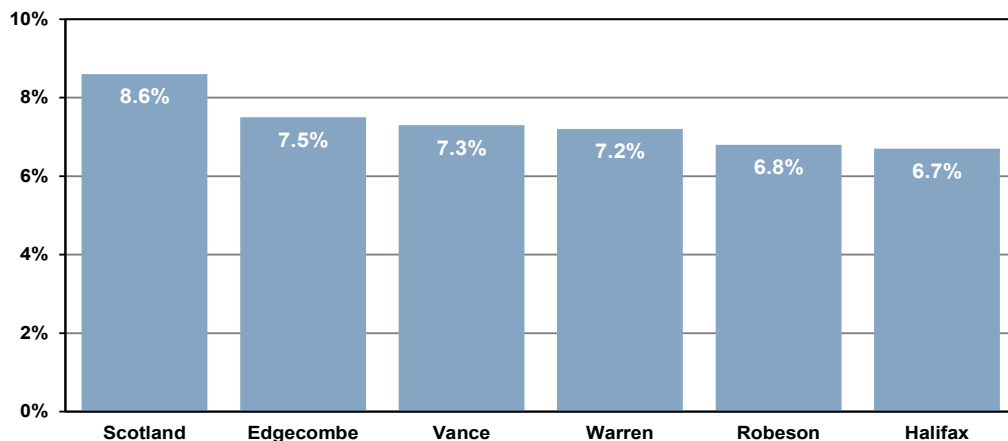


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

May 2021\*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.5 percent in May. This increased 0.1 of a percentage point from April's revised rate, and declined 9.2 percentage points over the year.

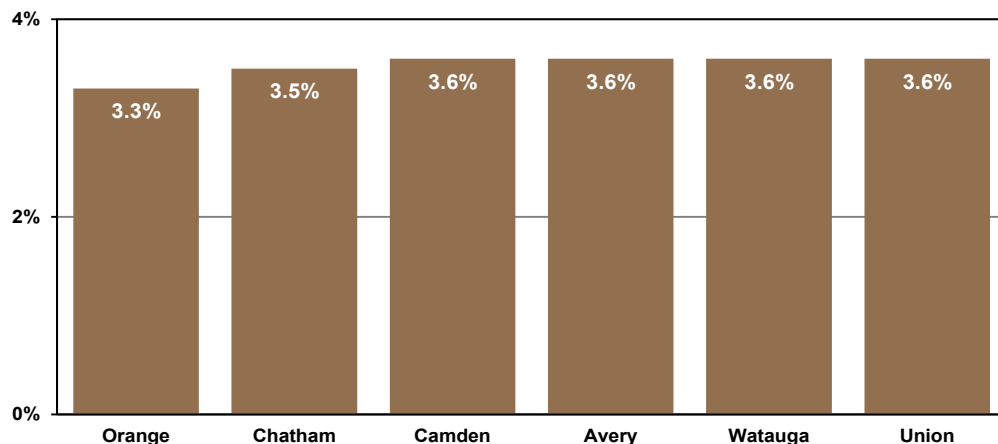
Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 77 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.5 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded May's highest unemployment rate at 8.6 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.5 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Chatham at 3.5 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

May 2021\*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

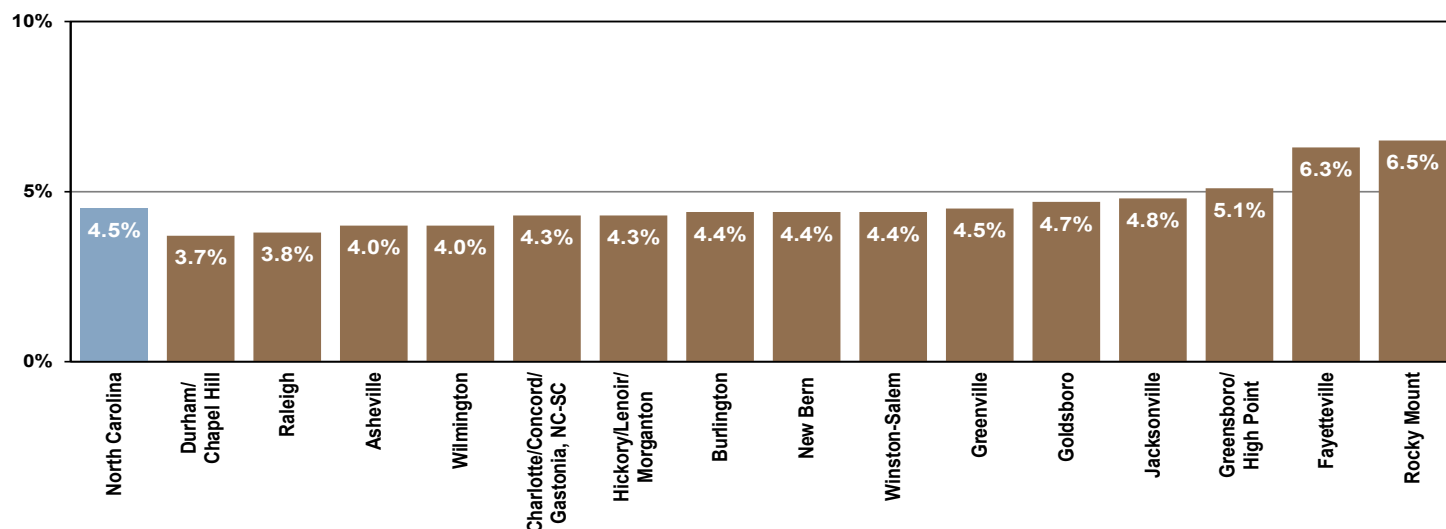


Unemployment rates increased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in May at 6.5 percent, followed by Fayetteville MSA at 6.3 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, followed by the Raleigh MSA at 3.8 percent.

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

May 2021\*

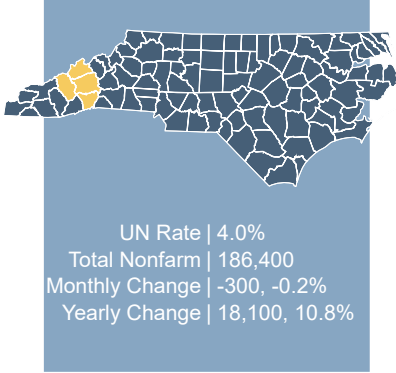
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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



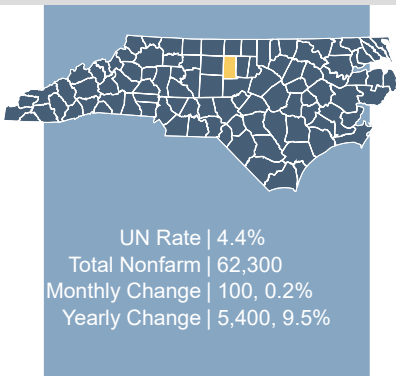
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,300 -7.1%
Education & Health Services	-500 -1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 5.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.4%
Manufacturing	1,800 9.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,900 9.0%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	300 5.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.6%
Education & Health Services	500 1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	10,200 67.5%
Other Services	1,200 15.0%
Government	500 2.0%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



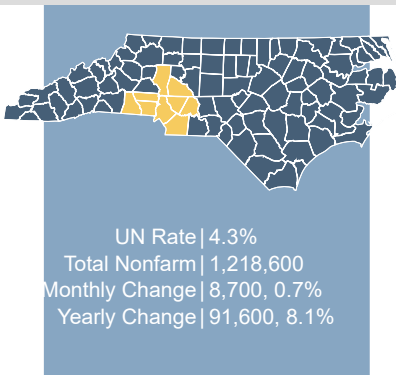
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.6%
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	100 3.1%
Manufacturing	-300 -3.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,300 19.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -5.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,200 25.0%
Education & Health Services	500 4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300 22.8%
Other Services	400 19.0%
Government	0 0.0%

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



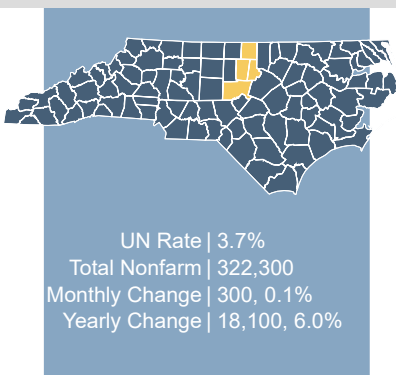
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,100 1.6%
Manufacturing	100 0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,900 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	800 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,000 0.5%
Education & Health Services	-500 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000 4.9%
Other Services	100 0.2%
Government	-1,800 -1.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,100 3.1%
Manufacturing	6,200 6.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	17,400 7.5%
Information	500 2.2%
Financial Activities	1,600 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	14,800 7.4%
Education & Health Services	6,300 5.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,400 36.6%
Other Services	6,800 18.5%
Government	1,500 1.0%

## Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.6%
Professional & Business Services	500 1.0%
Education & Health Services	-800 -1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 5.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-800 -1.3%

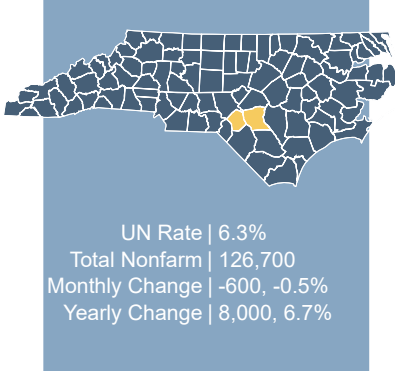
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	700 7.8%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,800 10.5%
Information	300 5.5%
Financial Activities	300 1.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,900 13.4%
Education & Health Services	2,200 3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,000 28.9%
Other Services	1,200 12.5%
Government	-2,400 -3.7%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



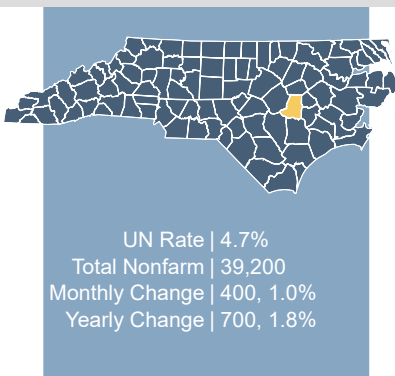
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -6.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -0.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.0%
Manufacturing	1,300 19.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,600 7.4%
Information	-100 -10.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.7%
Education & Health Services	600 4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800 32.2%
Other Services	600 15.8%
Government	700 1.8%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



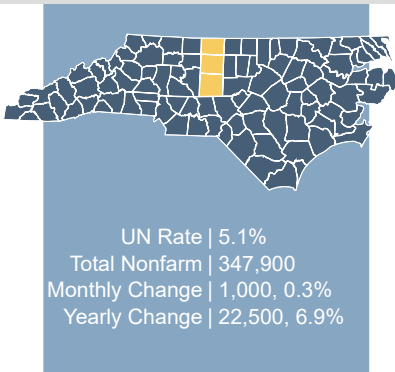
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	-100 -1.1%

## Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



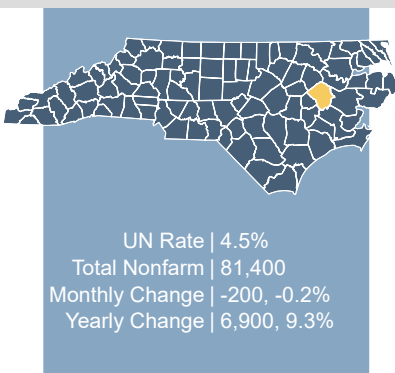
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.6%
Manufacturing	100 0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,200 -2.6%
Education & Health Services	400 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800 5.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -0.9%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	900 5.8%
Manufacturing	2,400 5.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,800 8.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-400 -2.2%
Professional & Business Services	1,500 3.5%
Education & Health Services	3,200 6.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,600 36.4%
Other Services	1,300 12.7%
Government	-800 -1.8%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -2.5%
Education & Health Services	-300 -3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 0.7%

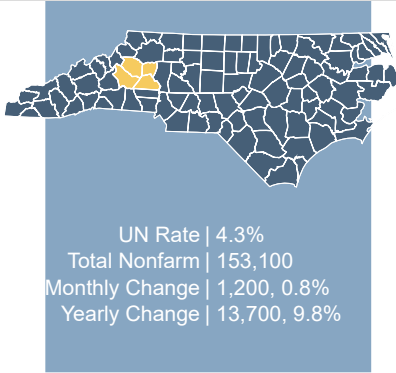
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.0%
Manufacturing	200 3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,300 12.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,800 30.0%
Education & Health Services	600 6.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,600 24.2%
Other Services	400 21.1%
Government	1,100 3.9%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



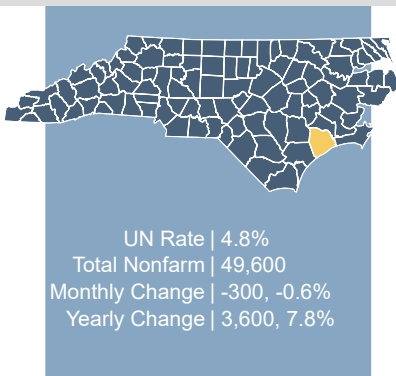
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.0%
Manufacturing	400 1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	300 2.3%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 10.9%
Manufacturing	3,600 9.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,400 8.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	1,400 11.6%
Education & Health Services	400 2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000 39.6%
Other Services	600 15.8%
Government	700 3.2%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



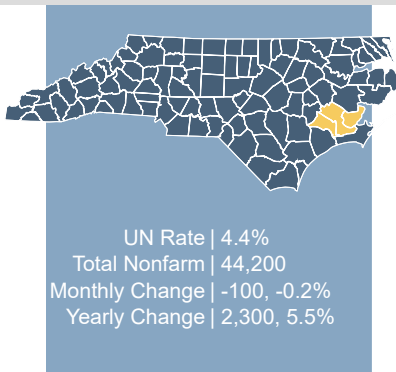
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

## New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



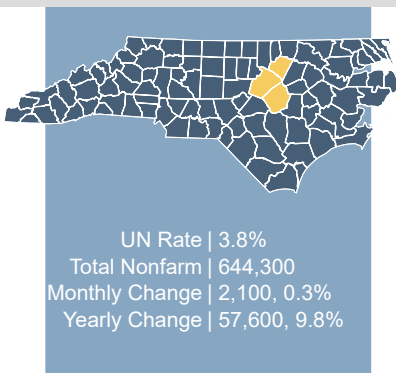
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 0.7%
Manufacturing	500 1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	500 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-1,100 -0.8%
Education & Health Services	-200 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 5.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,400 -1.4%

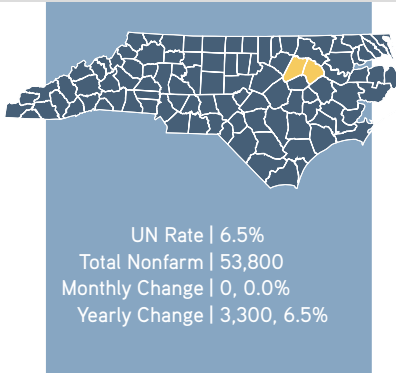
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,500 3.6%
Manufacturing	800 2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,500 12.7%
Information	300 1.4%
Financial Activities	500 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	12,200 10.2%
Education & Health Services	4,400 5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,500 48.3%
Other Services	3,800 17.8%
Government	100 0.1%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



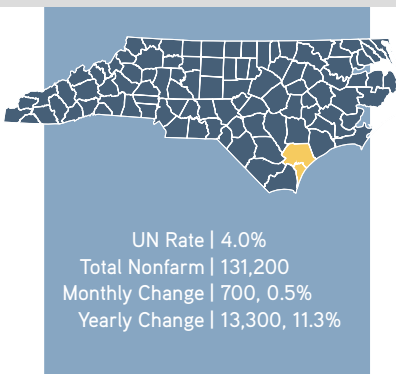
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.9%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 4.1%
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -1.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-300 -3.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 8.3%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	500 11.6%
Education & Health Services	100 1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000 24.4%
Other Services	*
Government	100 1.0%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



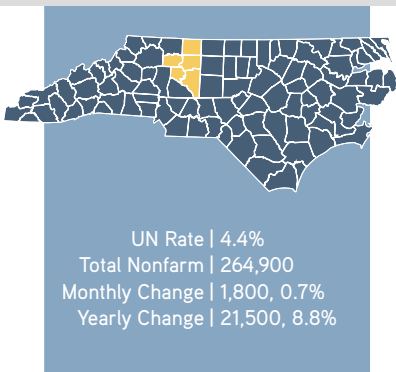
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.6%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.1%
Other Services	-100 -2.2%
Government	100 0.4%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.3%
Manufacturing	600 12.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,500 6.3%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	500 8.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,900 11.9%
Education & Health Services	1,200 8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000 47.2%
Other Services	700 18.9%
Government	300 1.3%

## Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | May 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.8%
Manufacturing	100 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 0.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -1.9%
Education & Health Services	800 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 4.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 2.6%
Manufacturing	2,600 8.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,600 12.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-500 -3.7%
Professional & Business Services	2,900 9.0%
Education & Health Services	2,400 4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,100 37.0%
Other Services	1,100 15.5%
Government	0 0.0%

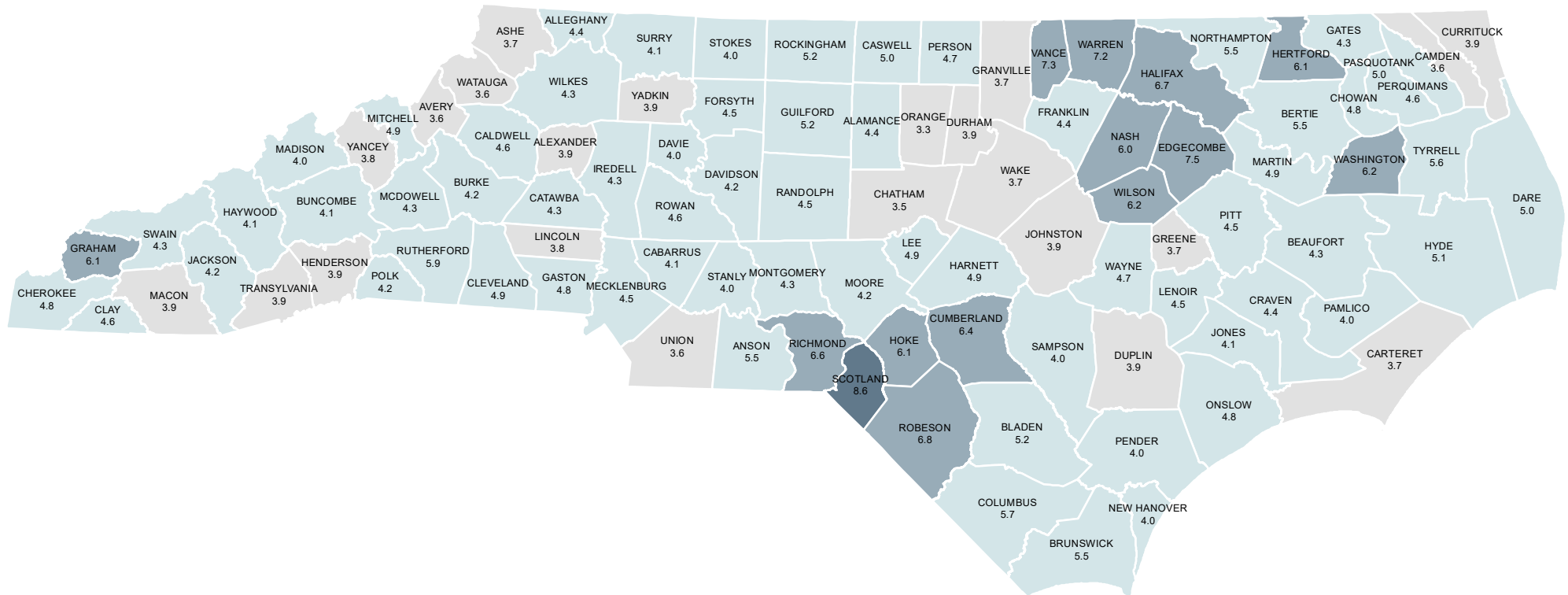
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Over the month, 9 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 8,700, followed by Raleigh, 2,100; Winston-Salem, 1,800; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 1,200; Greensboro/High Point, 1,000; Wilmington, 700; Goldsboro, 400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 300; and Burlington, 100. Goldsboro had the greatest percentage increase at 1.0%, followed by Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 0.8%, Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 0.7%, and Winston-Salem, 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.

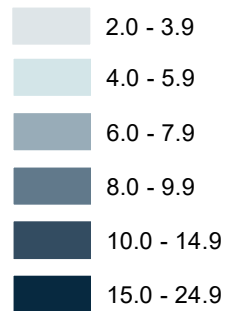
Over the year, employment increased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 91,600, followed by Raleigh, 57,600; Greensboro/High Point, 22,500; Winston-Salem, 21,500; Durham/Chapel Hill, 18,100; Asheville, 18,100; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 13,700; and Wilmington, 13,300. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 11.3%, followed by Asheville, 10.8%; Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton, 9.8%; Raleigh, 9.8%; Burlington, 9.5%; and Greenville, 9.3%.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## May 2021



### May 2021



- ^ 77 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 8 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 15 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.5%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted

Note: May 2021 data are preliminary.  
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