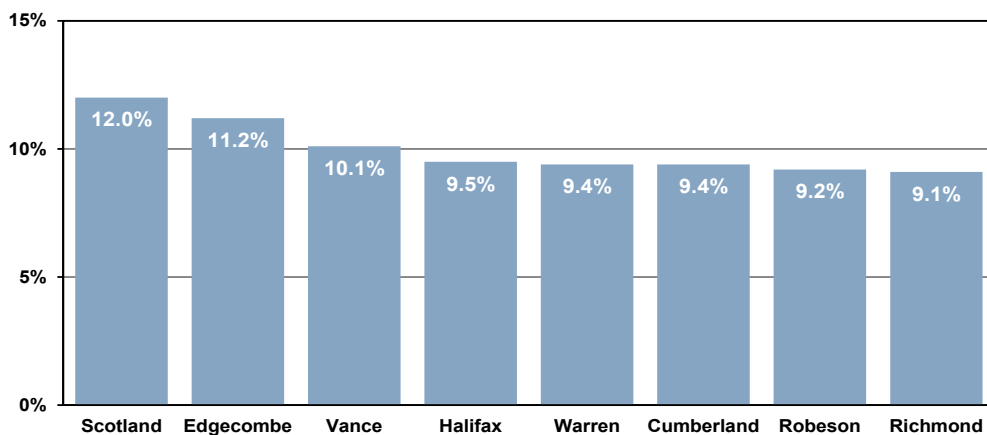


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates September 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

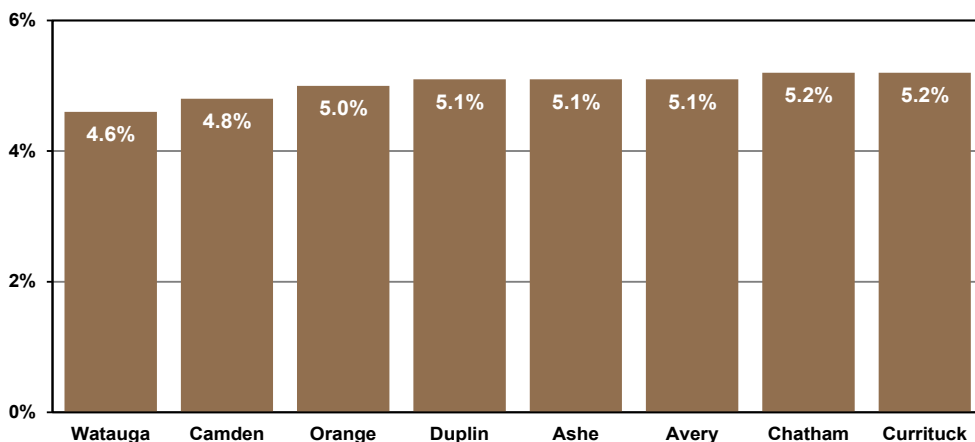


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 7.0 percent in September. This increased 0.2 of a percentage point from August's revised rate, and grew 3.6 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 95 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Sixty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 7.0 percent rate.

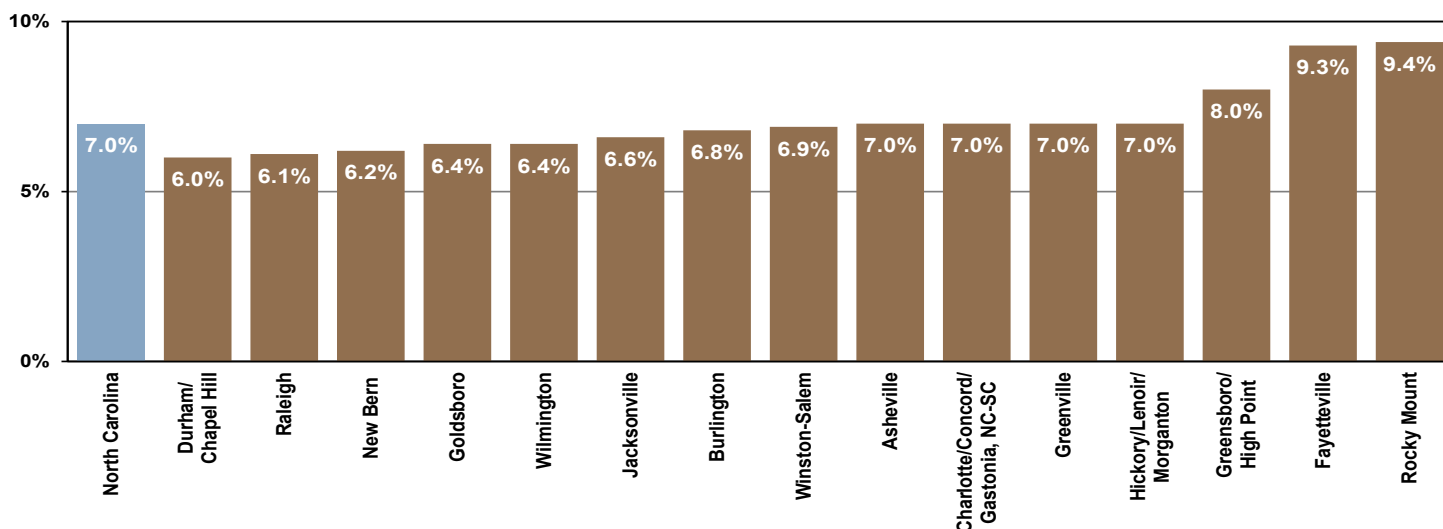
Scotland County recorded September's highest unemployment rate at 12.0 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 11.2 percent. Watauga had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.6 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates September 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates increased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in September at 9.4 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 9.3 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 6.0 percent, followed by Raleigh at 6.1 percent, and New Bern at 6.2 percent.

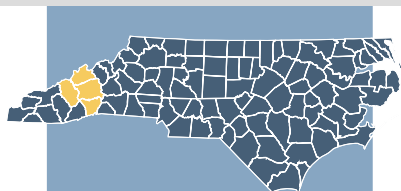
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates September 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



*All September 2020 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 7.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 178,800
 Monthly Change | 900, 0.5%
 Yearly Change | -20,500, -10.3%

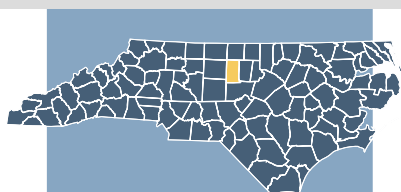
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	200 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,400 -6.2%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	2,300 10.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.0%
Manufacturing	-2,000 -8.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200 -3.3%
Information	-500 -26.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-800 -4.4%
Education & Health Services	-3,900 -10.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-9,700 -31.6%
Other Services	-1,300 -14.1%
Government	-1,200 -4.6%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 6.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 60,800
 Monthly Change | 100, 0.2%
 Yearly Change | -3,300, -5.1%

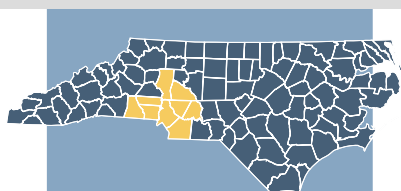
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -5.7%
Education & Health Services	200 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -6.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	600 9.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,000 -10.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -5.3%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	100 5.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -7.4%
Education & Health Services	300 2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200 -14.5%
Other Services	-200 -9.1%
Government	-100 -1.4%

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



UN Rate | 7.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,156,100
 Monthly Change | 9,400, 0.8%
 Yearly Change | -82,800, -6.7%

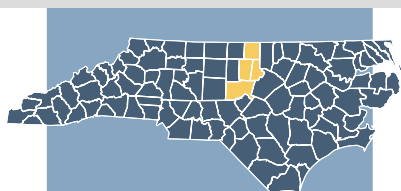
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	900 1.3%
Manufacturing	-900 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 0.4%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	1,300 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -0.1%
Education & Health Services	1,600 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,500 -1.4%
Other Services	500 1.3%
Government	7,000 5.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -0.6%
Manufacturing	-7,300 -6.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,600 -2.3%
Information	-1,600 -6.6%
Financial Activities	4,200 4.0%
Professional & Business Services	-8,900 -4.2%
Education & Health Services	-10,800 -8.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-39,900 -27.7%
Other Services	-2,300 -5.4%
Government	-10,200 -6.6%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 6.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 301,100
 Monthly Change | 5,100, 1.7%
 Yearly Change | -20,800, -6.5%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.1%
Manufacturing	400 1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 1.0%
Education & Health Services	1,600 2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -2.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	3,100 4.7%

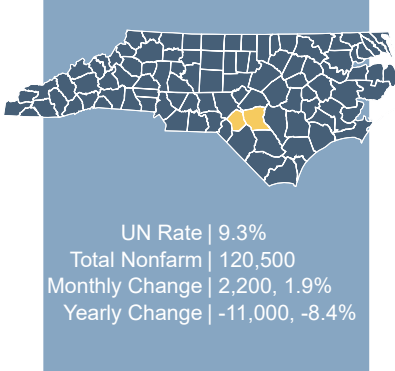
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.1%
Manufacturing	-6,500 -23.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	-100 -2.1%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-3,100 -6.8%
Education & Health Services	-1,900 -2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-11,000 -38.6%
Other Services	-400 -3.5%
Government	2,100 3.1%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



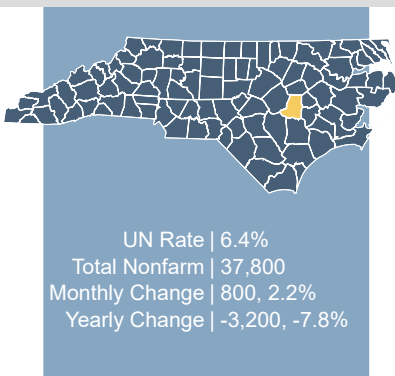
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	300 3.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,900 5.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -10.2%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.3%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-200 -5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-900 -8.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,600 -10.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,700 -22.0%
Other Services	-1,000 -21.7%
Government	-1,800 -4.5%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



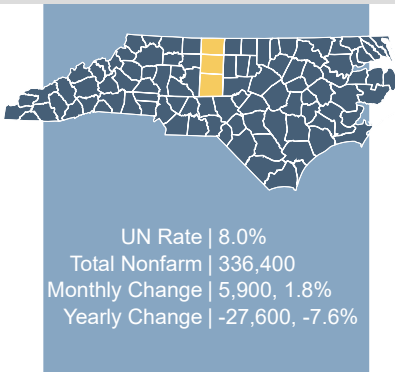
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	500 5.7%

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 2020



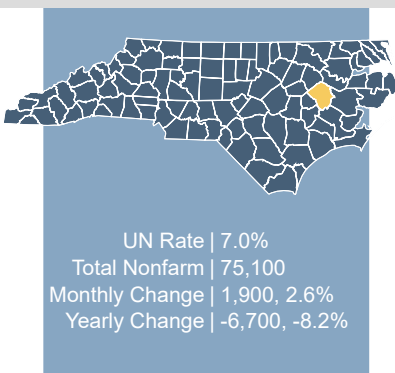
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 0.5%
Education & Health Services	300 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 2.1%
Other Services	-100 -0.8%
Government	4,600 12.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-8,400 -15.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-700 -0.9%
Information	-400 -8.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-3,600 -7.6%
Education & Health Services	-3,700 -7.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,500 -22.5%
Other Services	-300 -2.4%
Government	-2,000 -4.5%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.2%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	2,100 9.1%

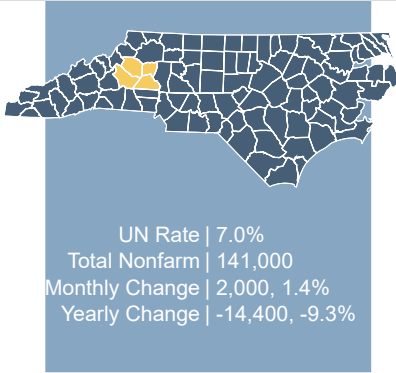
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.6%
Manufacturing	-500 -7.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 6.0%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -8.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -6.2%
Education & Health Services	200 2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,800 -28.9%
Other Services	-300 -13.6%
Government	-3,400 -11.9%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



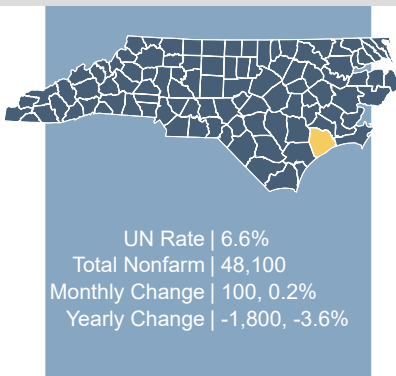
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	300 0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.7%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 2.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,100 5.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.2%
Manufacturing	-6,200 -14.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,200 -4.0%
Information	-100 -12.5%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -3.5%
Education & Health Services	-2,100 -10.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,900 -20.4%
Other Services	-300 -6.7%
Government	-900 -3.9%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



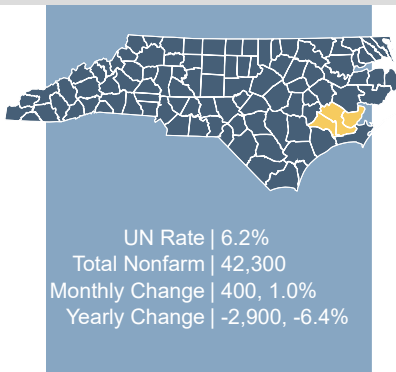
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 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 -2.8%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



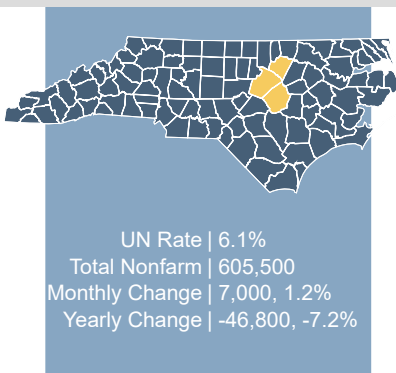
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	300 2.3%

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	-700 -4.9%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.2%
Manufacturing	100 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.3%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.3%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.1%
Education & Health Services	2,100 3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	-200 -0.8%
Government	5,000 5.7%

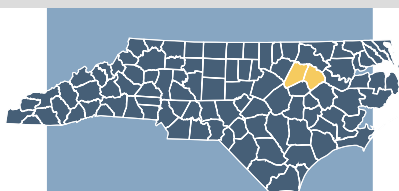
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 1.4%
Manufacturing	-3,500 -9.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,200 -2.9%
Information	-800 -3.6%
Financial Activities	300 0.9%
Professional & Business Services	1,300 1.0%
Education & Health Services	-12,400 -15.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-20,500 -28.2%
Other Services	-1,300 -5.1%
Government	-7,300 -7.3%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 9.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 52,000
 Monthly Change | 500, 1.0%
 Yearly Change | -4,000, -7.1%

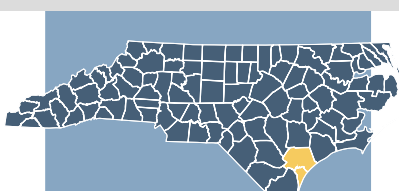
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.4%
Manufacturing	400 5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.7%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -2.7%
Other Services	*
Government	500 5.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.4%
Manufacturing	-1,500 -15.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.9%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	500 10.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,000 -14.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,100 -36.8%
Other Services	*
Government	-1,500 -14.3%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 6.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 123,200
 Monthly Change | 1,000, 0.8%
 Yearly Change | -10,600, -7.9%

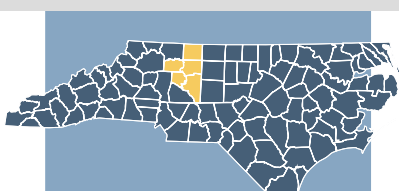
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.1%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.2%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,000 4.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -4.3%
Manufacturing	900 15.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.2%
Information	-200 -6.5%
Financial Activities	-600 -9.4%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -3.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,600 -10.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,600 -27.1%
Other Services	-300 -5.3%
Government	-2,000 -8.2%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2020



UN Rate | 6.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 253,300
 Monthly Change | 4,200, 1.7%
 Yearly Change | -18,400, -6.8%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.9%
Manufacturing	500 1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	900 2.7%
Education & Health Services	-200 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.9%
Other Services	-100 -1.2%
Government	3,000 10.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,100 -9.5%
Manufacturing	-1,600 -4.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000 -2.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-3,000 -8.1%
Education & Health Services	-4,300 -7.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,300 -21.6%
Other Services	-700 -7.8%
Government	-300 -0.9%

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Over the month, all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 9,400, followed by Raleigh, 7,000; Greensboro/High Point, 5,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 5,100; and Winston-Salem, 4,200. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 2.6 percent, followed by Goldsboro, 2.2%, Fayetteville, 1.9%, and Greensboro/High Point, 1.8%. 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 82,800, followed by Raleigh, 46,800; Greensboro/High Point, 27,600; Durham/Chapel Hill, 20,800; and Asheville, 20,500. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 10.3 percent, followed by Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 9.3 percent; Fayetteville, 8.4 percent; and Greenville, 8.2 percent.