North Carolina's June County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 92 counties in June 2025, decreased in four, and remained unchanged in four. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent while Currituck 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 5.3 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 3.4 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.0 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
June	89	11	0
May (Revised)	98	2	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 56 counties, decreased in 22, and remained unchanged in 22. Ten metro areas experienced rate increases over the year, one decreased, and four remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in June by 10,334 to 5,094,366, while those unemployed increased by 18,608 to 210,927. Since June 2024, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 10,249, while those unemployed increased 6,452.

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

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,305,293	210,927	4.0				
ALAMANCE	85,926	3,512	4.1	JOHNSTON	129,171	4,360	3.4
ALEXANDER	16,054	614	3.8	JONES	3,865	163	4.2
ALLEGHANY	4,874	191	3.9	LEE	31,326	1,208	3.9
ANSON	9,132	420	4.6	LENOIR	24,696	1,027	4.2
ASHE	12,545	430	3.4	LINCOLN	48,445	1,684	3.5
AVERY	7,872	298	3.8	MCDOWELL	18,771	838	4.5
BEAUFORT	19,262	735	3.8	MACON	16,866	627	3.7
BERTIE	5,971	308	5.2	MADISON	10,850	492	4.5
BLADEN	12,068	606	5.0	MARTIN	9,119	372	4.1
BRUNSWICK	66,458	3,030	4.6	MECKLENBURG	662,607	26,599	4.0
BUNCOMBE	142,175	6,460	4.5	MITCHELL	6,957	321	4.6
BURKE	39,651	1,620	4.1	MONTGOMERY	10,622	462	4.3
CABARRUS	126,306	4,640	3.7	MOORE	45,310	1,672	3.7
CALDWELL	36,262	1,475	4.1	NASH	42,571	2,164	5.1
CAMDEN	5,361	170	3.2	NEW HANOVER	125,531	4,714	3.8
CARTERET	33,137	1,165	3.5	NORTHAMPTON	6,568	333	5.1
CASWELL	9,976	391	3.9	ONSLOW	73,334	3,042	4.1
CATAWBA	76,705	2,933	3.8	ORANGE	78,648	2,794	3.6
CHATHAM	39,870	1,411	3.5	PAMLICO	4,938	198	4.0
CHEROKEE	11,314	475	4.2	PASQUOTANK	18,117	714	3.9
CHOWAN	6,291	227	3.6	PENDER	31,962	1,194	3.7
CLAY	4,809	182	3.8	PERQUIMANS	5,646	214	3.8
CLEVELAND	45,329	2,047	4.5	PERSON	20,394	770	3.8
COLUMBUS	20,102	933	4.6	PITT	83,275	3,652	4.4
CRAVEN	41,540	1,661	4.0	POLK	9,852	359	3.6
CUMBERLAND	132,117	6,705	5.1	RANDOLPH	66,715	2,605	3.9
CURRITUCK	16,157	494	3.1	RICHMOND	19,556	857	4.4
DARE	21,684	746	3.4	ROBESON	45,666	2,493	5.5
DAVIDSON	80,860	3,237	4.0	ROCKINGHAM	39,706	1,785	4.5
DAVIE	20,949	767	3.7	ROWAN	72,274	2,779	3.8
DUPLIN	22,412	804	3.6	RUTHERFORD	26,646	1,364	5.1
DURHAM	186,129	6,790	3.6	SAMPSON	24,778	1,052	4.2
EDGECOMBE	20,586	1,195	5.8	SCOTLAND	13,216	731	5.5
FORSYTH	185,696	7,755	4.2	STANLY	34,087	1,107	3.2
FRANKLIN	39,580	1,431	3.6	STOKES	20,557	811	3.9
GASTON	118,316	4,794	4.1	SURRY	32,476	1,178	3.6
GATES	4,563	170	3.7	SWAIN	6,707	223	3.3
GRAHAM	3,646	119	3.3	TRANSYLVANIA	14,550	529	3.6
GRANVILLE	28,921	1,128	3.9	TYRRELL	1,468	64	4.4
GREENE	8,777	315	3.6	UNION	134,707	4,649	3.5
GUILFORD	261,789	12,141	4.6	VANCE	18,679	916	4.9
HALIFAX	18,393	990	5.4	WAKE	685,123	23,128	3.4
HARNETT	58,844	2,476	4.2	WARREN	7,413	375	5.1
HAYWOOD	29,363	1,144	3.9	WASHINGTON	3,982	198	5.0
HENDERSON	57,994	1,985	3.4	WATAUGA	27,750	1,015	3.7
HERTFORD	8,280	377	4.6	WAYNE	51,327	2,031	4.0
HOKE	20,676	976	4.7	WILKES	25,656	1,087	4.2
HYDE	1,880	80	4.3	WILSON	34,306	1,847	5.4
IREDELL	104,849	3,841	3.7	YADKIN	17,442	607	3.5
JACKSON	20,951	770	3.7	YANCEY	8,666	361	4.2

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	4.0	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.1						
ALAMANCE	4.1	3.6	4.0	0.5	0.1	JOHNSTON	3.4	3.1	3.3	0.3	0.1
ALEXANDER	3.8	3.5	3.9	0.3	-0.1	JONES	4.2	3.8	3.9	0.4	0.3
ALLEGHANY	3.9	3.7	3.8	0.2	0.1	LEE	3.9	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2
ANSON	4.6	4.2	4.8	0.4	-0.2	LENOIR	4.2	3.8	4.4	0.4	-0.2
ASHE	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.2	LINCOLN	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0
AVERY	3.8	3.8	3.5	0.0	0.3	MCDOWELL	4.5	4.1	3.7	0.4	0.8
BEAUFORT	3.8	3.5	4.0	0.3	-0.2	MACON	3.7	3.5	3.6	0.2	0.1
BERTIE	5.2	4.6	5.3	0.6	-0.1	MADISON	4.5	4.4	3.1	0.1	1.4
BLADEN	5.0	4.8	4.9	0.2	0.1	MARTIN	4.1	3.8	4.2	0.3	-0.1
BRUNSWICK	4.6	4.2	4.2	0.4	0.4	MECKLENBURG	4.0	3.7	3.9	0.3	0.1
BUNCOMBE	4.5	4.5	3.2	0.0	1.3	MITCHELL	4.6	4.5	3.3	0.1	1.3
BURKE	4.1	3.7	3.8	0.4	0.3	MONTGOMERY	4.3	3.9	4.2	0.4	0.1
CABARRUS	3.7	3.3	3.7	0.4	0.0	MOORE	3.7	3.4	3.7	0.3	0.0
CALDWELL	4.1	3.8	3.7	0.3	0.4	NASH	5.1	4.6	4.8	0.5	0.3
CAMDEN	3.2	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.1	NEW HANOVER	3.8	3.4	3.5	0.4	0.3
CARTERET	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.1	0.0	NORTHAMPTON	5.1	4.7	4.7	0.4	0.4
CASWELL	3.9	3.6	4.0	0.3	-0.1	ONSLOW	4.1	3.7	4.0	0.4	0.1
CATAWBA	3.8	3.5	3.9	0.3	-0.1	ORANGE	3.6	3.2	3.6	0.4	0.0
CHATHAM	3.5	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1	PAMLICO	4.0	3.9	3.8	0.1	0.2
CHEROKEE	4.2	3.9	4.2	0.3	0.0	PASQUOTANK	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2
CHOWAN	3.6	3.3	3.6	0.3	0.0	PENDER	3.7	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.1
CLAY	3.8	3.5	3.5	0.3	0.3	PERQUIMANS	3.8	3.4	4.1	0.4	-0.3
CLEVELAND	4.5	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.3	PERSON	3.8	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.2
COLUMBUS	4.6	4.2	4.8	0.4	-0.2	PITT	4.4	3.9	4.5	0.5	-0.1
CRAVEN	4.0	3.7	4.0	0.3	0.0	POLK	3.6	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.3
CUMBERLAND	5.1	4.7	4.9	0.4	0.2	RANDOLPH	3.9	3.6	3.9	0.3	0.0
CURRITUCK	3.1	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	RICHMOND	4.4	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.2
DARE	3.4	3.5	3.3	-0.1	0.1	ROBESON	5.5	4.8	5.4	0.7	0.1
DAVIDSON	4.0	3.7	4.0	0.3	0.0	ROCKINGHAM	4.5	4.1	4.1	0.4	0.4
DAVIE	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.2	ROWAN	3.8	3.5	3.8	0.3	0.0
DUPLIN	3.6	3.2	3.6	0.4	0.0	RUTHERFORD	5.1	4.6	4.5	0.5	0.6
DURHAM	3.6	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.1	SAMPSON	4.2	3.8	4.3	0.4	-0.1
EDGECOMBE	5.8	5.3	5.5	0.5	0.3	SCOTLAND	5.5	5.1	5.5	0.4	0.0
FORSYTH	4.2	3.8	4.1	0.4	0.1	STANLY	3.2	3.0	3.4	0.2	-0.2
FRANKLIN	3.6	3.3	3.6	0.3	0.0	STOKES	3.9	3.6	3.6	0.3	0.3
GASTON	4.1	3.7	3.9	0.4	0.2	SURRY	3.6	3.3	3.6	0.3	0.0
GATES	3.7	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.2	SWAIN	3.3	3.4	3.5	-0.1	-0.2
GRAHAM	3.3	3.2	3.6	0.1	-0.3	TRANSYLVANIA	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
GRANVILLE	3.9	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2	TYRRELL	4.4	4.5	4.9	-0.1	-0.5
GREENE	3.6	3.2	3.5	0.4	0.1	UNION	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0
GUILFORD	4.6	4.1	4.6	0.5	0.0	VANCE	4.9	4.5	4.8	0.4	0.1
HALIFAX	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1	WAKE	3.4	3.1	3.3	0.3	0.1
HARNETT	4.2	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.0	WARREN	5.1	4.7	4.9	0.4	0.2
HAYWOOD	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.5	WASHINGTON	5.0	4.8	4.7	0.2	0.3
HENDERSON	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3	WATAUGA	3.7	3.4	3.8	0.3	-0.1
HERTFORD	4.6	4.1	4.7	0.5	-0.1	WAYNE	4.0	3.6	4.0	0.4	0.0
HOKE	4.7	4.4	4.7	0.3	0.0	WILKES	4.2	3.9	4.1	0.3	0.1
HYDE	4.3	4.5	4.1	-0.2	0.2	WILSON	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1
IREDELL	3.7	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.1	YADKIN	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0
JACKSON	3.7	3.4	3.9	0.3	-0.2	YANCEY	4.2	4.1	3.4	0.1	0.8

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
June 2025

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	211,019	8,937	4.2
BURLINGTON	85,926	3,512	4.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,501,935	59,598	4.0
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	325,041	11,765	3.6
FAYETTEVILLE	152,793	7,681	5.0
GOLDSBORO	51,327	2,031	4.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	368,210	16,531	4.5
GREENVILLE	83,275	3,652	4.4
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	168,672	6,642	3.9
JACKSONVILLE	73,334	3,042	4.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	45,310	1,672	3.7
RALEIGH	853,874	28,919	3.4
ROCKY MOUNT	63,157	3,359	5.3
WILMINGTON	223,951	8,938	4.0
WINSTON-SALEM	325,504	13,177	4.0

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	34,087	1,107	3.2
ANDERSON CREEK	58,844	2,476	4.2
BOONE	27,750	1,015	3.7
BREVARD	14,550	529	3.6
ELIZABETH CITY	18,117	714	3.9
FOREST CITY	26,646	1,364	5.1
HENDERSON	18,679	916	4.9
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,684	746	3.4
KINSTON	24,696	1,027	4.2
LAURINBURG	13,216	731	5.5
LUMBERTON	45,666	2,493	5.5
MARION	18,771	838	4.5
MOREHEAD CITY	33,137	1,165	3.5
MOUNT AIRY	32,476	1,178	3.6
MOREHEAD CITY	50,343	2,022	4.0
NEW BERN	25,656	1,087	4.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	24,961	1,323	5.3
ROCKINGHAM	19,556	857	4.4
SANFORD	31,326	1,208	3.9
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	45,329	2,047	4.5
WASHINGTON	19,262	735	3.8
WAYNESVILLE	29,363	1,144	3.9
WILSON	34,306	1,847	5.4

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

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	254,932	10,610	4.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,768,794	70,232	4.0
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	276,541	13,434	4.9
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	812,116	34,398	4.2
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	102,537	4,387	4.3
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	83,480	3,187	3.8
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	1,287,764	45,284	3.5
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,424	6,529	5.3

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	4.2	4.1	3.1	0.1	1.1
BURLINGTON	4.1	3.6	4.0	0.5	0.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	4.0	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.1
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.6	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.1
FAYETTEVILLE	5.0	4.6	4.9	0.4	0.1
GOLDSBORO	4.0	3.6	4.0	0.4	0.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.5	4.0	4.4	0.5	0.1
GREENVILLE	4.4	3.9	4.5	0.5	-0.1
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.9	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.1
JACKSONVILLE	4.1	3.7	4.0	0.4	0.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.7	3.4	3.7	0.3	0.0
RALEIGH	3.4	3.1	3.4	0.3	0.0
ROCKY MOUNT	5.3	4.9	5.0	0.4	0.3
WILMINGTON	4.0	3.7	3.7	0.3	0.3
WINSTON-SALEM	4.0	3.7	4.0	0.3	0.0

Micropolitan Statistical Area	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.2	3.0	3.4	0.2	-0.2
ANDERSON CREEK	4.2	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.0
BOONE	3.7	3.4	3.8	0.3	-0.1
BREVARD	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
ELIZABETH CITY	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2
FOREST CITY	5.1	4.6	4.5	0.5	0.6
HENDERSON	4.9	4.5	4.8	0.4	0.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.4	3.5	3.3	-0.1	0.1
KINSTON	4.2	3.8	4.4	0.4	-0.2
LAURINBURG	5.5	5.1	5.5	0.4	0.0
LUMBERTON	5.5	4.8	5.4	0.7	0.1
MARION	4.5	4.1	3.7	0.4	0.8
MOREHEAD CITY	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.1	0.0
MOUNT AIRY	3.6	3.3	3.6	0.3	0.0
MOREHEAD CITY	4.0	3.7	3.9	0.3	0.1
NEW BERN	4.2	3.9	4.1	0.3	0.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	5.3	4.8	5.2	0.5	0.1
ROCKINGHAM	4.4	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.2
SANFORD	3.9	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	4.5	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.3
WASHINGTON	3.8	3.5	4.0	0.3	-0.2
WAYNESVILLE	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.5
WILSON	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	4.2	4.1	3.2	0.1	1.0
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	4.0	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.1
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	4.9	4.4	4.7	0.5	0.2
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.2	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.0
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.3	3.8	4.4	0.5	-0.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.8	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.0
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.3	4.8	5.2	0.5	0.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for June 2025

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
CURRITUCK	16,157	494	3.1	1	WAYNE	51,327	2,031	4.0	51
CAMDEN	5,361	170	3.2	2	CRAVEN	41,540	1,661	4.0	52
STANLY	34,087	1,107	3.2	3	DAVIDSON	80,860	3,237	4.0	53
GRAHAM	3,646	119	3.3	4	PAMLICO	4,938	198	4.0	54
SWAIN	6,707	223	3.3	5	MECKLENBURG	662,607	26,599	4.0	55
JOHNSTON	129,171	4,360	3.4	6	GASTON	118,316	4,794	4.1	56
WAKE	685,123	23,128	3.4	7	CALDWELL	36,262	1,475	4.1	57
HENDERSON	57,994	1,985	3.4	8	MARTIN	9,119	372	4.1	58
ASHE	12,545	430	3.4	9	BURKE	39,651	1,620	4.1	59
DARE	21,684	746	3.4	10	ALAMANCE	85,926	3,512	4.1	60
UNION	134,707	4,649	3.5	11	ONSLOW	73,334	3,042	4.1	61
LINCOLN	48,445	1,684	3.5	12	LENOIR	24,696	1,027	4.2	62
YADKIN	17,442	607	3.5	13	YANCEY	8,666	361	4.2	63
CARTERET	33,137	1,165	3.5	14	FORSYTH	185,696	7,755	4.2	64
CHATHAM	39,870	1,411	3.5	15	CHEROKEE	11,314	475	4.2	65
ORANGE	78,648	2,794	3.6	16	HARNETT	58,844	2,476	4.2	66
DUPLIN	22,412	804	3.6	17	JONES	3,865	163	4.2	67
GREENE	8,777	315	3.6	18	WILKES	25,656	1,087	4.2	68
CHOWAN	6,291	227	3.6	19	SAMPSON	24,778	1,052	4.2	69
FRANKLIN	39,580	1,431	3.6	20	HYDE	1,880	80	4.3	70
SURRY	32,476	1,178	3.6	21	MONTGOMERY	10,622	462	4.3	71
TRANSYLVANIA	14,550	529	3.6	22	TYRRELL	1,468	64	4.4	72
POLK	9,852	359	3.6	23	RICHMOND	19,556	857	4.4	73
DURHAM	186,129	6,790	3.6	24	PITT	83,275	3,652	4.4	74
WATAUGA	27,750	1,015	3.7	25	MCDOWELL	18,771	838	4.5	75
DAVIE	20,949	767	3.7	26	ROCKINGHAM	39,706	1,785	4.5	76
IREDELL	104,849	3,841	3.7	27	CLEVELAND	45,329	2,047	4.5	77
CABARRUS	126,306	4,640	3.7	28	MADISON	10,850	492	4.5	78
JACKSON	20,951	770	3.7	29	BUNCOMBE	142,175	6,460	4.5	79
MOORE	45,310	1,672	3.7	30	HERTFORD	8,280	377	4.6	80
MACON	16,866	627	3.7	31	BRUNSWICK	66,458	3,030	4.6	81
GATES	4,563	170	3.7	32	ANSON	9,132	420	4.6	82
PENDER	31,962	1,194	3.7	33	MITCHELL	6,957	321	4.6	83
NEW HANOVER	125,531	4,714	3.8	34	GUILFORD	261,789	12,141	4.6	84
PERSON	20,394	770	3.8	35	COLUMBUS	20,102	933	4.6	85
CLAY	4,809	182	3.8	36	HOKE	20,676	976	4.7	86
AVERY	7,872	298	3.8	37	VANCE	18,679	916	4.9	87
PERQUIMANS	5,646	214	3.8	38	WASHINGTON	3,982	198	5.0	88
BEAUFORT	19,262	735	3.8	39	BLADEN	12,068	606	5.0	89
CATAWBA	76,705	2,933	3.8	40	WARREN	7,413	375	5.1	90
ALEXANDER	16,054	614	3.8	41	NORTHAMPTON	6,568	333	5.1	91
ROWAN	72,274	2,779	3.8	42	CUMBERLAND	132,117	6,705	5.1	92
LEE	31,326	1,208	3.9	43	NASH	42,571	2,164	5.1	93
HAYWOOD	29,363	1,144	3.9	44	RUTHERFORD	26,646	1,364	5.1	94
GRANVILLE	28,921	1,128	3.9	45	BERTIE	5,971	308	5.2	95
RANDOLPH	66,715	2,605	3.9	46	HALIFAX	18,393	990	5.4	96
ALLEGHANY	4,874	191	3.9	47	WILSON	34,306	1,847	5.4	97
CASWELL	9,976	391	3.9	48	ROBESON	45,666	2,493	5.5	98
PASQUOTANK	18,117	714	3.9	49	SCOTLAND	13,216	731	5.5	99
STOKES	20,557	811	3.9	50	EDGECOMBE	20,586	1,195	5.8	100

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates are 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 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, August 19, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for July 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