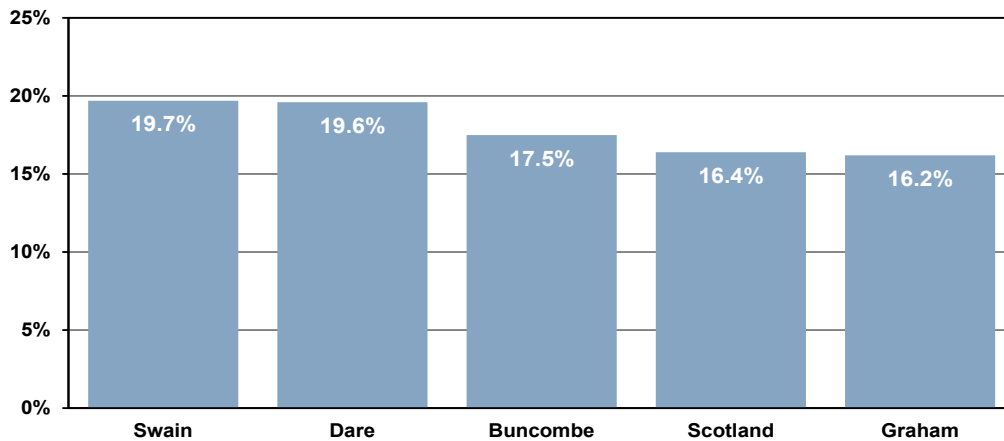


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

May 2020\*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 12.7 percent in May. This increased 0.2 of a percentage point from April's revised rate, and grew 8.8 percentage points over the year.

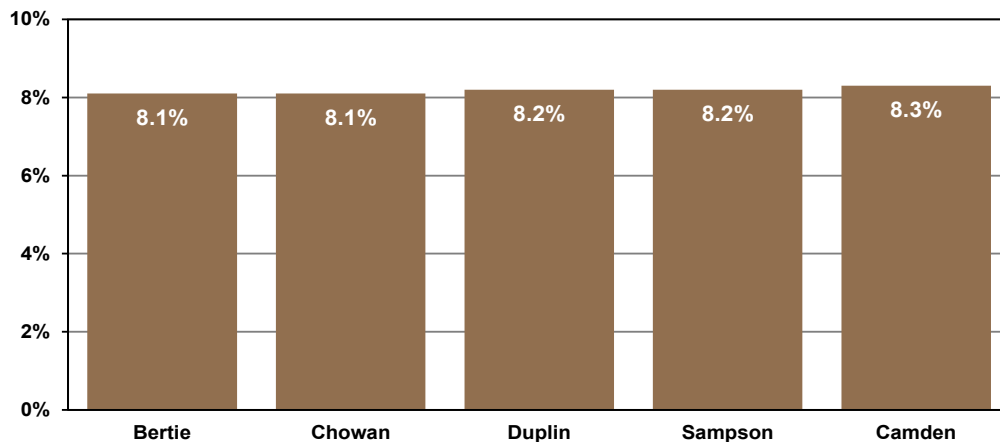
Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 65 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 12.7 percent rate.

Swain County recorded May's highest unemployment rate at 19.7 percent, followed by Dare at 19.6 percent. Bertie & Chowan had the lowest unemployment rate at 8.1 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

May 2020\*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

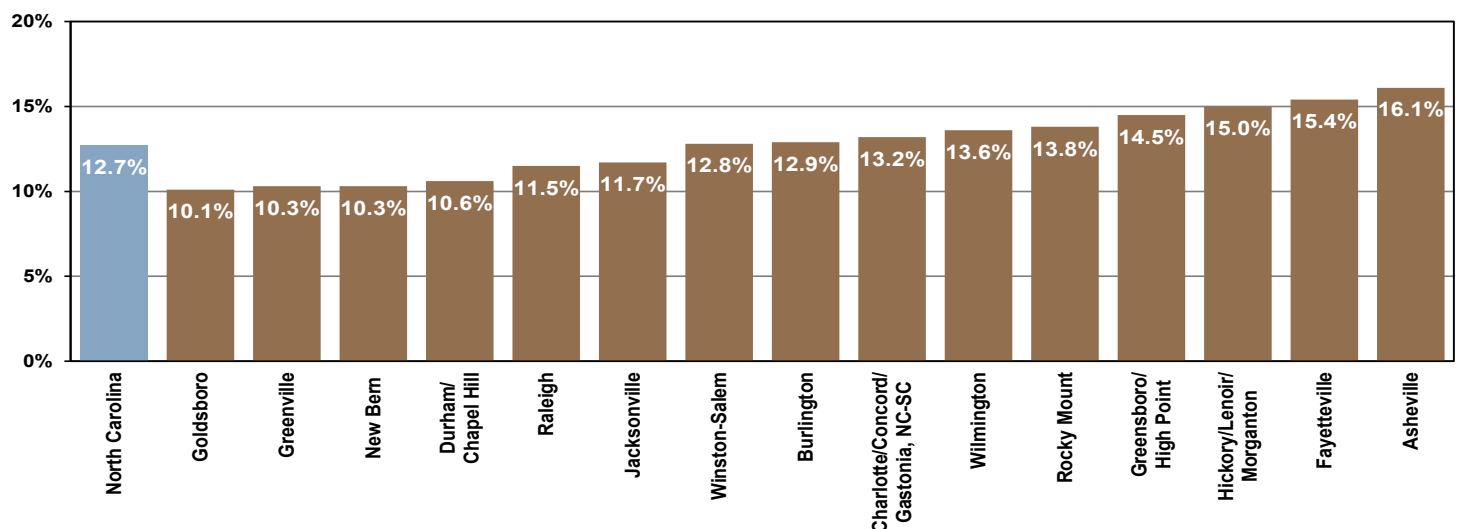


Unemployment rates increased in nine of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Asheville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in May at 16.1 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 15.4 percent, and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton at 15.0 percent. Goldsboro reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 10.1 percent, followed by Greenville and New Bern at 10.3 percent.

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

May 2020\*

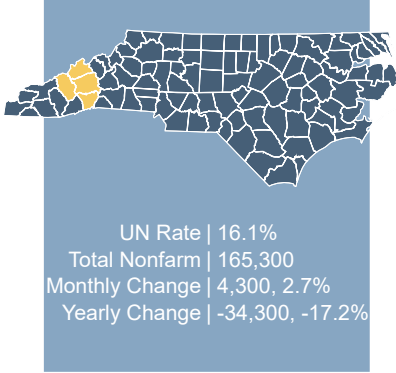
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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



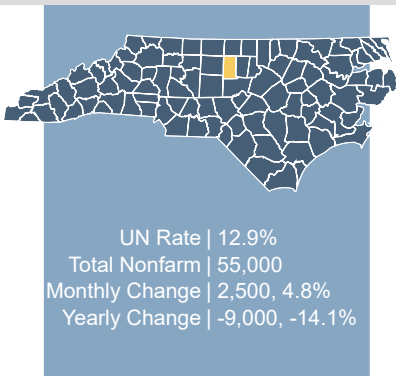
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.1%
Manufacturing	100 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300 4.1%
Information	200 15.4%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,800 -10.8%
Education & Health Services	2,000 6.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,800 26.9%
Other Services	900 13.4%
Government	-1,400 -5.3%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -3.9%
Manufacturing	-1,800 -8.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,400 -9.3%
Information	-400 -21.1%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-3,700 -20.0%
Education & Health Services	-4,500 -11.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-17,000 -56.3%
Other Services	-1,400 -15.6%
Government	-1,700 -6.4%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



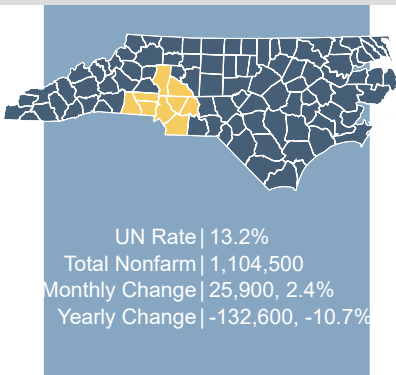
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 10.0%
Manufacturing	500 7.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 2.4%
Education & Health Services	1,100 9.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 17.8%
Other Services	-100 -5.6%
Government	-200 -2.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.9%
Manufacturing	-2,200 -23.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,500 -11.4%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.3%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -14.0%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,000 -36.1%
Other Services	-600 -26.1%
Government	-700 -9.5%

## Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



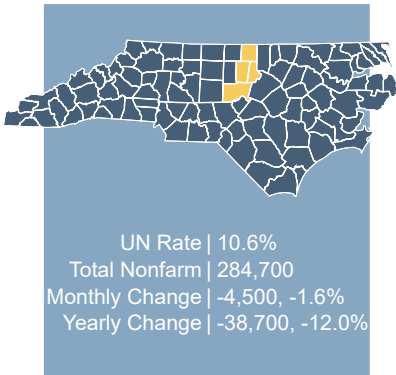
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,200 3.3%
Manufacturing	-1,000 -1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,600 1.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	1,500 1.4%
Professional & Business Services	4,400 2.3%
Education & Health Services	5,400 4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	19,000 29.1%
Other Services	900 2.6%
Government	-9,100 -6.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,500 2.2%
Manufacturing	-7,000 -6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-19,500 -7.9%
Information	-1,400 -5.8%
Financial Activities	4,400 4.3%
Professional & Business Services	-13,600 -6.4%
Education & Health Services	-14,000 -10.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-61,900 -42.4%
Other Services	-7,100 -16.7%
Government	-14,000 -8.9%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.2%
Manufacturing	-4,500 -18.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 1.9%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -2.4%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,900 14.6%
Other Services	400 4.4%
Government	-2,100 -3.1%

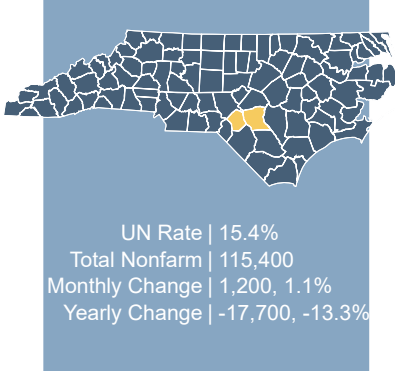
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.3%
Manufacturing	-7,900 -28.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,000 -5.1%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	-300 -1.9%
Professional & Business Services	-3,800 -8.4%
Education & Health Services	-6,100 -8.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-14,100 -48.6%
Other Services	-2,000 -17.4%
Government	-2,700 -4.0%

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## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



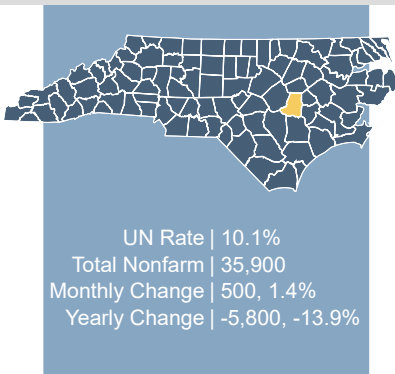
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-300 -3.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 5.2%
Education & Health Services	200 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100 12.0%
Other Services	100 3.3%
Government	-1,000 -2.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -13.1%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,100 -8.9%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-300 -7.7%
Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -8.9%
Education & Health Services	-1,900 -12.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,100 -40.8%
Other Services	-1,500 -32.6%
Government	-2,100 -5.2%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



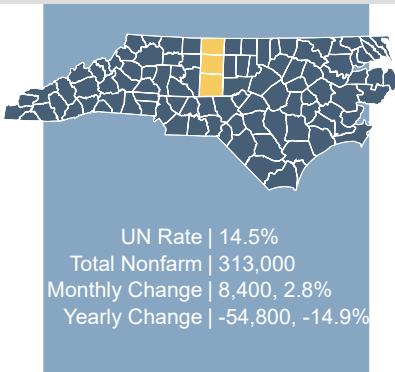
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -2.2%

### 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	-400 -4.3%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



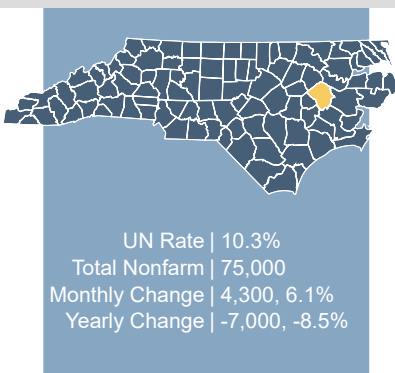
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 2.7%
Manufacturing	4,200 11.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 1.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 1.0%
Education & Health Services	1,400 3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,300 17.8%
Other Services	200 2.0%
Government	-2,400 -5.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -2.5%
Manufacturing	-12,000 -22.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-4,300 -5.5%
Information	-300 -6.5%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-7,100 -14.7%
Education & Health Services	-6,400 -12.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-16,800 -43.5%
Other Services	-2,400 -19.4%
Government	-5,200 -11.5%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.7%
Manufacturing	100 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 10.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.8%
Education & Health Services	3,400 49.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 10.2%
Other Services	100 5.9%
Government	-1,100 -3.9%

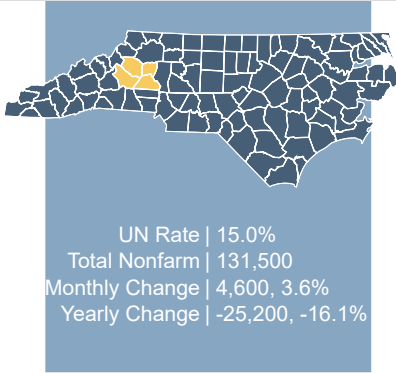
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-400 -6.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.9%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100 -16.2%
Education & Health Services	800 8.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-4,200 -43.8%
Other Services	-400 -18.2%
Government	-1,600 -5.6%

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## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



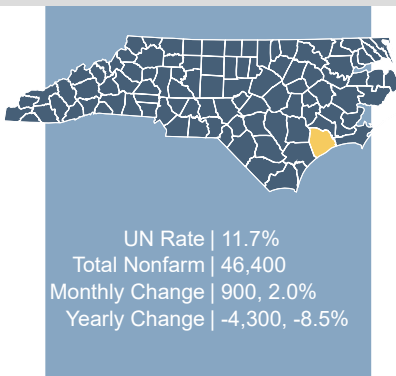
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	4.7%
Manufacturing	3,700	12.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	200	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	8.6%
Other Services	100	2.8%
Government	-700	-3.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.2%
Manufacturing	-8,300	-19.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,300	-7.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-200	-6.1%
Professional & Business Services	-2,100	-14.8%
Education & Health Services	-2,500	-12.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,200	-48.7%
Other Services	-900	-19.6%
Government	-1,600	-6.9%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



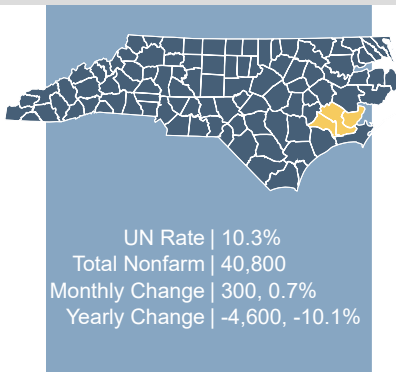
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

### 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	-300	-2.0%

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



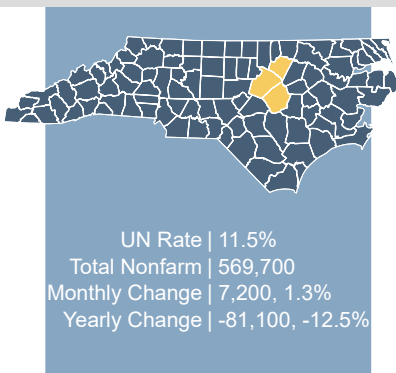
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-700	-5.0%

### 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	-1,000	-6.9%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,200	3.1%
Manufacturing	100	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,400	2.4%
Information	-100	-0.5%
Financial Activities	200	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,300	1.1%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,300	17.0%
Other Services	300	1.5%
Government	-4,400	-4.7%

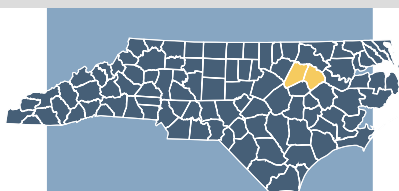
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-1.0%
Manufacturing	-3,900	-10.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-9,300	-8.3%
Information	-1,100	-4.9%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-4,100	-3.3%
Education & Health Services	-15,400	-18.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-31,800	-42.3%
Other Services	-6,000	-23.3%
Government	-9,100	-9.2%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



UN Rate | 13.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 51,200  
 Monthly Change | 1,700, 3.4%  
 Yearly Change | -5,100, -9.1%

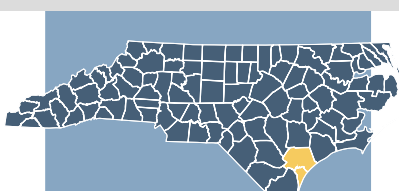
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	8.0%
Manufacturing	300	4.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.7%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	700	15.6%
Education & Health Services	100	1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	14.3%
Other Services	*	
Government	-300	-3.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.6%
Manufacturing	-1,900	-20.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-2.6%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	400	8.3%
Education & Health Services	-1,300	-18.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,600	-44.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	-1,000	-9.3%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



UN Rate | 13.6%  
 Total Nonfarm | 113,100  
 Monthly Change | 3,200, 2.9%  
 Yearly Change | -21,900, -16.2%

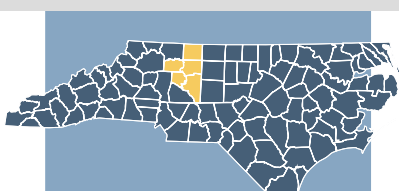
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.5%
Manufacturing	100	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	2.1%
Information	-100	-3.3%
Financial Activities	100	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.3%
Education & Health Services	200	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,200	50.0%
Other Services	300	7.0%
Government	-1,600	-6.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.2%
Manufacturing	-900	-14.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,200	-8.4%
Information	-300	-9.4%
Financial Activities	-600	-9.5%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100	-6.6%
Education & Health Services	-1,900	-12.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-11,700	-54.9%
Other Services	-1,000	-17.9%
Government	-2,000	-8.1%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2020



UN Rate | 12.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 236,700  
 Monthly Change | 3,300, 1.4%  
 Yearly Change | -36,300, -13.3%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600	-5.7%
Manufacturing	-400	-1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,500	6.1%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,300	4.3%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500	8.6%
Other Services	100	1.4%
Government	-1,100	-3.5%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,500	-13.2%
Manufacturing	-3,300	-9.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-4,500	-9.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-200	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-5,700	-15.3%
Education & Health Services	-6,700	-11.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,800	-36.2%
Other Services	-1,600	-18.0%
Government	-2,000	-6.2%

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Over the month, 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 25,900, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 8,400; Raleigh, 7,200; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 4,600; Asheville, 4,300; Greenville, 4,300; Winston-Salem, 3,300; and Wilmington, 3,200. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 6.1 percent, followed by Burlington, 4.8%, Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 3.6%, and Rocky Mount, 3.4%. 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 decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 132,600, followed by Raleigh, 81,100; Greensboro/High Point, 54,800; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 38,700. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 17.2 percent, followed by Wilmington, 16.2 percent; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 16.1 percent; and Greensboro/High Point, 14.9 percent.



# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## May 2020

