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North Carolina’s June County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 86 of North Carolina’s counties in June 2023, decreased in five, and remained unchanged in nine. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.4 percent while Swain County had the lowest at 2.7 percent. All fifteen of the state’s metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.2 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.9 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.6 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
June	93	7	0
May (Revised)	96	4	0

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

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in June by 4,739 to 5,075,355, while those unemployed increased by 9,581 to 189,305. Since June 2022, the number of workers employed statewide increased 95,090, while those unemployed decreased 17,292.

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, August 18, 2023 when the statewide unemployment rate for July 2023 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
June 2023*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,264,660	189,305	3.6				
ALAMANCE	84,240	3,165	3.8	JOHNSTON	110,631	3,677	3.3
ALEXANDER	18,215	578	3.2	JONES	4,428	150	3.4
ALLEGHANY	4,922	227	4.6	LEE	26,184	1,067	4.1
ANSON	10,328	438	4.2	LENOIR	27,579	999	3.6
ASHE	13,071	403	3.1	LINCOLN	47,976	1,507	3.1
AVERY	8,169	241	3.0	MCDOWELL	20,485	676	3.3
BEAUFORT	20,203	817	4.0	MACON	16,562	526	3.2
BERTIE	7,106	335	4.7	MADISON	10,331	337	3.3
BLADEN	14,799	650	4.4	MARTIN	8,602	408	4.7
BRUNSWICK	60,615	2,561	4.2	MECKLENBURG	673,210	23,114	3.4
BUNCOMBE	145,427	4,036	2.8	MITCHELL	6,099	219	3.6
BURKE	41,369	1,476	3.6	MONTGOMERY	11,209	425	3.8
CABARRUS	119,871	4,004	3.3	MOORE	42,765	1,576	3.7
CALDWELL	36,772	1,303	3.5	NASH	42,318	1,992	4.7
CAMDEN	4,725	160	3.4	NEW HANOVER	131,975	4,405	3.3
CARTERET	33,528	1,095	3.3	NORTHAMPTON	7,249	359	5.0
CASWELL	9,698	357	3.7	ONSLow	69,786	2,915	4.2
CATAWBA	80,177	2,752	3.4	ORANGE	83,769	2,565	3.1
CHATHAM	38,549	1,164	3.0	PAMLICO	5,593	187	3.3
CHEROKEE	11,280	445	3.9	PASQUOTANK	16,846	704	4.2
CHOWAN	5,979	227	3.8	PENDER	31,366	1,062	3.4
CLAY	4,318	160	3.7	PERQUIMANS	5,046	211	4.2
CLEVELAND	49,528	1,783	3.6	PERSON	19,314	709	3.7
COLUMBUS	24,473	925	3.8	PITT	89,370	3,792	4.2
CRAVEN	42,787	1,540	3.6	POLK	9,531	330	3.5
CUMBERLAND	127,403	6,419	5.0	RANDOLPH	65,708	2,438	3.7
CURRITUCK	14,915	465	3.1	RICHMOND	17,252	785	4.6
DARE	22,468	681	3.0	ROBESON	48,152	2,499	5.2
DAVIDSON	83,156	2,878	3.5	ROCKINGHAM	39,657	1,633	4.1
DAVIE	21,192	686	3.2	ROWAN	69,915	2,408	3.4
DUPLIN	25,060	885	3.5	RUTHERFORD	25,155	1,193	4.7
DURHAM	183,615	5,832	3.2	SAMPSON	29,339	1,057	3.6
EDGECOMBE	20,246	1,245	6.1	SCOTLAND	11,354	731	6.4
FORSYTH	192,496	7,111	3.7	STANLY	31,370	1,018	3.2
FRANKLIN	34,806	1,303	3.7	STOKES	22,095	691	3.1
GASTON	118,136	4,048	3.4	SURRY	32,701	1,134	3.5
GATES	5,229	179	3.4	SWAIN	7,418	202	2.7
GRAHAM	2,944	131	4.4	TRANSYLVANIA	15,188	504	3.3
GRANVILLE	30,527	976	3.2	TYRRELL	1,476	62	4.2
GREENE	9,585	292	3.0	UNION	134,674	4,122	3.1
GUILFORD	261,162	10,859	4.2	VANCE	16,801	935	5.6
HALIFAX	19,119	1,040	5.4	WAKE	645,615	20,374	3.2
HARNETT	55,612	2,326	4.2	WARREN	6,527	354	5.4
HAYWOOD	30,953	957	3.1	WASHINGTON	4,371	207	4.7
HENDERSON	56,936	1,717	3.0	WATAUGA	29,814	954	3.2
HERTFORD	8,368	421	5.0	WAYNE	51,464	2,031	3.9
HOKE	20,264	961	4.7	WILKES	26,819	1,058	3.9
HYDE	1,953	86	4.4	WILSON	34,031	1,759	5.2
IREDELL	97,727	3,254	3.3	YADKIN	18,064	617	3.4
JACKSON	19,131	755	3.9	YANCEY	8,323	275	3.3

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.6	3.4	4.0	0.2	-0.4	JOHNSTON	3.3	3.2	3.7	0.1	-0.4
ALAMANCE	3.8	3.5	4.1	0.3	-0.3	JONES	3.4	3.3	3.6	0.1	-0.2
ALEXANDER	3.2	3.0	3.6	0.2	-0.4	LEE	4.1	3.8	4.4	0.3	-0.3
ALLEGHANY	4.6	4.4	3.9	0.2	0.7	LENOIR	3.6	3.4	3.9	0.2	-0.3
ANSON	4.2	4.0	4.8	0.2	-0.6	LINCOLN	3.1	3.0	3.5	0.1	-0.4
ASHE	3.1	2.9	4.0	0.2	-0.9	MCDOWELL	3.3	3.3	3.9	0.0	-0.6
AVERY	3.0	2.9	3.6	0.1	-0.6	MACON	3.2	3.1	3.9	0.1	-0.7
BEAUFORT	4.0	4.0	4.4	0.0	-0.4	MADISON	3.3	3.3	3.8	0.0	-0.5
BERTIE	4.7	4.4	5.2	0.3	-0.5	MARTIN	4.7	4.3	4.8	0.4	-0.1
BLADEN	4.4	4.2	4.6	0.2	-0.2	MECKLENBURG	3.4	3.3	3.7	0.1	-0.3
BRUNSWICK	4.2	4.0	5.0	0.2	-0.8	MITCHELL	3.6	3.6	4.7	0.0	-1.1
BUNCOMBE	2.8	2.7	3.3	0.1	-0.5	MONTGOMERY	3.8	3.6	4.1	0.2	-0.3
BURKE	3.6	3.4	3.9	0.2	-0.3	MOORE	3.7	3.6	4.1	0.1	-0.4
CABARRUS	3.3	3.2	3.7	0.1	-0.4	NASH	4.7	4.5	5.4	0.2	-0.7
CALDWELL	3.5	3.4	4.0	0.1	-0.5	NEW HANOVER	3.3	3.1	3.6	0.2	-0.3
CAMDEN	3.4	3.2	4.3	0.2	-0.9	NORTHAMPTON	5.0	4.5	5.2	0.5	-0.2
CARTERET	3.3	3.2	3.8	0.1	-0.5	ONSLow	4.2	4.0	4.7	0.2	-0.5
CASWELL	3.7	3.5	4.5	0.2	-0.8	ORANGE	3.1	3.0	3.5	0.1	-0.4
CATAWBA	3.4	3.3	3.8	0.1	-0.4	PAMLICO	3.3	3.2	4.1	0.1	-0.8
CHATHAM	3.0	2.9	3.5	0.1	-0.5	PASQUOTANK	4.2	4.0	4.9	0.2	-0.7
CHEROKEE	3.9	3.7	4.7	0.2	-0.8	PENDER	3.4	3.2	3.8	0.2	-0.4
CHOWAN	3.8	3.7	4.5	0.1	-0.7	PERQUIMANS	4.2	3.9	5.0	0.3	-0.8
CLAY	3.7	3.6	4.5	0.1	-0.8	PERSON	3.7	3.5	4.1	0.2	-0.4
CLEVELAND	3.6	3.5	4.1	0.1	-0.5	PITT	4.2	4.0	4.5	0.2	-0.3
COLUMBUS	3.8	3.6	4.6	0.2	-0.8	POLK	3.5	3.4	4.2	0.1	-0.7
Craven	3.6	3.5	4.0	0.1	-0.4	RANDOLPH	3.7	3.5	4.0	0.2	-0.3
CUMBERLAND	5.0	4.8	5.4	0.2	-0.4	RICHMOND	4.6	4.4	5.2	0.2	-0.6
CURRITUCK	3.1	3.0	3.7	0.1	-0.6	ROBESON	5.2	5.0	5.8	0.2	-0.6
DARE	3.0	3.4	3.6	-0.4	-0.6	ROCKINGHAM	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.3	-0.4
DAVIDSON	3.5	3.2	3.9	0.3	-0.4	ROWAN	3.4	3.3	4.0	0.1	-0.6
DAVIE	3.2	3.1	3.8	0.1	-0.6	RUTHERFORD	4.7	4.4	5.1	0.3	-0.4
DUPLIN	3.5	3.4	4.2	0.1	-0.7	SAMPSON	3.6	3.3	4.2	0.3	-0.6
DURHAM	3.2	3.1	3.5	0.1	-0.3	SCOTLAND	6.4	6.3	6.6	0.1	-0.2
EDGEcombe	6.1	5.5	6.8	0.6	-0.7	STANLY	3.2	3.1	3.6	0.1	-0.4
FORSYTH	3.7	3.5	4.1	0.2	-0.4	STOKES	3.1	3.1	3.8	0.0	-0.7
FRANKLIN	3.7	3.5	4.0	0.2	-0.3	SURRY	3.5	3.2	3.9	0.3	-0.4
GASTON	3.4	3.3	4.0	0.1	-0.6	SWAIN	2.7	2.8	3.3	-0.1	-0.6
GATES	3.4	3.4	3.9	0.0	-0.5	TRANSYLVANIA	3.3	3.3	3.8	0.0	-0.5
GRAHAM	4.4	4.3	5.5	0.1	-1.1	TYRRELL	4.2	4.6	4.3	-0.4	-0.1
GRANVILLE	3.2	3.0	3.5	0.2	-0.3	UNION	3.1	3.0	3.5	0.1	-0.4
GREENE	3.0	2.9	3.5	0.1	-0.5	VANCE	5.6	5.4	6.0	0.2	-0.4
GUILFORD	4.2	3.9	4.4	0.3	-0.2	WAKE	3.2	3.0	3.4	0.2	-0.2
HALIFAX	5.4	5.0	5.9	0.4	-0.5	WARREN	5.4	5.2	6.3	0.2	-0.9
HARNETT	4.2	3.9	4.5	0.3	-0.3	WASHINGTON	4.7	4.8	5.2	-0.1	-0.5
HAYWOOD	3.1	2.9	3.6	0.2	-0.5	WATAUGA	3.2	3.2	3.8	0.0	-0.6
HENDERSON	3.0	2.9	3.6	0.1	-0.6	WAYNE	3.9	3.8	4.4	0.1	-0.5
HERTFORD	5.0	4.8	5.6	0.2	-0.6	WILKES	3.9	3.8	4.3	0.1	-0.4
HOKE	4.7	4.4	5.2	0.3	-0.5	WILSON	5.2	5.0	5.5	0.2	-0.3
HYDE	4.4	4.7	4.5	-0.3	-0.1	YADKIN	3.4	3.1	3.7	0.3	-0.3
IREDELL	3.3	3.2	3.7	0.1	-0.4	YANCEY	3.3	3.3	4.0	0.0	-0.7
JACKSON	3.9	3.8	4.2	0.1	-0.3						

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
June 2023*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	243,647	7,047	2.9
BURLINGTON	84,240	3,165	3.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,477,294	49,974	3.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	325,247	10,270	3.2
FAYETTEVILLE	147,667	7,380	5.0
GOLDSBORO	51,464	2,031	3.9
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	366,527	14,930	4.1
GREENVILLE	89,370	3,792	4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	176,533	6,109	3.5
JACKSONVILLE	69,786	2,915	4.2
NEW BERN	52,808	1,877	3.6
RALEIGH	791,052	25,354	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT	62,564	3,237	5.2
WILMINGTON	163,341	5,467	3.3
WINSTON-SALEM	337,003	11,983	3.6

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	31,370	1,018	3.2
BOONE	29,814	954	3.2
BREVARD	15,188	504	3.3
CULLOWHEE	19,131	755	3.9
DUNN	55,612	2,326	4.2
ELIZABETH CITY	26,617	1,075	4.0
FOREST CITY	25,155	1,193	4.7
HENDERSON	16,801	935	5.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	23,944	743	3.1
KINSTON	27,579	999	3.6
LAURINBURG	11,354	731	6.4
LUMBERTON	48,152	2,499	5.2
MARION	20,485	676	3.3
MOREHEAD CITY	33,528	1,095	3.3
MOUNT AIRY	32,701	1,134	3.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,819	1,058	3.9
OXFORD	30,527	976	3.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	42,765	1,576	3.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,368	1,399	5.3
ROCKINGHAM	17,252	785	4.6
SANFORD	26,184	1,067	4.1
SHELBY	49,528	1,783	3.6
WASHINGTON	20,203	817	4.0
WILSON	34,031	1,759	5.2

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
June 2023*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	258,835	7,551	2.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,558,192	52,775	3.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,173	10,610	5.1
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	820,471	31,212	3.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	109,573	4,609	4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	197,018	6,785	3.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	86,336	2,972	3.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,245,423	40,928	3.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,963	6,395	5.2

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	2.9	2.8	3.4	0.1	-0.5
BURLINGTON	3.8	3.5	4.1	0.3	-0.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.4	3.2	3.7	0.2	-0.3
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.2	3.1	3.5	0.1	-0.3
FAYETTEVILLE	5.0	4.7	5.4	0.3	-0.4
GOLDSBORO	3.9	3.8	4.4	0.1	-0.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.1	3.8	4.4	0.3	-0.3
GREENVILLE	4.2	4.0	4.5	0.2	-0.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.5	3.3	3.8	0.2	-0.3
JACKSONVILLE	4.2	4.0	4.7	0.2	-0.5
NEW BERN	3.6	3.5	4.0	0.1	-0.4
RALEIGH	3.2	3.1	3.4	0.1	-0.2
ROCKY MOUNT	5.2	4.8	5.9	0.4	-0.7
WILMINGTON	3.3	3.1	3.6	0.2	-0.3
WINSTON-SALEM	3.6	3.3	4.0	0.3	-0.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.2	3.1	3.6	0.1	-0.4
BOONE	3.2	3.2	3.8	0.0	-0.6
BREVARD	3.3	3.3	3.8	0.0	-0.5
CULLOWHEE	3.9	3.8	4.2	0.1	-0.3
DUNN	4.2	3.9	4.5	0.3	-0.3
ELIZABETH CITY	4.0	3.8	4.8	0.2	-0.8
FOREST CITY	4.7	4.4	5.1	0.3	-0.4
HENDERSON	5.6	5.4	6.0	0.2	-0.4
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.1	3.5	3.6	-0.4	-0.5
KINSTON	3.6	3.4	3.9	0.2	-0.3
LAURINBURG	6.4	6.3	6.6	0.1	-0.2
LUMBERTON	5.2	5.0	5.8	0.2	-0.6
MARION	3.3	3.3	3.9	0.0	-0.6
MOREHEAD CITY	3.3	3.2	3.8	0.1	-0.5
MOUNT AIRY	3.5	3.2	3.9	0.3	-0.4
NORTH WILKESBORO	3.9	3.8	4.3	0.1	-0.4
OXFORD	3.2	3.0	3.5	0.2	-0.3
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.7	3.6	4.1	0.1	-0.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.3	4.9	5.7	0.4	-0.4
ROCKINGHAM	4.6	4.4	5.2	0.2	-0.6
SANFORD	4.1	3.8	4.4	0.3	-0.3
SHELBY	3.6	3.5	4.1	0.1	-0.5
WASHINGTON	4.0	4.0	4.4	0.0	-0.4
WILSON	5.2	5.0	5.5	0.2	-0.3

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

Combined Statistical Area	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	2.9	2.8	3.4	0.1	-0.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.4	3.2	3.7	0.2	-0.3
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.1	4.9	5.5	0.2	-0.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.8	3.6	4.2	0.2	-0.4
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.2	4.0	4.5	0.2	-0.3
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.4	3.3	3.8	0.1	-0.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.4	3.4	3.9	0.0	-0.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.3	3.1	3.6	0.2	-0.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.2	4.9	5.7	0.3	-0.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
SWAIN	7,418	202	2.7%	1	SAMPSON	29,339	1,057	3.6%	51
BUNCOMBE	145,427	4,036	2.8%	2	LENOIR	27,579	999	3.6%	52
AVERY	8,169	241	3.0%	3	PERSON	19,314	709	3.7%	53
HENDERSON	56,936	1,717	3.0%	4	CASWELL	9,698	357	3.7%	54
CHATHAM	38,549	1,164	3.0%	5	MOORE	42,765	1,576	3.7%	55
DARE	22,468	681	3.0%	6	FORSYTH	192,496	7,111	3.7%	56
GREENE	9,585	292	3.0%	7	CLAY	4,318	160	3.7%	57
UNION	134,674	4,122	3.1%	8	RANDOLPH	65,708	2,438	3.7%	58
ORANGE	83,769	2,565	3.1%	9	FRANKLIN	34,806	1,303	3.7%	59
ASHE	13,071	403	3.1%	10	ALAMANCE	84,240	3,165	3.8%	60
HAYWOOD	30,953	957	3.1%	11	COLUMBUS	24,473	925	3.8%	61
CURRITUCK	14,915	465	3.1%	12	MONTGOMERY	11,209	425	3.8%	62
STOKES	22,095	691	3.1%	13	CHOWAN	5,979	227	3.8%	63
LINCOLN	47,976	1,507	3.1%	14	WILKES	26,819	1,058	3.9%	64
WAKE	645,615	20,374	3.2%	15	CHEROKEE	11,280	445	3.9%	65
ALEXANDER	18,215	578	3.2%	16	WAYNE	51,464	2,031	3.9%	66
MACON	16,562	526	3.2%	17	JACKSON	19,131	755	3.9%	67
DURHAM	183,615	5,832	3.2%	18	BEAUFORT	20,203	817	4.0%	68
GRANVILLE	30,527	976	3.2%	19	LEE	26,184	1,067	4.1%	69
WATAUGA	29,814	954	3.2%	20	ROCKINGHAM	39,657	1,633	4.1%	70
DAVIE	21,192	686	3.2%	21	GUILFORD	261,162	10,859	4.2%	71
STANLY	31,370	1,018	3.2%	22	ONSLow	69,786	2,915	4.2%	72
MADISON	10,331	337	3.3%	23	PASQUOTANK	16,846	704	4.2%	73
CARTERET	33,528	1,095	3.3%	24	PERQUIMANS	5,046	211	4.2%	74
MCDOWELL	20,485	676	3.3%	25	HARNETT	55,612	2,326	4.2%	75
YANCEY	8,323	275	3.3%	26	TYRRELL	1,476	62	4.2%	76
TRANSYLVANIA	15,188	504	3.3%	27	BRUNSWICK	60,615	2,561	4.2%	77
JOHNSTON	110,631	3,677	3.3%	28	ANSON	10,328	438	4.2%	78
IREDELL	97,727	3,254	3.3%	29	PITT	89,370	3,792	4.2%	79
NEW HANOVER	131,975	4,405	3.3%	30	BLADEN	14,799	650	4.4%	80
CABARRUS	119,871	4,004	3.3%	31	HYDE	1,953	86	4.4%	81
PAMLICO	5,593	187	3.3%	32	GRAHAM	2,944	131	4.4%	82
PENDER	31,366	1,062	3.4%	33	RICHMOND	17,252	785	4.6%	83
CAMDEN	4,725	160	3.4%	34	ALLEGHANY	4,922	227	4.6%	84
JONES	4,428	150	3.4%	35	NASH	42,318	1,992	4.7%	85
YADKIN	18,064	617	3.4%	36	BERTIE	7,106	335	4.7%	86
GATES	5,229	179	3.4%	37	WASHINGTON	4,371	207	4.7%	87
GASTON	118,136	4,048	3.4%	38	HOKE	20,264	961	4.7%	88
CATAWBA	80,177	2,752	3.4%	39	RUTHERFORD	25,155	1,193	4.7%	89
MECKLENBURG	673,210	23,114	3.4%	40	MARTIN	8,602	408	4.7%	90
ROWAN	69,915	2,408	3.4%	41	NORTHAMPTON	7,249	359	5.0%	91
DAVIDSON	83,156	2,878	3.5%	42	HERTFORD	8,368	421	5.0%	92
POLK	9,531	330	3.5%	43	CUMBERLAND	127,403	6,419	5.0%	93
SURRY	32,701	1,134	3.5%	44	WILSON	34,031	1,759	5.2%	94
DUPLIN	25,060	885	3.5%	45	ROBESON	48,152	2,499	5.2%	95
CALDWELL	36,772	1,303	3.5%	46	WARREN	6,527	354	5.4%	96
BURKE	41,369	1,476	3.6%	47	HALIFAX	19,119	1,040	5.4%	97
MITCHELL	6,099	219	3.6%	48	VANCE	16,801	935	5.6%	98
CRAVEN	42,787	1,540	3.6%	49	EDGEcombe	20,246	1,245	6.1%	99
CLEVELAND	49,528	1,783	3.6%	50	SCOTLAND	11,354	731	6.4%	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, August 18, 2023 when the statewide unemployment rate for July 2023 will be released.

The complete 2023 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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