALDWELL	4.2	4.1	3.5	0.1	0.7	NASH	5.6	5.2	4.7	0.4	0.9
CAMDEN	3.9	3.7	3.5	0.2	0.4	NEW HANOVER	3.6	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.3
CARTERET	3.5	3.6	3.2	-0.1	0.3	NORTHAMPTON	5.1	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.2
CASWELL	4.5	4.3	3.6	0.2	0.9	ONSLOW	5.0	4.7	4.3	0.3	0.7
CATAWBA	4.2	4.1	3.4	0.1	0.8	ORANGE	3.8	3.5	3.2	0.3	0.6
CHATHAM	3.5	3.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	PAMLICO	3.7	3.7	3.2	0.0	0.5
CHEROKEE	4.6	4.6	3.9	0.0	0.7	PASQUOTANK	4.8	4.4	4.3	0.4	0.5
CHOWAN	4.3	4.0	3.7	0.3	0.6	PENDER	3.8	3.7	3.3	0.1	0.5
CLAY	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2	PERQUIMANS	4.9	4.7	4.0	0.2	0.9
CLEVELAND	4.3	4.0	3.6	0.3	0.7	PERSON	4.2	4.1	3.6	0.1	0.6
COLUMBUS	5.1	4.9	4.1	0.2	1.0	PITT	4.9	4.7	4.4	0.2	0.5
CRAVEN	4.1	4.0	3.6	0.1	0.5	POLK	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.5
CUMBERLAND	5.8	5.5	5.0	0.3	0.8	RANDOLPH	4.5	4.3	3.7	0.2	0.8
CURRITUCK	3.3	3.2	3.0	0.1	0.3	RICHMOND	5.8	5.3	4.9	0.5	0.9
DARE	3.2	3.3	2.8	-0.1	0.4	ROBESON	6.4	5.8	5.6	0.6	0.8
DAVIDSON	4.3	4.1	3.5	0.2	0.8	ROCKINGHAM	4.7	4.4	4.1	0.3	0.6
DAVIE	3.9	3.7	3.2	0.2	0.7	ROWAN	4.0	3.9	3.5	0.1	0.5
DUPLIN	4.1	3.8	3.7	0.3	0.4	RUTHERFORD	5.8	5.5	4.9	0.3	0.9
DURHAM	3.7	3.6	3.2	0.1	0.5	SAMPSON	4.8	4.2	4.0	0.6	0.8
EDGECOMBE	6.8	6.1	6.3	0.7	0.5	SCOTLAND	7.8	7.0	6.9	0.8	0.9
FORSYTH	4.5	4.2	3.8	0.3	0.7	STANLY	3.8	3.7	3.2	0.1	0.6
FRANKLIN	4.1	4.1	3.6	0.0	0.5	STOKES	4.0	3.7	3.2	0.3	0.8
GASTON	4.2	4.0	3.4	0.2	0.8	SURRY	3.9	3.8	3.3	0.1	0.6
GATES	3.7	3.6	3.3	0.1	0.4	SWAIN	3.5	3.4	2.8	0.1	0.7
GRAHAM	5.1	4.9	4.3	0.2	0.8	TRANSYLVANIA	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.0	0.5
GRANVILLE	3.8	3.5	3.2	0.3	0.6	TYRRELL	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4
GREENE	3.7	3.5	3.1	0.2	0.6	UNION	3.8	3.6	3.2	0.2	0.6
GUILFORD	5.2	4.9	4.3	0.3	0.9	VANCE	6.4	6.0	5.5	0.4	0.9
HALIFAX	6.1	5.7	5.5	0.4	0.6	WAKE	3.7	3.6	3.1	0.1	0.6
HARNETT	4.9	4.6	4.3	0.3	0.6	WARREN	6.5	6.2	5.5	0.3	1.0
HAYWOOD	3.5	3.5	3.1	0.0	0.4	WASHINGTON	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.2
HENDERSON	3.5	3.4	3.0	0.1	0.5	WATAUGA	3.9	3.7	3.4	0.2	0.5
HERTFORD	6.3	5.7	5.2	0.6	1.1	WAYNE	4.6	4.3	3.9	0.3	0.7
HOKE	5.4	5.1	4.7	0.3	0.7	WILKES	4.7	4.5	4.1	0.2	0.6
HYDE	4.4	4.1	4.6	0.3	-0.2	WILSON	6.8	6.1	5.4	0.7	1.4
IREDELL	4.1	3.9	3.3	0.2	0.8	YADKIN	3.7	3.7	3.3	0.0	0.4
JACKSON	4.6	4.4	4.0	0.2	0.6	YANCEY	3.6	3.6	3.2	0.0	0.4

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
July 2024

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	241,806	8,097	3.3
BURLINGTON	87,267	3,782	4.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,492,985	62,582	4.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	332,419	12,438	3.7
FAYETTEVILLE	150,321	8,660	5.8
GOLDSBORO	51,822	2,403	4.6
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	363,861	18,205	5.0
GREENVILLE	90,773	4,470	4.9
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	174,437	7,215	4.1
JACKSONVILLE	68,606	3,437	5.0
NEW BERN	53,495	2,156	4.0
RALEIGH	819,487	30,758	3.8
ROCKY MOUNT	62,276	3,744	6.0
WILMINGTON	168,076	6,092	3.6
WINSTON-SALEM	330,211	14,210	4.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	31,674	1,198	3.8
BOONE	30,091	1,170	3.9
BREVARD	15,465	582	3.8
CULLOWHEE	19,552	891	4.6
DUNN	55,597	2,698	4.9
ELIZABETH CITY	26,610	1,239	4.7
FOREST CITY	23,774	1,373	5.8
HENDERSON	16,562	1,062	6.4
KILL DEVIL HILLS	24,420	809	3.3
KINSTON	27,380	1,192	4.4
LAURINBURG	10,925	857	7.8
LUMBERTON	47,027	3,017	6.4
MARION	19,992	779	3.9
MOREHEAD CITY	33,958	1,204	3.5
MOUNT AIRY	32,760	1,291	3.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	25,042	1,176	4.7
OXFORD	30,592	1,160	3.8
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	42,826	1,787	4.2
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,433	1,535	5.8
ROCKINGHAM	16,860	970	5.8
SANFORD	25,133	1,190	4.7
SHELBY	49,693	2,148	4.3
WASHINGTON	19,352	899	4.6
WILSON	33,454	2,286	6.8

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
July 2024

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	257,271	8,679	3.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,574,352	65,928	4.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	208,273	12,534	6.0
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	814,099	37,488	4.6
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	110,125	5,369	4.9
HICKORY-LENOIR	194,429	7,994	4.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	87,453	3,360	3.8
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,279,790	49,306	3.9
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,163	7,565	6.2

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.3	3.3	2.9	0.0	0.4
BURLINGTON	4.3	4.1	3.7	0.2	0.6
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	4.2	4.0	3.3	0.2	0.9
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.7	3.6	3.2	0.1	0.5
FAYETTEVILLE	5.8	5.4	5.0	0.4	0.8
GOLDSBORO	4.6	4.3	3.9	0.3	0.7
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	5.0	4.7	4.1	0.3	0.9
GREENVILLE	4.9	4.7	4.4	0.2	0.5
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	4.1	4.1	3.4	0.0	0.7
JACKSONVILLE	5.0	4.7	4.3	0.3	0.7
NEW BERN	4.0	3.9	3.5	0.1	0.5
RALEIGH	3.8	3.6	3.2	0.2	0.6
ROCKY MOUNT	6.0	5.5	5.2	0.5	0.8
WILMINGTON	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.3
WINSTON-SALEM	4.3	4.1	3.6	0.2	0.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.8	3.7	3.2	0.1	0.6
BOONE	3.9	3.7	3.4	0.2	0.5
BREVARD	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.0	0.5
CULLOWHEE	4.6	4.4	4.0	0.2	0.6
DUNN	4.9	4.6	4.3	0.3	0.6
ELIZABETH CITY	4.7	4.4	4.1	0.3	0.6
FOREST CITY	5.8	5.5	4.9	0.3	0.9
HENDERSON	6.4	6.0	5.5	0.4	0.9
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.3	3.4	2.9	-0.1	0.4
KINSTON	4.4	4.3	3.7	0.1	0.7
LAURINBURG	7.8	7.0	6.9	0.8	0.9
LUMBERTON	6.4	5.8	5.6	0.6	0.8
MARION	3.9	3.9	3.4	0.0	0.5
MOREHEAD CITY	3.5	3.6	3.2	-0.1	0.3
MOUNT AIRY	3.9	3.8	3.3	0.1	0.6
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.7	4.5	4.1	0.2	0.6
OXFORD	3.8	3.5	3.2	0.3	0.6
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	4.2	4.0	3.6	0.2	0.6
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.8	5.5	5.3	0.3	0.5
ROCKINGHAM	5.8	5.3	4.9	0.5	0.9
SANFORD	4.7	4.5	4.2	0.2	0.5
SHELBY	4.3	4.0	3.6	0.3	0.7
WASHINGTON	4.6	4.4	4.2	0.2	0.4
WILSON	6.8	6.1	5.4	0.7	1.4

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.4	3.3	2.9	0.1	0.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	4.2	4.0	3.3	0.2	0.9
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	6.0	5.6	5.2	0.4	0.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.6	4.4	3.8	0.2	0.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.9	4.6	4.3	0.3	0.6
HICKORY-LENOIR	4.1	4.0	3.4	0.1	0.7
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.0	0.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.9	3.7	3.3	0.2	0.6
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	6.2	5.7	5.3	0.5	0.9

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for July 2024

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
DARE	22,971	745	3.2	1	CATAWBA	79,410	3,338	4.2	51
BUNCOMBE	144,513	4,709	3.3	2	CHOWAN	5,892	251	4.3	52
CURRITUCK	15,297	504	3.3	3	DAVIDSON	81,532	3,483	4.3	53
ASHE	12,748	430	3.4	4	MITCHELL	6,200	265	4.3	54
HENDERSON	56,369	1,947	3.5	5	CLEVELAND	49,693	2,148	4.3	55
SWAIN	7,262	251	3.5	6	ALAMANCE	87,267	3,782	4.3	56
HAYWOOD	30,688	1,062	3.5	7	LENOIR	27,380	1,192	4.4	57
AVERY	8,156	283	3.5	8	HYDE	1,873	82	4.4	58
CHATHAM	39,145	1,367	3.5	9	TYRRELL	1,449	64	4.4	59
CARTERET	33,958	1,204	3.5	10	FORSYTH	188,849	8,423	4.5	60
YANCEY	8,260	295	3.6	11	RANDOLPH	64,918	2,901	4.5	61
NEW HANOVER	135,982	4,884	3.6	12	BRUNSWICK	63,365	2,838	4.5	62
GREENE	9,375	343	3.7	13	CASWELL	9,805	442	4.5	63
LINCOLN	48,288	1,768	3.7	14	JACKSON	19,552	891	4.6	64
YADKIN	17,486	646	3.7	15	CHEROKEE	10,783	492	4.6	65
MADISON	10,236	379	3.7	16	MONTGOMERY	11,092	512	4.6	66
PAMLICO	5,631	209	3.7	17	WAYNE	51,822	2,403	4.6	67
WAKE	669,492	24,881	3.7	18	BEAUFORT	19,352	899	4.6	68
MACON	16,612	618	3.7	19	ALLEGHANY	4,175	195	4.7	69
DURHAM	187,845	7,008	3.7	20	WILKES	25,042	1,176	4.7	70
GATES	5,320	199	3.7	21	LEE	25,133	1,190	4.7	71
TRANSYLVANIA	15,465	582	3.8	22	ROCKINGHAM	39,168	1,855	4.7	72
PENDER	32,094	1,208	3.8	23	PASQUOTANK	16,919	809	4.8	73
ORANGE	85,783	3,244	3.8	24	SAMPSON	26,378	1,279	4.8	74
STANLY	31,674	1,198	3.8	25	HARNETT	55,597	2,698	4.9	75
GRANVILLE	30,592	1,160	3.8	26	WASHINGTON	4,249	207	4.9	76
UNION	135,830	5,211	3.8	27	PITT	90,773	4,470	4.9	77
JONES	4,379	169	3.9	28	PERQUIMANS	4,996	247	4.9	78
JOHNSTON	114,077	4,416	3.9	29	ONSLOW	68,606	3,437	5.0	79
DAVIE	20,684	801	3.9	30	ANSON	10,045	504	5.0	80
WATAUGA	30,091	1,170	3.9	31	COLUMBUS	22,290	1,134	5.1	81
POLK	9,539	371	3.9	32	BLADEN	14,297	729	5.1	82
MCDOWELL	19,992	779	3.9	33	GRAHAM	2,960	151	5.1	83
CAMDEN	4,695	183	3.9	34	NORTHAMPTON	7,205	371	5.1	84
SURRY	32,760	1,291	3.9	35	GUILFORD	259,775	13,449	5.2	85
STOKES	21,660	857	4.0	36	MARTIN	8,452	450	5.3	86
ALEXANDER	17,934	713	4.0	37	HOKE	20,536	1,112	5.4	87
BURKE	40,756	1,642	4.0	38	NASH	42,211	2,377	5.6	88
ROWAN	70,425	2,848	4.0	39	BERTIE	6,696	381	5.7	89
CABARRUS	121,022	4,916	4.1	40	RICHMOND	16,860	970	5.8	90
FRANKLIN	35,918	1,461	4.1	41	RUTHERFORD	23,774	1,373	5.8	91
CRAVEN	43,485	1,778	4.1	42	CUMBERLAND	129,785	7,548	5.8	92
IREDELL	98,667	4,039	4.1	43	HALIFAX	19,228	1,164	6.1	93
DUPLIN	25,056	1,030	4.1	44	HERTFORD	8,175	518	6.3	94
MECKLENBURG	680,871	28,249	4.1	45	VANCE	16,562	1,062	6.4	95
GASTON	119,427	4,958	4.2	46	ROBESON	47,027	3,017	6.4	96
CLAY	4,207	175	4.2	47	WARREN	6,261	407	6.5	97
PERSON	19,646	819	4.2	48	EDGECOMBE	20,065	1,367	6.8	98
MOORE	42,826	1,787	4.2	49	WILSON	33,454	2,286	6.8	99
CALDWELL	36,337	1,522	4.2	50	SCOTLAND	10,925	857	7.8	100

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

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, September 20, 2024 when the statewide unemployment rate for August 2024 will be released.

The complete data release schedule through 2024 can be accessed here:

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