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North Carolina's May County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 93 counties in May 2025, decreased in four, and remained unchanged in three. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.3 percent while Currituck County had the lowest at 2.9 percent. Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases and one decreased. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 4.9 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 3.1 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
May	98	2	0
April (Revised)	100	0	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 80 counties, decreased in nine, and remained unchanged in 11. Thirteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year and two remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in May by 24,009 to 5,084,132, while those unemployed increased by 12,032 to 192,431. Since May 2024, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 36,949, while those unemployed increased 10,459.

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, July 18, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for June 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
May 2025

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,276,563	192,431	3.6	JOHNSTON	127,990	3,941	3.1
ALAMANCE	85,878	3,103	3.6	JONES	3,897	148	3.8
ALEXANDER	16,038	569	3.5	LEE	31,207	1,106	3.5
ALLEGHANY	4,773	175	3.7	LENOIR	24,559	940	3.8
ANSON	8,966	376	4.2	LINCOLN	48,005	1,551	3.2
ASHE	12,512	419	3.3	MCDOWELL	18,800	768	4.1
AVERY	7,625	290	3.8	MACON	16,881	585	3.5
BEAUFORT	19,158	677	3.5	MADISON	10,825	477	4.4
BERTIE	5,893	269	4.6	MARTIN	9,117	350	3.8
BLADEN	11,926	573	4.8	MECKLENBURG	656,622	24,129	3.7
BRUNSWICK	66,235	2,811	4.2	MITCHELL	7,085	317	4.5
BUNCOMBE	141,982	6,341	4.5	MONTGOMERY	10,517	415	3.9
BURKE	39,709	1,483	3.7	MOORE	44,808	1,531	3.4
CABARRUS	125,167	4,194	3.4	NASH	42,617	1,979	4.6
CALDWELL	36,324	1,370	3.8	NEW HANOVER	124,948	4,306	3.4
CAMDEN	5,331	159	3.0	NORTHAMPTON	6,512	308	4.7
CARTERET	32,546	1,103	3.4	ONSLOW	73,888	2,753	3.7
CASWELL	9,989	356	3.6	ORANGE	77,826	2,507	3.2
CATAWBA	76,891	2,660	3.5	PAMLICO	4,843	192	4.0
CHATHAM	39,457	1,293	3.3	PASQUOTANK	18,032	671	3.7
CHEROKEE	11,343	443	3.9	PENDER	31,767	1,090	3.4
CHOWAN	6,250	205	3.3	PERQUIMANS	5,664	193	3.4
CLAY	4,792	168	3.5	PERSON	20,223	698	3.5
CLEVELAND	45,350	1,889	4.2	PITT	82,921	3,199	3.9
COLUMBUS	20,090	844	4.2	POLK	9,773	340	3.5
CRAVEN	41,527	1,534	3.7	RANDOLPH	66,973	2,383	3.6
CUMBERLAND	131,220	6,121	4.7	RICHMOND	19,371	795	4.1
CURRITUCK	16,041	464	2.9	ROBESON	45,183	2,166	4.8
DARE	20,158	724	3.6	ROCKINGHAM	39,900	1,647	4.1
DAVIDSON	80,610	2,970	3.7	ROWAN	71,555	2,521	3.5
DAVIE	20,843	713	3.4	RUTHERFORD	26,387	1,202	4.6
DUPLIN	22,760	735	3.2	SAMPSON	24,592	927	3.8
DURHAM	184,694	6,076	3.3	SCOTLAND	13,127	666	5.1
EDGECOMBE	20,585	1,097	5.3	STANLY	34,049	1,016	3.0
FORSYTH	185,280	6,974	3.8	STOKES	20,503	735	3.6
FRANKLIN	39,203	1,298	3.3	SURRY	32,651	1,081	3.3
GASTON	117,273	4,383	3.7	SWAIN	6,602	228	3.5
GATES	4,505	159	3.5	TRANSYLVANIA	14,266	516	3.6
GRAHAM	3,615	114	3.2	TYRRELL	1,384	63	4.6
GRANVILLE	28,784	1,019	3.5	UNION	133,364	4,229	3.2
GREENE	8,779	283	3.2	VANCE	18,728	843	4.5
GUILFORD	262,860	10,822	4.1	WAKE	679,721	21,074	3.1
HALIFAX	18,365	880	4.8	WARREN	7,294	343	4.7
HARNETT	58,811	2,257	3.8	WASHINGTON	3,920	187	4.8
HAYWOOD	29,371	1,109	3.8	WATAUGA	27,706	939	3.4
HENDERSON	57,838	1,903	3.3	WAYNE	51,021	1,853	3.6
HERTFORD	8,185	332	4.1	WILKES	25,839	998	3.9
HOKE	20,544	898	4.4	WILSON	34,418	1,669	4.8
HYDE	1,768	79	4.5	YADKIN	17,327	557	3.2
IREDELL	103,716	3,501	3.4	YANCEY	8,667	358	4.1
JACKSON	21,131	726	3.4				

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.6	3.4	3.4	0.2	0.2	JOHNSTON	3.1	2.8	3.0	0.3	0.1
ALAMANCE	3.6	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.1	JONES	3.8	3.7	3.4	0.1	0.4
ALEXANDER	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.1	0.0	LEE	3.5	3.4	3.4	0.1	0.1
ALLEGHANY	3.7	3.2	3.6	0.5	0.1	LENOIR	3.8	3.5	3.7	0.3	0.1
ANSON	4.2	4.0	4.2	0.2	0.0	LINCOLN	3.2	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.1
ASHE	3.3	3.0	2.9	0.3	0.4	MCDOWELL	4.1	4.1	3.4	0.0	0.7
AVERY	3.8	4.1	3.1	-0.3	0.7	MACON	3.5	3.2	3.2	0.3	0.3
BEAUFORT	3.5	3.2	3.7	0.3	-0.2	MADISON	4.4	4.4	2.8	0.0	1.6
BERTIE	4.6	4.5	4.6	0.1	0.0	MARTIN	3.8	3.5	3.9	0.3	-0.1
BLADEN	4.8	4.3	4.6	0.5	0.2	MECKLENBURG	3.7	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.2
BRUNSWICK	4.2	3.9	3.8	0.3	0.4	MITCHELL	4.5	4.7	3.0	-0.2	1.5
BUNCOMBE	4.5	4.6	2.8	-0.1	1.7	MONTGOMERY	3.9	3.7	3.6	0.2	0.3
BURKE	3.7	3.5	3.3	0.2	0.4	MOORE	3.4	3.0	3.3	0.4	0.1
CABARRUS	3.4	3.1	3.3	0.3	0.1	NASH	4.6	4.3	4.3	0.3	0.3
CALDWELL	3.8	3.6	3.3	0.2	0.5	NEW HANOVER	3.4	3.2	3.2	0.2	0.2
CAMDEN	3.0	2.7	2.8	0.3	0.2	NORTHAMPTON	4.7	4.2	4.0	0.5	0.7
CARTERET	3.4	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.2	ONSLow	3.7	3.5	3.6	0.2	0.1
CASWELL	3.6	3.0	3.5	0.6	0.1	ORANGE	3.2	3.0	3.2	0.2	0.0
CATAWBA	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0	PAMLICO	4.0	3.6	3.6	0.4	0.4
CHATHAM	3.3	3.0	3.1	0.3	0.2	PASQUOTANK	3.7	3.4	3.8	0.3	-0.1
CHEROKEE	3.9	3.5	3.8	0.4	0.1	PENDER	3.4	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.2
CHOWAN	3.3	3.0	3.3	0.3	0.0	PERQUIMANS	3.4	3.0	3.7	0.4	-0.3
CLAY	3.5	3.1	3.1	0.4	0.4	PERSON	3.5	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.3
CLEVELAND	4.2	3.8	3.7	0.4	0.5	PITT	3.9	3.6	3.9	0.3	0.0
COLUMBUS	4.2	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.0	POLK	3.5	3.3	2.9	0.2	0.6
CrAVEN	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.2	RANDOLPH	3.6	3.2	3.4	0.4	0.2
CUMBERLAND	4.7	4.3	4.3	0.4	0.4	RICHMOND	4.1	3.7	3.7	0.4	0.4
CURRITUCK	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.2	ROBESON	4.8	4.6	4.7	0.2	0.1
DARE	3.6	3.9	3.3	-0.3	0.3	ROCKINGHAM	4.1	3.9	3.8	0.2	0.3
DAVIDSON	3.7	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.1	ROWAN	3.5	3.2	3.4	0.3	0.1
DAVIE	3.4	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.2	RUTHERFORD	4.6	4.4	3.8	0.2	0.8
DUPLIN	3.2	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.1	SAMPSON	3.8	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.2
DURHAM	3.3	3.0	3.1	0.3	0.2	SCOTLAND	5.1	4.7	4.9	0.4	0.2
EDGEcombe	5.3	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.4	STANLY	3.0	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1
FORSYTH	3.8	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.2	STOKES	3.6	3.2	3.3	0.4	0.3
FRANKLIN	3.3	3.0	3.3	0.3	0.0	SURRY	3.3	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.1
GASTON	3.7	3.6	3.5	0.1	0.2	SWAIN	3.5	3.3	3.2	0.2	0.3
GATES	3.5	3.2	3.4	0.3	0.1	TRANSYLVANIA	3.6	3.4	3.2	0.2	0.4
GRAHAM	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-0.1	TYRRELL	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
GRANVILLE	3.5	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1	UNION	3.2	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.1
GREENE	3.2	3.0	3.0	0.2	0.2	VANCE	4.5	4.1	4.3	0.4	0.2
GUILFORD	4.1	3.8	4.0	0.3	0.1	WAKE	3.1	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1
HALIFAX	4.8	4.6	4.9	0.2	-0.1	WARREN	4.7	4.6	4.3	0.1	0.4
HARNETT	3.8	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.0	WASHINGTON	4.8	4.4	4.2	0.4	0.6
HAYWOOD	3.8	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.7	WATAUGA	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.1	0.1
HENDERSON	3.3	3.1	2.8	0.2	0.5	WAYNE	3.6	3.4	3.6	0.2	0.0
HERTFORD	4.1	3.9	4.2	0.2	-0.1	WILKES	3.9	3.5	3.6	0.4	0.3
HOKE	4.4	4.0	4.3	0.4	0.1	WILSON	4.8	4.7	4.9	0.1	-0.1
HYDE	4.5	4.4	4.2	0.1	0.3	YADKIN	3.2	2.9	3.1	0.3	0.1
IREDELL	3.4	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.2	YANCEY	4.1	4.0	3.1	0.1	1.0
JACKSON	3.4	3.3	3.5	0.1	-0.1						

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

*Preliminary Data for
May 2025*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	210,645	8,721	4.1
BURLINGTON	85,878	3,103	3.6
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,485,867	53,431	3.6
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	322,200	10,574	3.3
FAYETTEVILLE	151,764	7,019	4.6
GOLDSBORO	51,021	1,853	3.6
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	369,733	14,852	4.0
GREENVILLE	82,921	3,199	3.9
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	168,962	6,082	3.6
JACKSONVILLE	73,888	2,753	3.7
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	44,808	1,531	3.4
RALEIGH	846,914	26,313	3.1
ROCKY MOUNT	63,202	3,076	4.9
WILMINGTON	222,950	8,207	3.7
WINSTON-SALEM	324,563	11,949	3.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	34,049	1,016	3.0
ANDERSON CREEK	58,811	2,257	3.8
BOONE	27,706	939	3.4
BREVARD	14,266	516	3.6
ELIZABETH CITY	18,032	671	3.7
FOREST CITY	26,387	1,202	4.6
HENDERSON	18,728	843	4.5
KILL DEVIL HILLS	20,158	724	3.6
KINSTON	24,559	940	3.8
LAURINBURG	13,127	666	5.1
LUMBERTON	45,183	2,166	4.8
MARION	18,800	768	4.1
MOREHEAD CITY	32,546	1,103	3.4
MOUNT AIRY	32,651	1,081	3.3
MOREHEAD CITY	50,267	1,874	3.7
NEW BERN	25,839	998	3.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	24,877	1,188	4.8
ROCKINGHAM	19,371	795	4.1
SANFORD	31,207	1,106	3.5
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	45,350	1,889	4.2
WASHINGTON	19,158	677	3.5
WAYNESVILLE	29,371	1,109	3.8
WILSON	34,418	1,669	4.8

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
May 2025*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	254,282	10,346	4.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,753,028	63,186	3.6
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	274,253	12,177	4.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	812,825	30,985	3.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	102,079	3,876	3.8
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,813	2,977	3.6
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	1,277,860	41,093	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,497	5,933	4.8

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	4.1	4.2	2.8	-0.1	1.3
BURLINGTON	3.6	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.6	3.4	3.4	0.2	0.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.3	3.0	3.1	0.3	0.2
FAYETTEVILLE	4.6	4.3	4.3	0.3	0.3
GOLDSBORO	3.6	3.4	3.6	0.2	0.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.0	3.7	3.9	0.3	0.1
GREENVILLE	3.9	3.6	3.9	0.3	0.0
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.6	3.4	3.4	0.2	0.2
JACKSONVILLE	3.7	3.5	3.6	0.2	0.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.4	3.0	3.3	0.4	0.1
RALEIGH	3.1	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT	4.9	4.5	4.5	0.4	0.4
WILMINGTON	3.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.4
WINSTON-SALEM	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.2

Micropolitan Statistical Area	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.0	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1
ANDERSON CREEK	3.8	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.0
BOONE	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.1	0.1
BREVARD	3.6	3.4	3.2	0.2	0.4
ELIZABETH CITY	3.7	3.4	3.8	0.3	-0.1
FOREST CITY	4.6	4.4	3.8	0.2	0.8
HENDERSON	4.5	4.1	4.3	0.4	0.2
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.6	3.9	3.3	-0.3	0.3
KINSTON	3.8	3.5	3.7	0.3	0.1
LAURINBURG	5.1	4.7	4.9	0.4	0.2
LUMBERTON	4.8	4.6	4.7	0.2	0.1
MARION	4.1	4.1	3.4	0.0	0.7
MOREHEAD CITY	3.4	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.2
MOUNT AIRY	3.3	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.1
MOREHEAD CITY	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.2
NEW BERN	3.9	3.5	3.6	0.4	0.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.8	4.5	4.7	0.3	0.1
ROCKINGHAM	4.1	3.7	3.7	0.4	0.4
SANFORD	3.5	3.4	3.4	0.1	0.1
SHELBY-KINGS MOUNTAIN	4.2	3.8	3.7	0.4	0.5
WASHINGTON	3.5	3.2	3.7	0.3	-0.2
WAYNESVILLE	3.8	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.7
WILSON	4.8	4.7	4.9	0.1	-0.1

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

Combined Statistical Area	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-WAYNESVILLE-BREVARD	4.1	4.1	2.9	0.0	1.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.6	3.4	3.4	0.2	0.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-PINEHURST	4.4	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.2
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.8	3.5	3.7	0.3	0.1
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	3.8	3.5	3.9	0.3	-0.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.6	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	3.2	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	4.8	4.5	4.6	0.3	0.2

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for May 2025

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CURRITUCK	16,041	464	2.9	1	DAVIDSON	80,610	2,970	3.7	51
CAMDEN	5,331	159	3.0	2	CRAVEN	41,527	1,534	3.7	52
STANLY	34,049	1,016	3.0	3	PASQUOTANK	18,032	671	3.7	53
JOHNSTON	127,990	3,941	3.1	4	ONSLOW	73,888	2,753	3.7	54
WAKE	679,721	21,074	3.1	5	BURKE	39,709	1,483	3.7	55
GRAHAM	3,615	114	3.2	6	GASTON	117,273	4,383	3.7	56
UNION	133,364	4,229	3.2	7	FORSYTH	185,280	6,974	3.8	57
YADKIN	17,327	557	3.2	8	SAMPSON	24,592	927	3.8	58
ORANGE	77,826	2,507	3.2	9	CALDWELL	36,324	1,370	3.8	59
GREENE	8,779	283	3.2	10	HAYWOOD	29,371	1,109	3.8	60
DUPLIN	22,760	735	3.2	11	JONES	3,897	148	3.8	61
LINCOLN	48,005	1,551	3.2	12	AVERY	7,625	290	3.8	62
CHATHAM	39,457	1,293	3.3	13	LENOIR	24,559	940	3.8	63
CHOWAN	6,250	205	3.3	14	HARNETT	58,811	2,257	3.8	64
DURHAM	184,694	6,076	3.3	15	MARTIN	9,117	350	3.8	65
HENDERSON	57,838	1,903	3.3	16	PITT	82,921	3,199	3.9	66
SURRY	32,651	1,081	3.3	17	WILKES	25,839	998	3.9	67
FRANKLIN	39,203	1,298	3.3	18	CHEROKEE	11,343	443	3.9	68
ASHE	12,512	419	3.3	19	MONTGOMERY	10,517	415	3.9	69
CABARRUS	125,167	4,194	3.4	20	PAMLICO	4,843	192	4.0	70
IREDELL	103,716	3,501	3.4	21	HERTFORD	8,185	332	4.1	71
CARTERET	32,546	1,103	3.4	22	MCDOWELL	18,800	768	4.1	72
WATAUGA	27,706	939	3.4	23	RICHMOND	19,371	795	4.1	73
PERQUIMANS	5,664	193	3.4	24	GUILFORD	262,860	10,822	4.1	74
MOORE	44,808	1,531	3.4	25	ROCKINGHAM	39,900	1,647	4.1	75
DAVIE	20,843	713	3.4	26	YANCEY	8,667	358	4.1	76
PENDER	31,767	1,090	3.4	27	CLEVELAND	45,350	1,889	4.2	77
JACKSON	21,131	726	3.4	28	ANSON	8,966	376	4.2	78
NEW HANOVER	124,948	4,306	3.4	29	COLUMBUS	20,090	844	4.2	79
PERSON	20,223	698	3.5	30	BRUNSWICK	66,235	2,811	4.2	80
SWAIN	6,602	228	3.5	31	HOKE	20,544	898	4.4	81
CATAWBA	76,891	2,660	3.5	32	MADISON	10,825	477	4.4	82
MACON	16,881	585	3.5	33	BUNCOMBE	141,982	6,341	4.5	83
POLK	9,773	340	3.5	34	HYDE	1,768	79	4.5	84
CLAY	4,792	168	3.5	35	MITCHELL	7,085	317	4.5	85
ROWAN	71,555	2,521	3.5	36	VANCE	18,728	843	4.5	86
GATES	4,505	159	3.5	37	TYRRELL	1,384	63	4.6	87
BEAUFORT	19,158	677	3.5	38	RUTHERFORD	26,387	1,202	4.6	88
GRANVILLE	28,784	1,019	3.5	39	BERTIE	5,893	269	4.6	89
LEE	31,207	1,106	3.5	40	NASH	42,617	1,979	4.6	90
ALEXANDER	16,038	569	3.5	41	CUMBERLAND	131,220	6,121	4.7	91
RANDOLPH	66,973	2,383	3.6	42	WARREN	7,294	343	4.7	92
CASWELL	9,989	356	3.6	43	NORTHAMPTON	6,512	308	4.7	93
STOKES	20,503	735	3.6	44	WASHINGTON	3,920	187	4.8	94
DARE	20,158	724	3.6	45	HALIFAX	18,365	880	4.8	95
ALAMANCE	85,878	3,103	3.6	46	ROBESON	45,183	2,166	4.8	96
TRANSYLVANIA	14,266	516	3.6	47	BLADEN	11,926	573	4.8	97
WAYNE	51,021	1,853	3.6	48	WILSON	34,418	1,669	4.8	98
ALLEGHANY	4,773	175	3.7	49	SCOTLAND	13,127	666	5.1	99
MECKLENBURG	656,622	24,129	3.7	50	EDGECOMBE	20,585	1,097	5.3	100

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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 Friday, July 18, 2025 when the statewide unemployment rate for June 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>