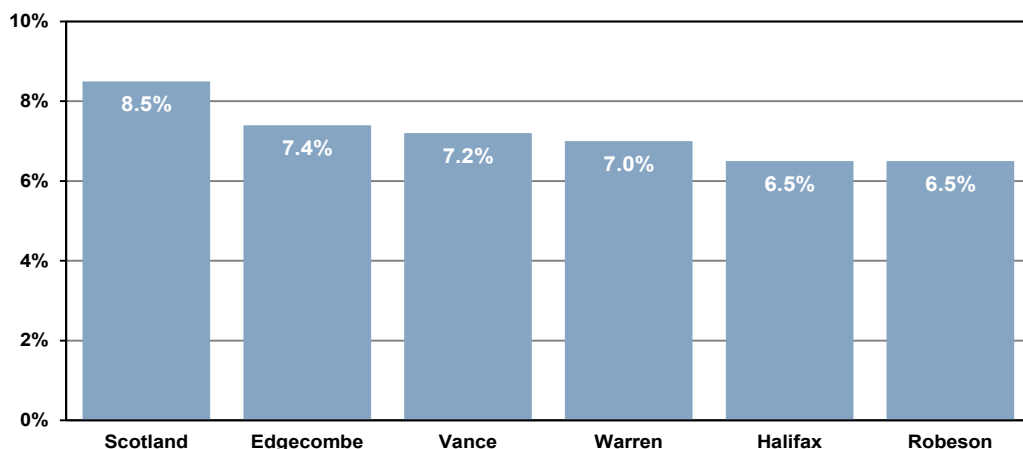


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

April 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.4 percent in April. This decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from March's revised rate, and declined 8.8 percentage points over the year.

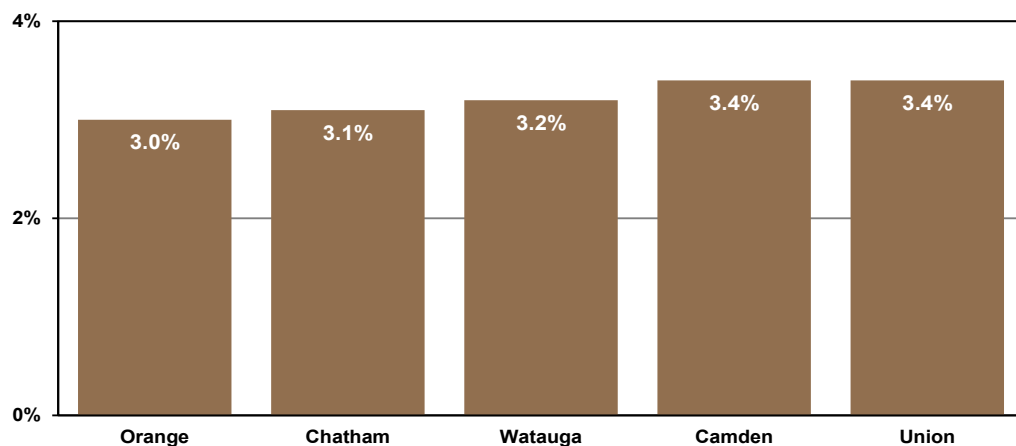
Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 91 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.4 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded April's highest unemployment rate at 8.5 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.4 percent. Orange had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.0 percent, followed by Chatham at 3.1 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

April 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

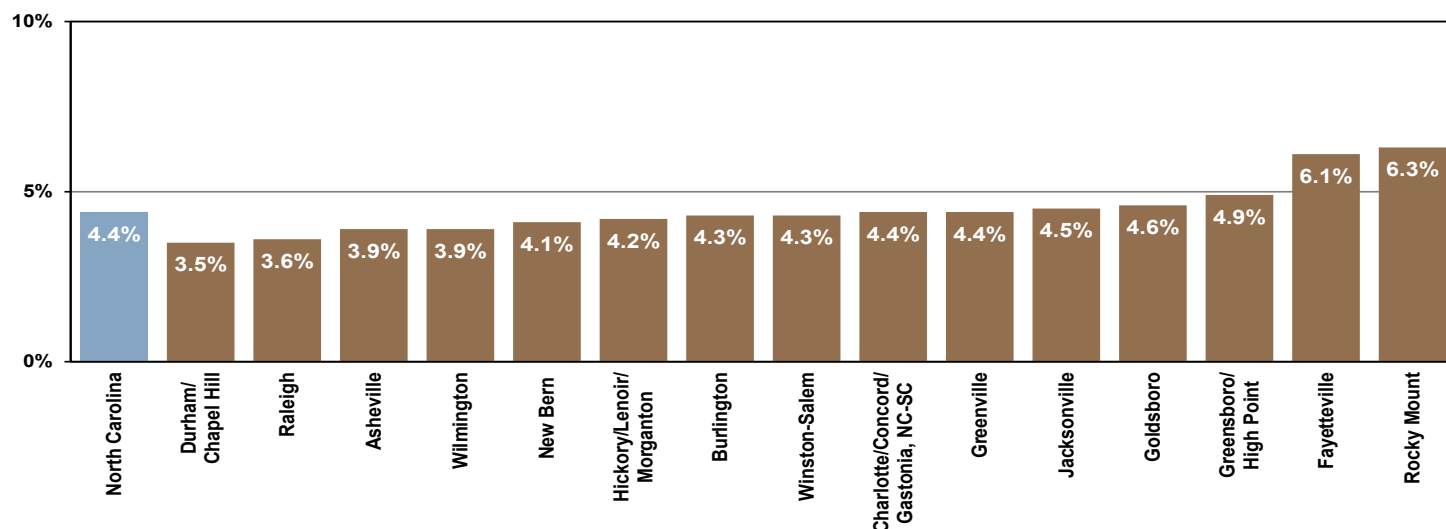


Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in April at 6.3 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 6.1 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by the Raleigh MSA at 3.6 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

April 2021*

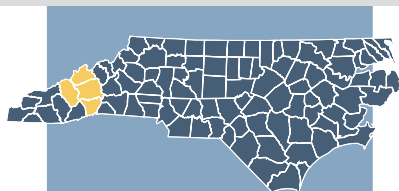
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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 3.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 186,500
 Monthly Change | -200, -0.1%
 Yearly Change | 24,000, 14.8%

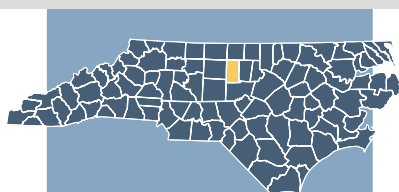
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 1.1% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -1,000 -2.8% |
| Information | 100 6.3% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -400 -2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | -300 -0.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,000 4.3% |
| Other Services | 100 1.1% |
| Government | 200 0.8% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 500 5.5% |
| Manufacturing | 1,800 9.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 3,800 12.2% |
| Information | 100 6.3% |
| Financial Activities | 400 6.8% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,300 14.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,900 5.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 11,400 89.8% |
| Other Services | 2,100 29.6% |
| Government | -300 -1.1% |

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 4.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 62,400
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.3%
 Yearly Change | 6,600, 11.8%

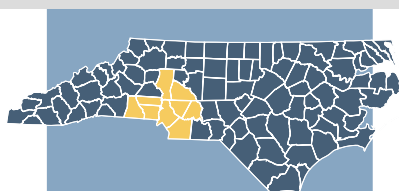
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 3.1% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0 0.0% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | -100 -5.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 300 5.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -100 -1.4% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | 0 0.0% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 200 6.5% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,400 21.1% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,300 27.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 700 5.7% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,700 32.7% |
| Other Services | 500 25.0% |
| Government | -200 -3.0% |

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 4.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,207,600
 Monthly Change | -600, >-0.1%
 Yearly Change | 109,300, 10.0%

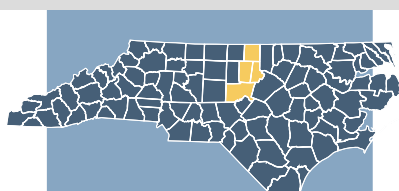
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 600 0.9% |
| Manufacturing | -500 -0.5% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -1,800 -0.7% |
| Information | 100 0.4% |
| Financial Activities | -900 -0.8% |
| Professional & Business Services | -1,900 -0.9% |
| Education & Health Services | -500 -0.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,700 2.3% |
| Other Services | -100 -0.2% |
| Government | 1,700 1.1% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 2,200 3.3% |
| Manufacturing | 7,200 7.5% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 23,300 10.3% |
| Information | 200 0.9% |
| Financial Activities | 1,300 1.2% |
| Professional & Business Services | 14,800 7.5% |
| Education & Health Services | 11,300 10.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 38,100 46.7% |
| Other Services | 9,700 28.7% |
| Government | 1,200 0.8% |

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 3.5
 Total Nonfarm | 321,900
 Monthly Change | 1,100, 0.3%
 Yearly Change | 21,100, 7.0%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 1.0% |
| Manufacturing | 200 0.6% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 500 1.3% |
| Information | 100 1.7% |
| Financial Activities | 100 0.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | -800 -1.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 100 0.1% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 900 4.5% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -100 -0.2% |

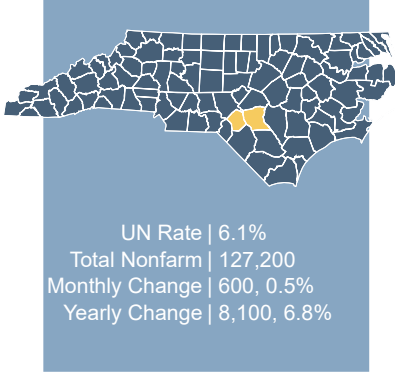
Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 1,100 12.6% |
| Manufacturing | 2,000 6.4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 4,700 13.3% |
| Information | 500 9.3% |
| Financial Activities | 300 1.9% |
| Professional & Business Services | 5,400 12.4% |
| Education & Health Services | 3,000 4.3% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 5,600 36.4% |
| Other Services | 1,600 17.4% |
| Government | -3,100 -4.6% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



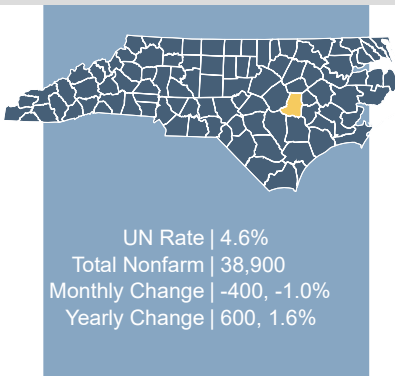
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 100 1.3% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0 0.0% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 200 1.3% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | 300 0.8% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | -100 -2.0% |
| Manufacturing | -300 -3.6% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,200 10.4% |
| Information | -100 -10.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 100 0.9% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,000 7.1% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,300 39.4% |
| Other Services | 800 22.2% |
| Government | 200 0.5% |

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



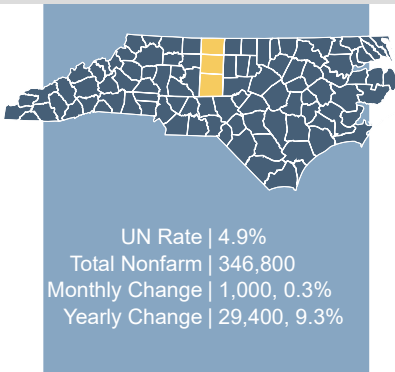
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| 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 | -500 -5.4% |

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



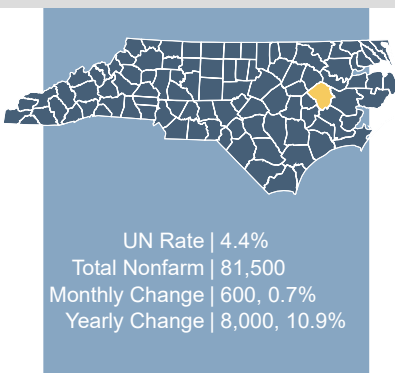
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 300 1.9% |
| Manufacturing | -100 -0.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 300 0.4% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | -100 -0.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | 200 0.4% |
| Education & Health Services | 200 0.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -700 -2.3% |
| Other Services | 100 0.9% |
| Government | 800 1.9% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 1,200 7.9% |
| Manufacturing | 4,500 9.9% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 7,900 11.3% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | -500 -2.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,800 6.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 3,100 6.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 9,400 45.4% |
| Other Services | 2,500 27.8% |
| Government | -1,500 -3.4% |

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 100 1.5% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 100 0.9% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 200 2.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 100 1.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | 100 0.3% |

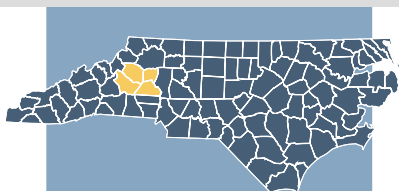
Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | -100 -3.0% |
| Manufacturing | 200 3.1% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,600 15.8% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 4.3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,000 33.9% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,200 13.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,100 35.0% |
| Other Services | 600 35.3% |
| Government | 300 1.0% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 4.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 152,100
 Monthly Change | 1,100, 0.7%
 Yearly Change | 18,400, 13.8%

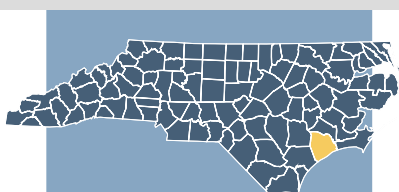
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 | 2.0% |
| Manufacturing | 300 | 0.8% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0 | 0.0% |
| Information | 0 | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 | 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 0 | 0.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 | 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 600 | 4.5% |
| Other Services | 0 | 0.0% |
| Government | 100 | 0.4% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 500 | 11.1% |
| Manufacturing | 6,200 | 18.4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 3,500 | 12.7% |
| Information | 0 | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 100 | 3.2% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,400 | 11.8% |
| Education & Health Services | 900 | 5.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,900 | 55.1% |
| Other Services | 800 | 22.2% |
| Government | 100 | 0.4% |

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 4.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 49,900
 Monthly Change | 400, 0.8%
 Yearly Change | 5,100, 11.4%

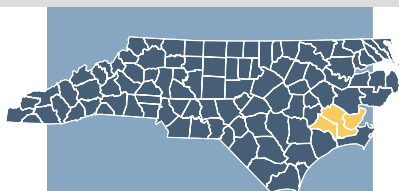
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

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 | -300 | -2.1% |

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 4.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 44,100
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | 3,200, 7.8%

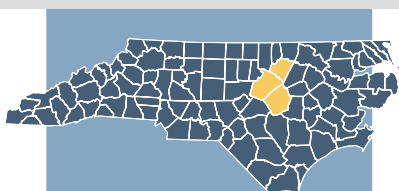
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | * | |
| Manufacturing | * | |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | * | |
| Information | * | |
| Financial Activities | * | |
| Professional & Business Services | * | |
| Education & Health Services | * | |
| Leisure & Hospitality | * | |
| Other Services | * | |
| Government | -100 | -0.7% |

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% |

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



UN Rate | 3.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 642,200
 Monthly Change | 2,800, 0.4%
 Yearly Change | 66,700, 11.6%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 100 | 0.2% |
| Manufacturing | 200 | 0.7% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -400 | -0.3% |
| Information | -100 | -0.4% |
| Financial Activities | 900 | 2.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 200 | 0.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 100 | 0.1% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 500 | 0.9% |
| Other Services | -100 | -0.4% |
| Government | 1,400 | 1.5% |

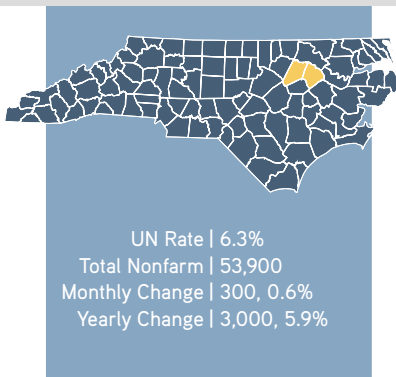
Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 1,500 | 3.7% |
| Manufacturing | 400 | 1.3% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 16,700 | 16.3% |
| Information | 200 | 0.9% |
| Financial Activities | 700 | 2.1% |
| Professional & Business Services | 14,400 | 12.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 6,700 | 9.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 21,600 | 57.6% |
| Other Services | 5,500 | 27.6% |
| Government | -1,000 | -1.0% |

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



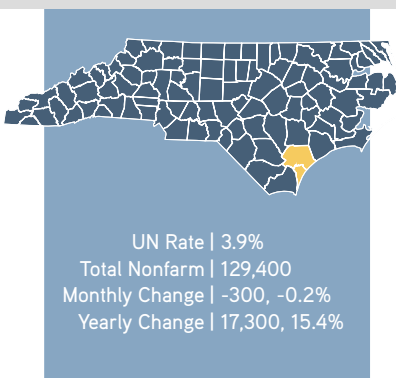
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -200 -1.7% |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | -100 -2.0% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 100 2.1% |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | 200 2.0% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | -500 -5.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 800 7.3% |
| Information | * |
| Financial Activities | * |
| Professional & Business Services | 300 6.7% |
| Education & Health Services | 200 3.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,000 26.3% |
| Other Services | * |
| Government | -100 -1.0% |

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



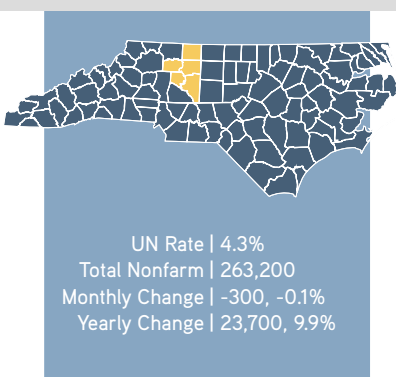
Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -200 -0.8% |
| Information | 100 3.2% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -100 -0.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -100 -0.6% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | 0 0.0% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 600 6.5% |
| Manufacturing | 700 15.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,400 10.5% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 400 6.9% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,100 13.6% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,900 13.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 8,100 85.3% |
| Other Services | 1,200 36.4% |
| Government | -100 -0.4% |

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | April 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | -100 -0.3% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -300 -0.6% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | -400 -1.1% |
| Education & Health Services | -200 -0.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 900 3.7% |
| Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Government | -200 -0.7% |

Over-the-Year Employment Change

| Industry | Change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 500 4.4% |
| Manufacturing | 2,400 7.9% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 6,800 16.0% |
| Information | 0 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | -500 -3.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 4,200 13.3% |
| Education & Health Services | 2,100 3.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 8,000 46.5% |
| Other Services | 1,700 26.2% |
| Government | -1,500 -4.8% |

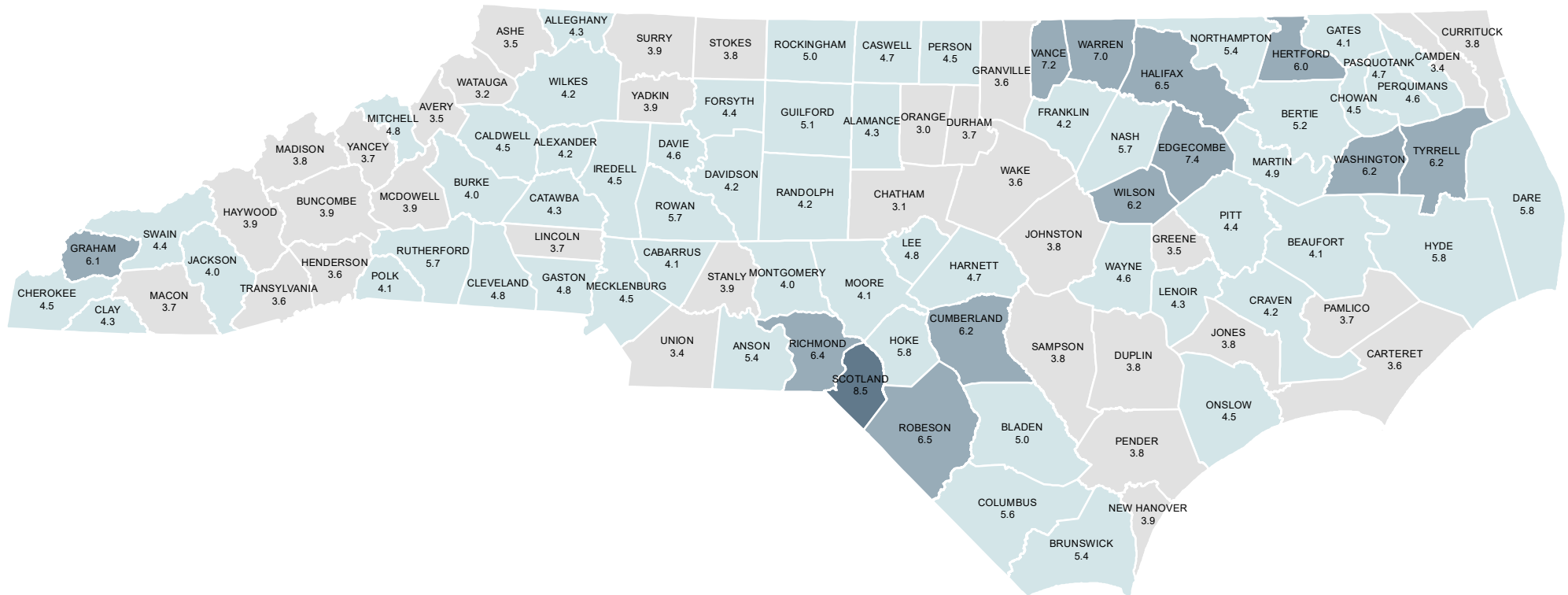
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Over the month, 9 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Raleigh had the largest net employment increase with 2,800, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill, 1,100; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 1,100; Greensboro/High Point, 1,000; Fayetteville, 600; Greenville, 600; Jacksonville, 400; Rocky Mount, 300; and Burlington, 200. Jacksonville had the greatest percentage increase at 0.8%, followed by Greenville, 0.7%, and Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 0.7%. 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.

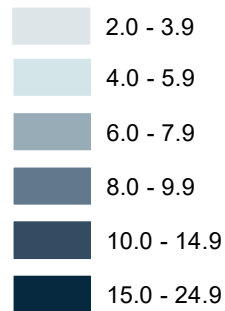
Over the year, employment increased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 109,300, followed by Raleigh, 66,700; Greensboro/High Point, 29,400; Asheville, 24,000; Winston-Salem, 23,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 21,100; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 18,400; and Wilmington, 17,300. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 15.4%, followed by Asheville, 14.8%; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 13.8%; Burlington, 11.8%; Raleigh, 11.6%; and Jacksonville, 11.4%.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

April 2021



April 2021



- ^ 7 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 91 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 2 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.4%
Not Seasonally Adjusted

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