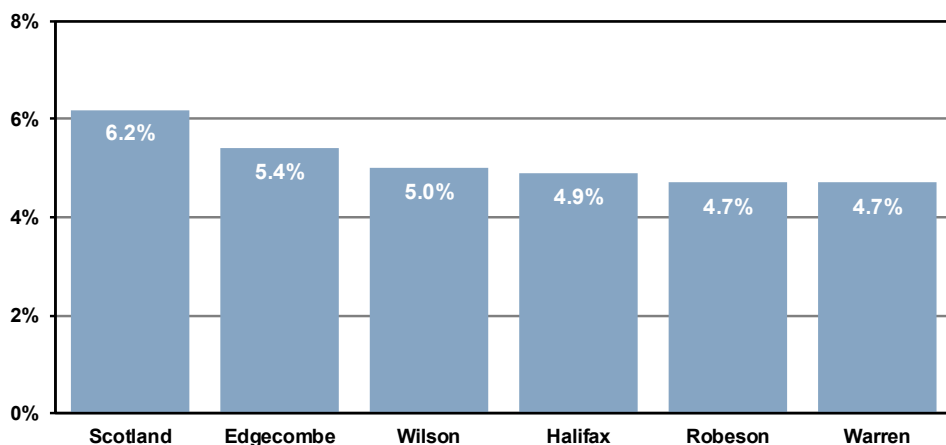


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates September 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

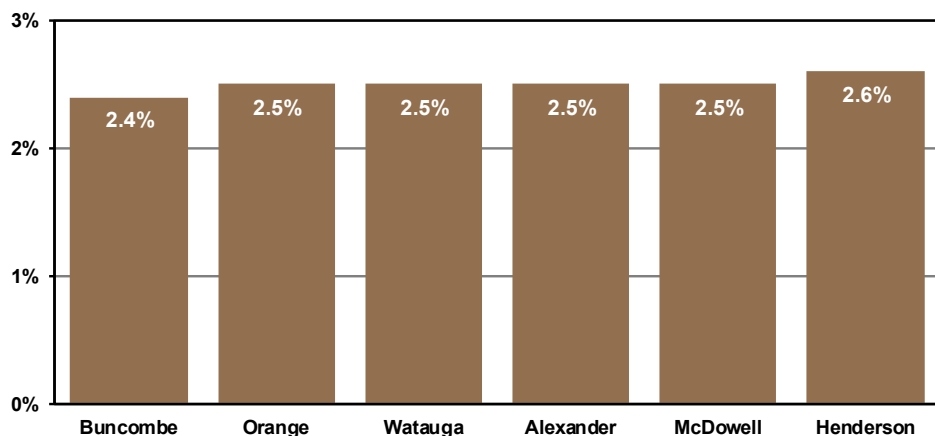


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.1 percent in September. This decreased 0.8 of a percentage point from August's revised rate, while falling 1.1 percent over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all 100 counties. Forty-six counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.1 percent rate.

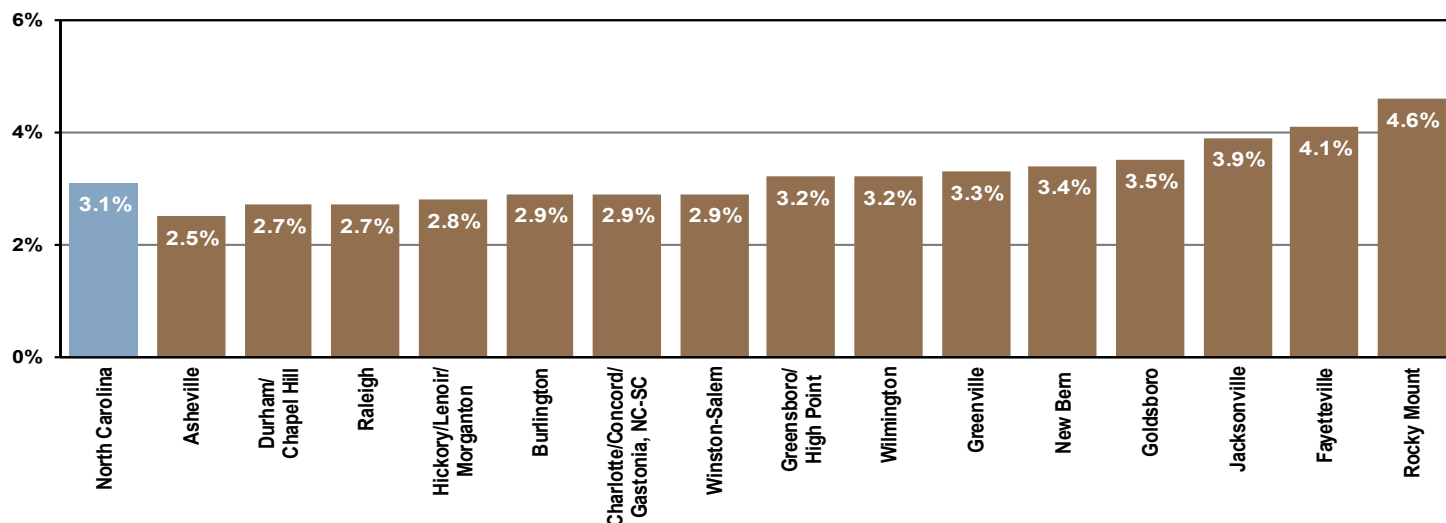
Scotland County recorded September's highest unemployment rate at 6.2 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 5.4 percent, Wilson at 5.0 percent, and Halifax at 4.9 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.4 percent, followed by Orange, Watauga, Alexander, and McDowell at 2.5 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates September 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in September at 4.6 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 4.1 percent, Jacksonville at 3.9 percent, Goldsboro at 3.5 percent, and New Bern at 3.4 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.5 percent, followed by Raleigh and Durham/Chapel Hill at 2.7 percent.

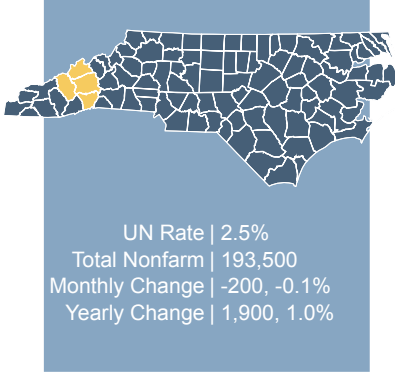
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates September 2018\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



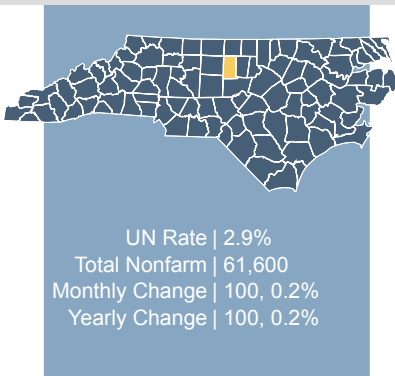
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.8%
Information	-100 -5.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -1.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,800 -5.8%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	2,400 10.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.7%
Manufacturing	1,000 4.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	-100 -5.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -2.3%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.0%
Other Services	200 2.5%
Government	300 1.2%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



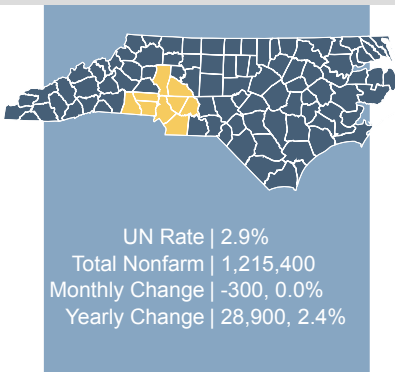
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -2.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	600 9.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.6%
Manufacturing	100 1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -2.0%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%
Other Services	100 5.0%
Government	100 1.4%

## Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



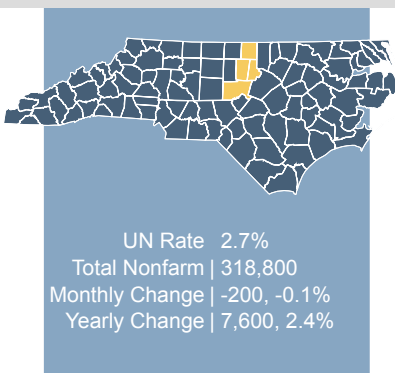
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,500 2.4%
Manufacturing	-600 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,800 -0.7%
Information	-100 -0.4%
Financial Activities	300 0.3%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	1,100 0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,500 -7.3%
Other Services	-1,200 -2.9%
Government	11,000 7.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,900 3.0%
Manufacturing	-1,200 -1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,800 2.8%
Information	800 2.9%
Financial Activities	2,700 2.9%
Professional & Business Services	8,200 4.1%
Education & Health Services	4,500 3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,100 -3.0%
Other Services	1,100 2.8%
Government	8,200 5.3%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.2%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	200 0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100 -3.7%
Other Services	-200 -1.7%
Government	1,900 2.7%

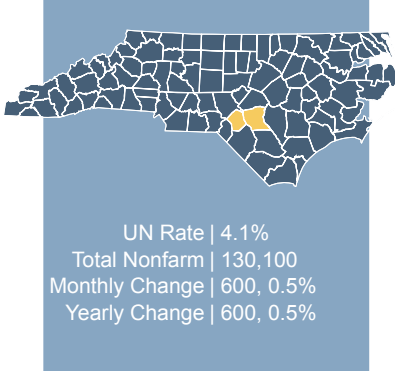
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.7%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 3.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	400 2.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,200 2.8%
Education & Health Services	1,600 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 2.9%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	2,200 3.1%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



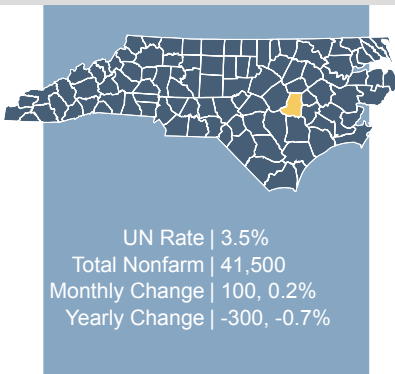
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -1.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -5.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,800 4.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 2.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -3.3%
Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -3.2%
Other Services	100 2.2%
Government	500 1.3%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



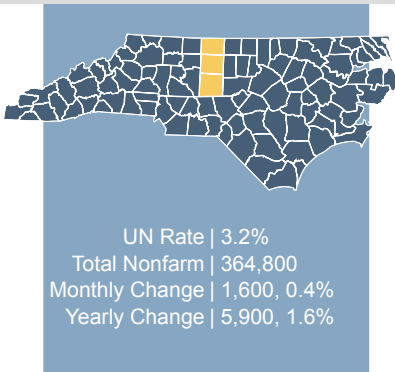
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 3.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	0 0.0%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



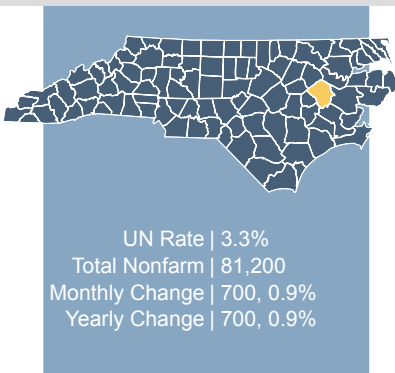
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.6%
Manufacturing	-500 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.2%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.3%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	2,700 6.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 6.6%
Manufacturing	1,200 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,300 3.1%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 0.6%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 1.7%
Other Services	100 0.8%
Government	500 1.1%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	700 2.6%

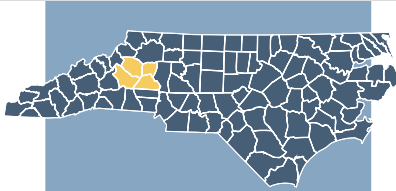
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.5%
Manufacturing	400 6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.5%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

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## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



UN Rate | 2.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 156,600  
 Monthly Change | 800, 0.5%  
 Yearly Change | 3,400, 2.2%

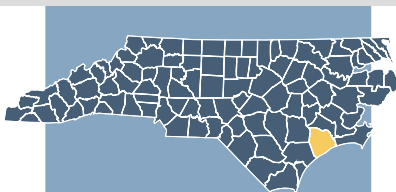
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.1%
Education & Health Services	100 0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.4%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	1,300 6.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 7.3%
Manufacturing	1,000 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,500 5.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.1%
Education & Health Services	200 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 5.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.4%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



UN Rate | 3.9%  
 Total Nonfarm | 48,300  
 Monthly Change | -1,600, -3.2%  
 Yearly Change | -800, -1.6%

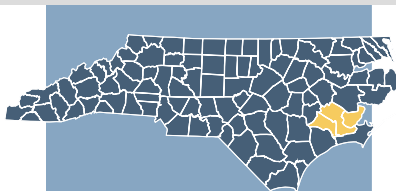
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 2.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.4%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



UN Rate | 3.4%  
 Total Nonfarm | 44,400  
 Monthly Change | -1,300, -2.8%  
 Yearly Change | -100, -0.2%

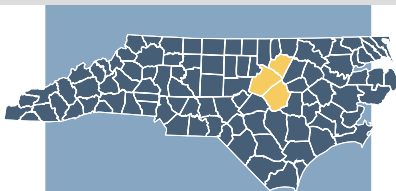
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	200 1.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	0 0.0%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



UN Rate | 2.7%  
 Total Nonfarm | 639,600  
 Monthly Change | -2,100, -0.3%  
 Yearly Change | 20,400, 3.3%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,400 -3.3%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.1%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	200 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.1%
Education & Health Services	-900 -1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,100 -5.5%
Other Services	-300 -1.2%
Government	4,800 5.1%

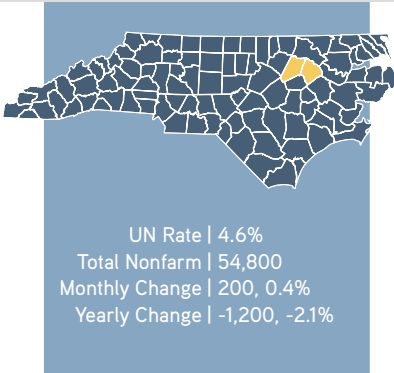
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,800 7.4%
Manufacturing	500 1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,100 3.7%
Information	1,000 4.6%
Financial Activities	2,300 7.2%
Professional & Business Services	6,700 5.8%
Education & Health Services	800 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 1.7%
Other Services	300 1.3%
Government	700 0.7%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



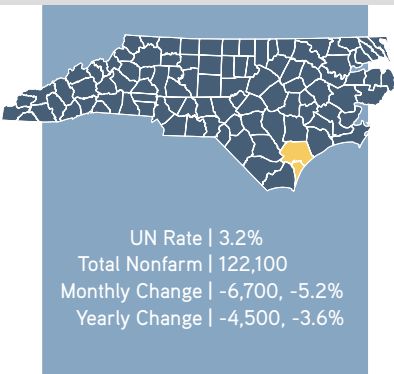
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.9%
Manufacturing	200 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -5.1%
Other Services	*
Government	600 6.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -7.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 4.4%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.3%
Education & Health Services	100 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.8%
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -0.9%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



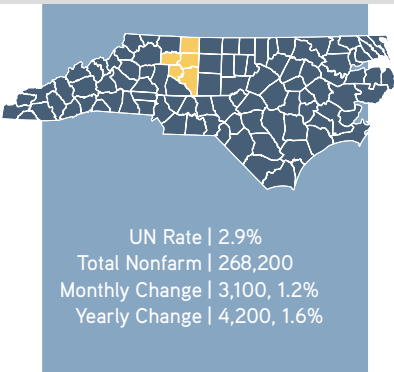
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.4%
Manufacturing	300 5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -2.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.6%
Professional & Business Services	-800 -4.9%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,200 -25.0%
Other Services	-900 -16.7%
Government	600 2.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 4.2%
Manufacturing	100 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.7%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -3.8%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,400 -22.0%
Other Services	-600 -11.8%
Government	300 1.3%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2018



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.9%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 1.1%
Education & Health Services	800 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.3%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	2,900 10.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 4.8%
Manufacturing	-800 -2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 5.7%
Education & Health Services	1,400 2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.4%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	-200 -0.6%

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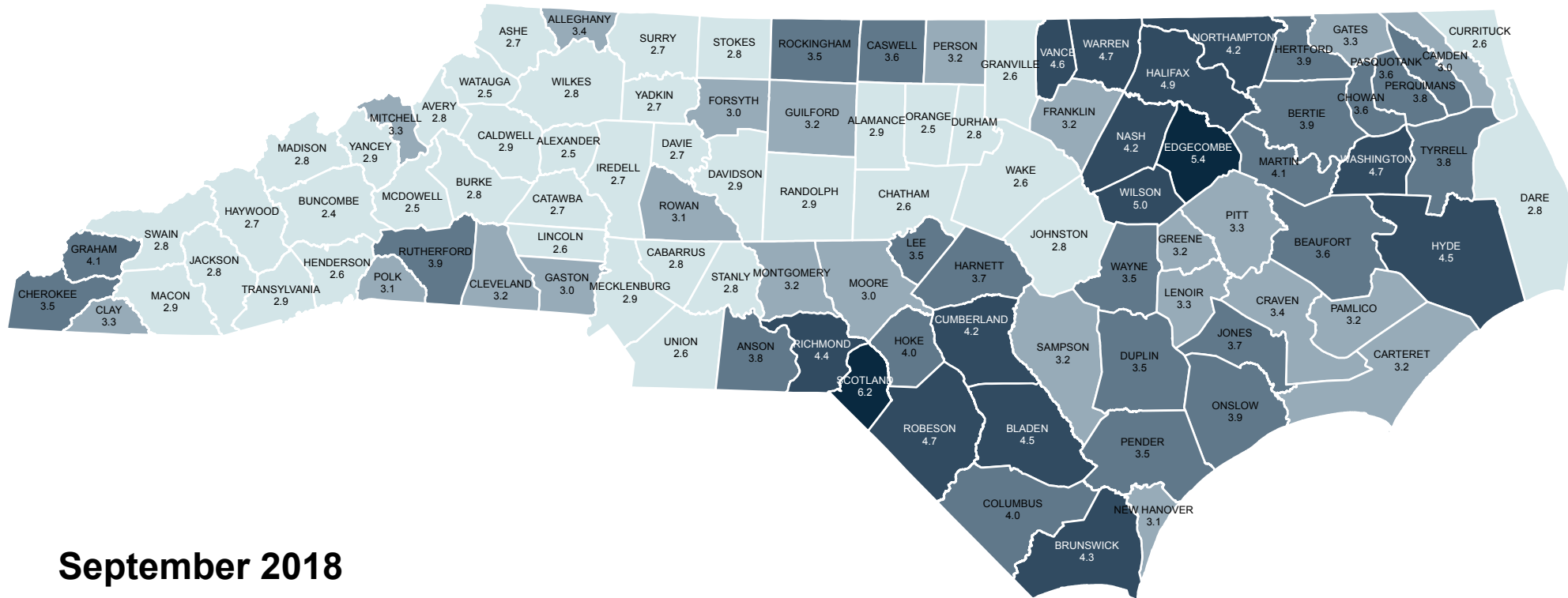
Over the month, net industry employment increased in eight of 15 MSAs. Winston-Salem had the largest net employment increase with 3,100, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 1,600; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown 800. Winston-Salem experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.2 percent, followed by Greenville, 0.9 percent; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown & Fayetteville, 0.5 percent. 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 series.

Over the year, employment increased in 10 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 28,900, followed by Raleigh, 20,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 7,600; Greensboro/High Point, 5,900; Winston-Salem, 4,200 and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 3,400. Raleigh had the greatest percentage increase at 3.3 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC & Durham/Chapel Hill, 2.4 percent; and Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 2.2 percent.

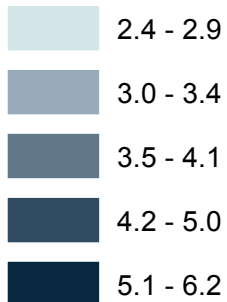


# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## September 2018



### September 2018



- ^ 0 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 100 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 0 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.1%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted