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## North Carolina's July County and Area Employment Figures Released

**RALEIGH** — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 75 counties in July 2025, increased in 11, and remained unchanged in 14. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent while Currituck County had the lowest at 2.7 percent. Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases and one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.3 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 3.2 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.8 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
<b>July</b>	91	9	0
<b>June (Revised)</b>	90	10	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 89 counties, increased in seven, and remained unchanged in four. Fourteen metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year and one increased.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in July by 29,896 to 5,124,369, while those unemployed decreased by 7,525 to 202,827. Since July 2024, the number of workers employed statewide increased 10,561, while those unemployed decreased 14,366.

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 19, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for August 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*  
**July 2025**

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,327,196	202,827	3.8	JOHNSTON	130,401	4,185	3.2
ALAMANCE	86,904	3,478	4.0	JONES	3,761	158	4.2
ALEXANDER	16,016	573	3.6	LEE	31,302	1,174	3.8
ALLEGHANY	4,606	168	3.6	LENOIR	24,197	982	4.1
ANSON	9,045	407	4.5	LINCOLN	48,905	1,567	3.2
ASHE	12,351	387	3.1	MCDOWELL	18,457	769	4.2
AVERY	7,850	284	3.6	MACON	16,875	566	3.4
BEAUFORT	19,029	680	3.6	MADISON	10,844	442	4.1
BERTIE	5,712	291	5.1	MARTIN	8,817	370	4.2
BLADEN	11,588	640	5.5	MECKLENBURG	672,282	26,012	3.9
BRUNSWICK	67,111	2,774	4.1	MITCHELL	6,907	284	4.1
BUNCOMBE	142,604	5,903	4.1	MONTGOMERY	10,335	424	4.1
BURKE	39,822	1,511	3.8	MOORE	44,812	1,555	3.5
CABARRUS	127,892	4,473	3.5	NASH	42,777	2,173	5.1
CALDWELL	36,511	1,356	3.7	NEW HANOVER	126,966	4,418	3.5
CAMDEN	5,444	162	3.0	NORTHAMPTON	6,409	341	5.3
CARTERET	32,966	1,087	3.3	ONSLOW	71,583	2,801	3.9
CASWELL	9,923	359	3.6	ORANGE	79,362	2,766	3.5
CATAWBA	77,399	2,787	3.6	PAMLICO	4,805	181	3.8
CHATHAM	40,060	1,327	3.3	PASQUOTANK	18,096	726	4.0
CHEROKEE	11,203	435	3.9	PENDER	32,119	1,135	3.5
CHOWAN	6,250	208	3.3	PERQUIMANS	5,517	195	3.5
CLAY	4,692	162	3.5	PERSON	20,496	721	3.5
CLEVELAND	45,079	1,959	4.3	PITT	83,867	3,579	4.3
COLUMBUS	20,031	870	4.3	POLK	9,631	326	3.4
CRAVEN	41,273	1,570	3.8	RANDOLPH	66,691	2,453	3.7
CUMBERLAND	131,140	6,471	4.9	RICHMOND	18,758	822	4.4
CURRITUCK	16,389	442	2.7	ROBESON	44,286	2,471	5.6
DARE	21,659	669	3.1	ROCKINGHAM	39,830	1,677	4.2
DAVIDSON	81,450	3,116	3.8	ROWAN	72,953	2,623	3.6
DAVIE	20,915	721	3.4	RUTHERFORD	25,982	1,290	5.0
DUPLIN	21,366	765	3.6	SAMPSON	23,069	999	4.3
DURHAM	188,538	6,666	3.5	SCOTLAND	12,781	730	5.7
EDGECOMBE	20,617	1,194	5.8	STANLY	33,215	1,034	3.1
FORSYTH	187,539	7,527	4.0	STOKES	20,721	772	3.7
FRANKLIN	39,907	1,373	3.4	SURRY	32,150	1,106	3.4
GASTON	119,796	4,563	3.8	SWAIN	6,730	219	3.3
GATES	4,560	168	3.7	TRANSYLVANIA	14,666	481	3.3
GRAHAM	3,585	114	3.2	TYRRELL	1,407	59	4.2
GRANVILLE	28,800	1,071	3.7	UNION	136,112	4,545	3.3
GREENE	8,516	308	3.6	VANCE	18,522	875	4.7
GUILFORD	263,454	12,095	4.6	WAKE	693,678	22,252	3.2
HALIFAX	18,202	1,039	5.7	WARREN	7,179	354	4.9
HARNETT	58,489	2,412	4.1	WASHINGTON	3,792	184	4.9
HAYWOOD	29,171	999	3.4	WATAUGA	27,990	1,047	3.7
HENDERSON	58,088	1,797	3.1	WAYNE	51,208	1,933	3.8
HERTFORD	8,153	380	4.7	WILKES	24,969	1,012	4.1
HOKE	20,457	931	4.6	WILSON	34,307	1,919	5.6
HYDE	1,746	74	4.2	YADKIN	17,362	557	3.2
IREDELL	105,731	3,706	3.5	YANCEY	8,607	332	3.9
JACKSON	21,083	780	3.7				

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## NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3	JOHNSTON	3.2	3.4	3.5	-0.2	-0.3
ALAMANCE	4.0	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.2	JONES	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
ALEXANDER	3.6	3.8	4.1	-0.2	-0.5	LEE	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
ALLEGHANY	3.6	3.9	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	LENOIR	4.1	4.2	4.7	-0.1	-0.6
ANSON	4.5	4.6	5.0	-0.1	-0.5	LINCOLN	3.2	3.5	3.6	-0.3	-0.4
ASHE	3.1	3.4	3.3	-0.3	-0.2	MCDOWELL	4.2	4.4	3.9	-0.2	0.3
AVERY	3.6	3.8	3.6	-0.2	0.0	MACON	3.4	3.7	3.7	-0.3	-0.3
BEAUFORT	3.6	3.8	4.2	-0.2	-0.6	MADISON	4.1	4.5	3.3	-0.4	0.8
BERTIE	5.1	5.1	5.7	0.0	-0.6	MARTIN	4.2	4.1	4.7	0.1	-0.5
BLADEN	5.5	5.0	5.5	0.5	0.0	MECKLENBURG	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
BRUNSWICK	4.1	4.6	4.2	-0.5	-0.1	MITCHELL	4.1	4.6	3.6	-0.5	0.5
BUNCOMBE	4.1	4.5	3.2	-0.4	0.9	MONTGOMERY	4.1	4.3	4.5	-0.2	-0.4
BURKE	3.8	4.1	3.9	-0.3	-0.1	MOORE	3.5	3.7	3.8	-0.2	-0.3
CABARRUS	3.5	3.7	3.9	-0.2	-0.4	NASH	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
CALDWELL	3.7	4.0	3.8	-0.3	-0.1	NEW HANOVER	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1
CAMDEN	3.0	3.1	3.1	-0.1	-0.1	NORTHAMPTON	5.3	5.1	5.1	0.2	0.2
CARTERET	3.3	3.5	3.5	-0.2	-0.2	ONSLow	3.9	4.1	4.3	-0.2	-0.4
CASWELL	3.6	3.9	4.2	-0.3	-0.6	ORANGE	3.5	3.5	3.9	0.0	-0.4
CATAWBA	3.6	3.8	4.1	-0.2	-0.5	PAMLICO	3.8	4.0	4.0	-0.2	-0.2
CHATHAM	3.3	3.5	3.4	-0.2	-0.1	PASQUOTANK	4.0	3.9	4.4	0.1	-0.4
CHEROKEE	3.9	4.2	4.2	-0.3	-0.3	PENDER	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1
CHOWAN	3.3	3.6	3.8	-0.3	-0.5	PERQUIMANS	3.5	3.8	4.4	-0.3	-0.9
CLAY	3.5	3.8	3.7	-0.3	-0.2	PERSON	3.5	3.8	3.7	-0.3	-0.2
CLEVELAND	4.3	4.5	4.6	-0.2	-0.3	PITT	4.3	4.4	4.8	-0.1	-0.5
COLUMBUS	4.3	4.6	5.1	-0.3	-0.8	POLK	3.4	3.6	3.5	-0.2	-0.1
CRAVEN	3.8	4.0	4.2	-0.2	-0.4	RANDOLPH	3.7	3.9	4.1	-0.2	-0.4
CUMBERLAND	4.9	5.1	5.3	-0.2	-0.4	RICHMOND	4.4	4.4	4.8	0.0	-0.4
CURRITUCK	2.7	3.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	ROBESON	5.6	5.4	6.1	0.2	-0.5
DARE	3.1	3.3	3.3	-0.2	-0.2	ROCKINGHAM	4.2	4.5	4.4	-0.3	-0.2
DAVIDSON	3.8	4.0	4.2	-0.2	-0.4	ROWAN	3.6	3.8	3.9	-0.2	-0.3
DAVIE	3.4	3.7	3.7	-0.3	-0.3	RUTHERFORD	5.0	5.1	4.8	-0.1	0.2
DUPLIN	3.6	3.6	4.0	0.0	-0.4	SAMPSON	4.3	4.2	5.0	0.1	-0.7
DURHAM	3.5	3.6	3.7	-0.1	-0.2	SCOTLAND	5.7	5.5	6.3	0.2	-0.6
EDGECOMBE	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3	STANLY	3.1	3.2	3.8	-0.1	-0.7
FORSYTH	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4	STOKES	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2
FRANKLIN	3.4	3.6	3.6	-0.2	-0.2	SURRY	3.4	3.6	3.8	-0.2	-0.4
GASTON	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3	SWAIN	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.0	-0.2
GATES	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1	-0.1	TRANSYLVANIA	3.3	3.6	3.6	-0.3	-0.3
GRAHAM	3.2	3.2	3.8	0.0	-0.6	TYRRELL	4.2	4.3	5.0	-0.1	-0.8
GRANVILLE	3.7	3.9	4.0	-0.2	-0.3	UNION	3.3	3.4	3.8	-0.1	-0.5
GREENE	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1	VANCE	4.7	4.9	5.3	-0.2	-0.6
GUILFORD	4.6	4.6	5.0	0.0	-0.4	WAKE	3.2	3.4	3.5	-0.2	-0.3
HALIFAX	5.7	5.4	5.9	0.3	-0.2	WARREN	4.9	5.0	5.3	-0.1	-0.4
HARNETT	4.1	4.2	4.4	-0.1	-0.3	WASHINGTON	4.9	5.0	5.0	-0.1	-0.1
HAYWOOD	3.4	3.9	3.4	-0.5	0.0	WATAUGA	3.7	3.6	4.3	0.1	-0.6
HENDERSON	3.1	3.4	3.1	-0.3	0.0	WAYNE	3.8	3.9	4.3	-0.1	-0.5
HERTFORD	4.7	4.5	5.3	0.2	-0.6	WILKES	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
HOKE	4.6	4.7	5.0	-0.1	-0.4	WILSON	5.6	5.4	6.1	0.2	-0.5
HYDE	4.2	4.2	4.6	0.0	-0.4	YADKIN	3.2	3.5	3.5	-0.3	-0.3
IREDELL	3.5	3.6	3.8	-0.1	-0.3	YANCEY	3.9	4.2	3.4	-0.3	0.5
JACKSON	3.7	3.7	4.2	0.0	-0.5						

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

*Preliminary Data for  
July 2025*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	211,536	8,142	3.8
BURLINGTON	86,904	3,478	4.0
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,517,534	58,789	3.9
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	328,456	11,480	3.5
FAYETTEVILLE	151,597	7,402	4.9
GOLDSBORO	51,208	1,933	3.8
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	369,975	16,225	4.4
GREENVILLE	83,867	3,579	4.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	169,748	6,227	3.7
JACKSONVILLE	71,583	2,801	3.9
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	44,812	1,555	3.5
RALEIGH	863,986	27,810	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT	63,394	3,367	5.3
WILMINGTON	226,196	8,327	3.7
WINSTON-SALEM	327,987	12,693	3.9

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	33,215	1,034	3.1
ANDERSON CREEK	58,489	2,412	4.1
BOONE	27,990	1,047	3.7
BREVARD	14,666	481	3.3
ELIZABETH CITY	18,096	726	4.0
FOREST CITY	25,982	1,290	5.0
HENDERSON	18,522	875	4.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,659	669	3.1
KINSTON	24,197	982	4.1
LAURINBURG	12,781	730	5.7
LUMBERTON	44,286	2,471	5.6
MARION	18,457	769	4.2
MOREHEAD CITY	32,966	1,087	3.3
MOUNT AIRY	32,150	1,106	3.4
MOREHEAD CITY	49,839	1,909	3.8
NEW BERN	24,969	1,012	4.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	24,611	1,380	5.6
ROCKINGHAM	18,758	822	4.4
SANFORD	31,302	1,174	3.8
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	45,079	1,959	4.3
WASHINGTON	19,029	680	3.6
WAYNESVILLE	29,171	999	3.4
WILSON	34,307	1,919	5.6

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for  
July 2025*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	255,373	9,622	3.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,784,033	68,778	3.9
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	272,234	12,980	4.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	817,016	33,502	4.1
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	102,896	4,259	4.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,805	2,996	3.6
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	1,300,755	43,751	3.4
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,312	6,666	5.4

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.8	4.2	3.2	-0.4	0.6
BURLINGTON	4.0	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.5	3.6	3.7	-0.1	-0.2
FAYETTEVILLE	4.9	5.0	5.2	-0.1	-0.3
GOLDSBORO	3.8	3.9	4.3	-0.1	-0.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	-0.4
GREENVILLE	4.3	4.4	4.8	-0.1	-0.5
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.7	3.9	4.0	-0.2	-0.3
JACKSONVILLE	3.9	4.1	4.3	-0.2	-0.4
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.5	3.7	3.8	-0.2	-0.3
RALEIGH	3.2	3.4	3.5	-0.2	-0.3
ROCKY MOUNT	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	-0.2
WILMINGTON	3.7	4.0	3.8	-0.3	-0.1
WINSTON-SALEM	3.9	4.0	4.2	-0.1	-0.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.1	3.2	3.8	-0.1	-0.7
ANDERSON CREEK	4.1	4.2	4.4	-0.1	-0.3
BOONE	3.7	3.6	4.3	0.1	-0.6
BREVARD	3.3	3.6	3.6	-0.3	-0.3
ELIZABETH CITY	4.0	3.9	4.4	0.1	-0.4
FOREST CITY	5.0	5.1	4.8	-0.1	0.2
HENDERSON	4.7	4.9	5.3	-0.2	-0.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.1	3.3	3.3	-0.2	-0.2
KINSTON	4.1	4.2	4.7	-0.1	-0.6
LAURINBURG	5.7	5.5	6.3	0.2	-0.6
LUMBERTON	5.6	5.4	6.1	0.2	-0.5
MARION	4.2	4.4	3.9	-0.2	0.3
MOREHEAD CITY	3.3	3.5	3.5	-0.2	-0.2
MOUNT AIRY	3.4	3.6	3.8	-0.2	-0.4
MOREHEAD CITY	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3
NEW BERN	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	5.6	5.3	5.7	0.3	-0.1
ROCKINGHAM	4.4	4.4	4.8	0.0	-0.4
SANFORD	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	4.3	4.5	4.6	-0.2	-0.3
WASHINGTON	3.6	3.8	4.2	-0.2	-0.6
WAYNESVILLE	3.4	3.9	3.4	-0.5	0.0
WILSON	5.6	5.4	6.1	0.2	-0.5

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

Combined Statistical Area	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	3.8	4.1	3.2	-0.3	0.6
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	4.8	4.8	5.2	0.0	-0.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.1	4.2	4.4	-0.1	-0.3
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.1	4.3	4.7	-0.2	-0.6
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.6	3.8	3.9	-0.2	-0.3
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	3.4	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.4	5.3	5.7	0.1	-0.3

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CAMDEN	5,444	162	3.0	2	WAYNE	51,208	1,933	3.8	52
DARE	21,659	669	3.1	3	BURKE	39,822	1,511	3.8	53
HENDERSON	58,088	1,797	3.1	4	CRAVEN	41,273	1,570	3.8	54
STANLY	33,215	1,034	3.1	5	GASTON	119,796	4,563	3.8	55
ASHE	12,351	387	3.1	6	DAVIDSON	81,450	3,116	3.8	56
GRAHAM	3,585	114	3.2	7	YANCEY	8,607	332	3.9	57
LINCOLN	48,905	1,567	3.2	8	MECKLENBURG	672,282	26,012	3.9	58
WAKE	693,678	22,252	3.2	9	CHEROKEE	11,203	435	3.9	59
YADKIN	17,362	557	3.2	10	ONSLow	71,583	2,801	3.9	60
JOHNSTON	130,401	4,185	3.2	11	ALAMANCE	86,904	3,478	4.0	61
SWAIN	6,730	219	3.3	12	PASQUOTANK	18,096	726	4.0	62
TRANSYLVANIA	14,666	481	3.3	13	FORSYTH	187,539	7,527	4.0	63
CARTERET	32,966	1,087	3.3	14	WILKES	24,969	1,012	4.1	64
CHATHAM	40,060	1,327	3.3	15	LENOIR	24,197	982	4.1	65
CHOWAN	6,250	208	3.3	16	MADISON	10,844	442	4.1	66
UNION	136,112	4,545	3.3	17	MONTGOMERY	10,335	424	4.1	67
MACON	16,875	566	3.4	18	MITCHELL	6,907	284	4.1	68
POLK	9,631	326	3.4	19	HARNETT	58,489	2,412	4.1	69
HAYWOOD	29,171	999	3.4	20	BRUNSWICK	67,111	2,774	4.1	70
SURRY	32,150	1,106	3.4	21	BUNCOMBE	142,604	5,903	4.1	71
FRANKLIN	39,907	1,373	3.4	22	MCDOWELL	18,457	769	4.2	72
DAVIE	20,915	721	3.4	23	TYRRELL	1,407	59	4.2	73
CLAY	4,692	162	3.5	24	MARTIN	8,817	370	4.2	74
MOORE	44,812	1,555	3.5	25	JONES	3,761	158	4.2	75
NEW HANOVER	126,966	4,418	3.5	26	ROCKINGHAM	39,830	1,677	4.2	76
ORANGE	79,362	2,766	3.5	27	HYDE	1,746	74	4.2	77
CABARRUS	127,892	4,473	3.5	28	PITT	83,867	3,579	4.3	78
IREDELL	105,731	3,706	3.5	29	SAMPSON	23,069	999	4.3	79
PERSON	20,496	721	3.5	30	COLUMBUS	20,031	870	4.3	80
PENDER	32,119	1,135	3.5	31	CLEVELAND	45,079	1,959	4.3	81
PERQUIMANS	5,517	195	3.5	32	RICHMOND	18,758	822	4.4	82
DURHAM	188,538	6,666	3.5	33	ANSON	9,045	407	4.5	83
BEAUFORT	19,029	680	3.6	34	HOKE	20,457	931	4.6	84
ALEXANDER	16,016	573	3.6	35	GUILFORD	263,454	12,095	4.6	85
DUPLIN	21,366	765	3.6	36	HERTFORD	8,153	380	4.7	86
ROWAN	72,953	2,623	3.6	37	VANCE	18,522	875	4.7	87
CATAWBA	77,399	2,787	3.6	38	WASHINGTON	3,792	184	4.9	88
GREENE	8,516	308	3.6	39	WARREN	7,179	354	4.9	89
AVERY	7,850	284	3.6	40	CUMBERLAND	131,140	6,471	4.9	90
CASWELL	9,923	359	3.6	41	RUTHERFORD	25,982	1,290	5.0	91
ALLEGHANY	4,606	168	3.6	42	NASH	42,777	2,173	5.1	92
RANDOLPH	66,691	2,453	3.7	43	BERTIE	5,712	291	5.1	93
GATES	4,560	168	3.7	44	NORTHAMPTON	6,409	341	5.3	94
JACKSON	21,083	780	3.7	45	BLADEN	11,588	640	5.5	95
CALDWELL	36,511	1,356	3.7	46	ROBESON	44,286	2,471	5.6	96
GRANVILLE	28,800	1,071	3.7	47	WILSON	34,307	1,919	5.6	97
STOKES	20,721	772	3.7	48	HALIFAX	18,202	1,039	5.7	98
WATAUGA	27,990	1,047	3.7	49	SCOTLAND	12,781	730	5.7	99
LEE	31,302	1,174	3.8	50	EDGEcombe	20,617	1,194	5.8	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](http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm).

### **Release Dates**

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for August 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>