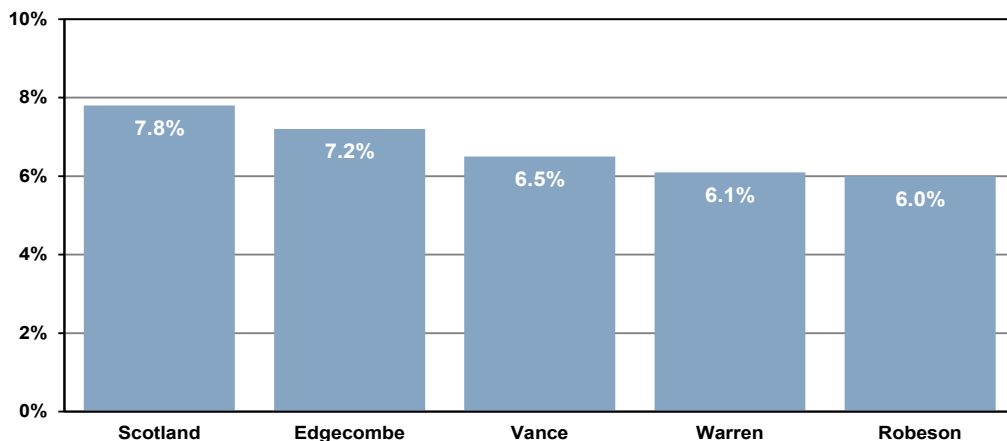


## Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates October 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

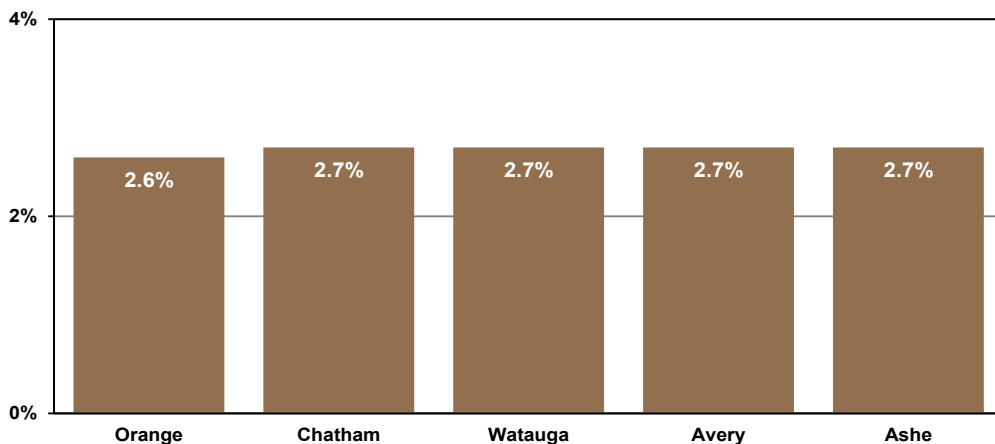


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.6 percent in October. This decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from September's revised rate, and declined 2.8 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 83 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.6 percent rate.

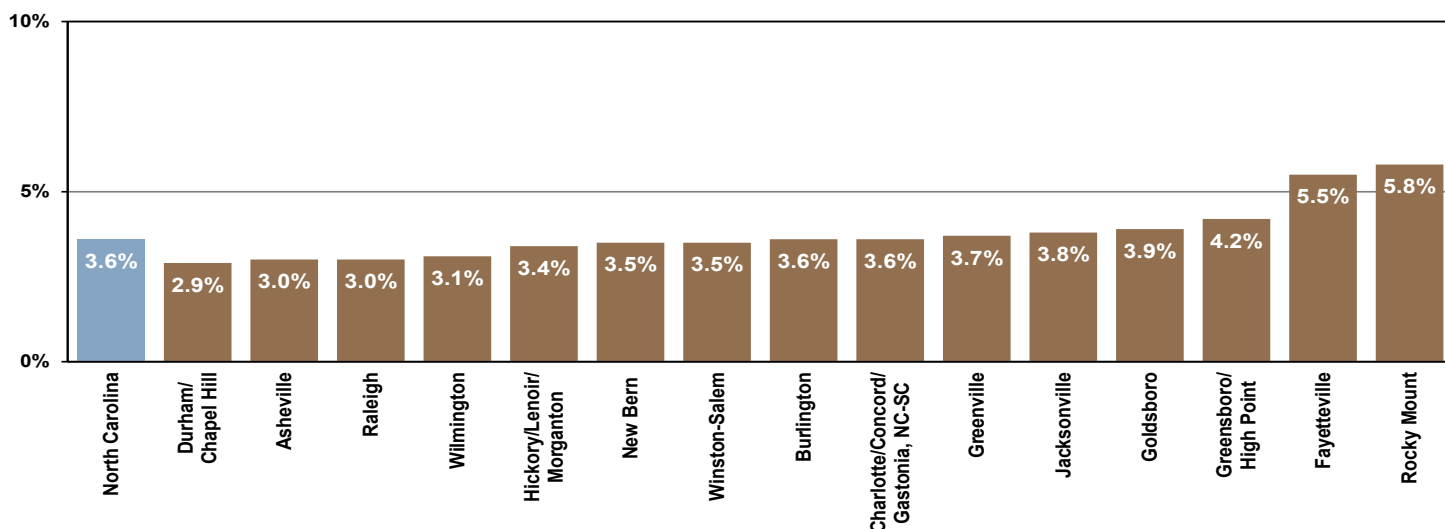
Scotland County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.2 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent, followed by Chatham, Watauga, Avery, and Ashe Counties each at 2.7 percent.

## Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates October 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in October at 5.8 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent, followed by Asheville and Raleigh at 3.0 percent each.

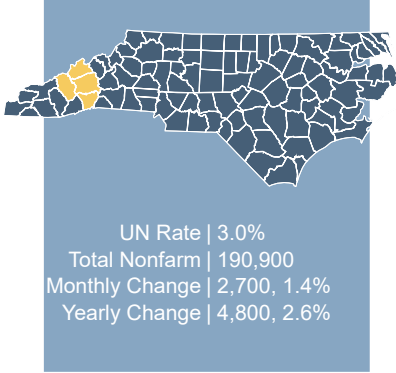
## Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates October 2021\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



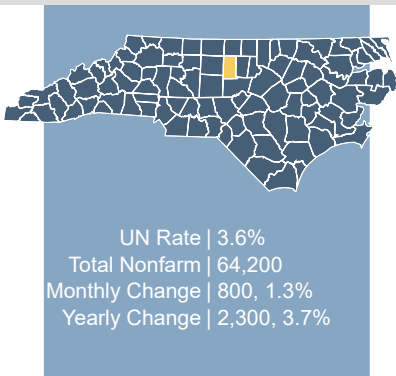
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	300 1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	900 5.1%
Education & Health Services	400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	100 1.1%
Government	800 3.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.2%
Manufacturing	1,200 5.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	100 6.3%
Financial Activities	200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	500 2.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,700 -4.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,900 12.2%
Other Services	400 4.4%
Government	800 3.1%

## Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



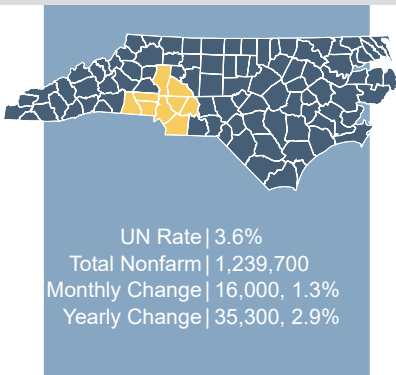
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	200 2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.6%
Education & Health Services	100 0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	400 6.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.3%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 7.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -5.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 8.6%
Education & Health Services	300 2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.4%
Other Services	200 8.3%
Government	400 6.0%

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



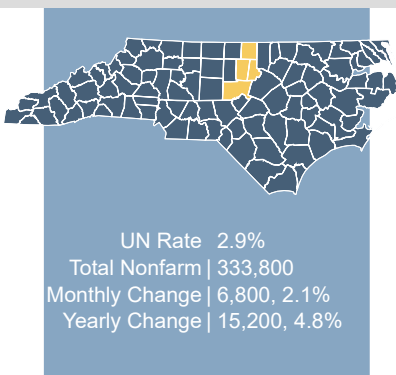
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,100 1.6%
Manufacturing	500 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,900 1.6%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.1%
Professional & Business Services	3,000 1.4%
Education & Health Services	2,300 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700 1.4%
Other Services	300 0.7%
Government	3,200 2.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,800 4.1%
Manufacturing	-400 -0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,600 1.0%
Information	1,000 4.4%
Financial Activities	1,600 1.4%
Professional & Business Services	12,000 5.7%
Education & Health Services	1,400 1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,700 10.1%
Other Services	1,700 4.0%
Government	900 0.6%

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



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.0%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.0%
Information	100 1.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 3.1%
Education & Health Services	1,800 2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 2.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,700 2.7%

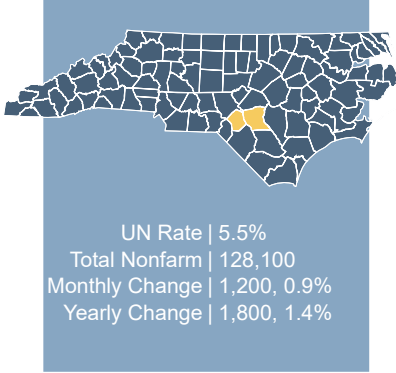
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	800 8.4%
Manufacturing	1,000 3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,800 4.6%
Information	500 9.1%
Financial Activities	300 1.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,700 11.8%
Education & Health Services	1,700 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,300 16.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.2%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

## Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



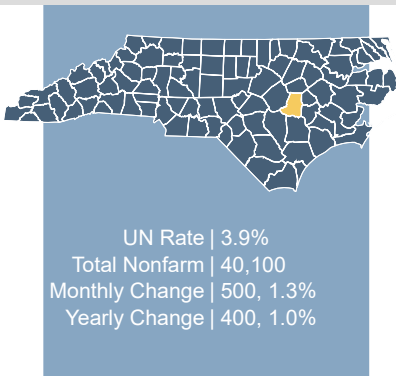
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	2.2%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.8%
Education & Health Services	300	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	100	2.3%
Government	0	0.0%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	10.6%
Manufacturing	500	6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.9%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	12.1%
Other Services	200	4.7%
Government	-1,100	-2.8%

## Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



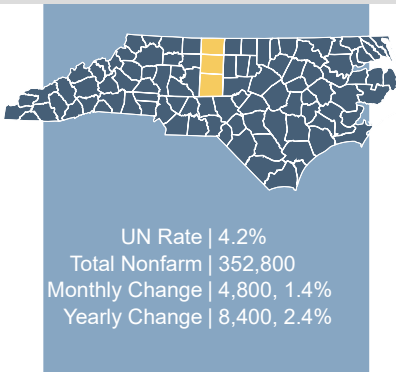
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	200	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	500	5.7%

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



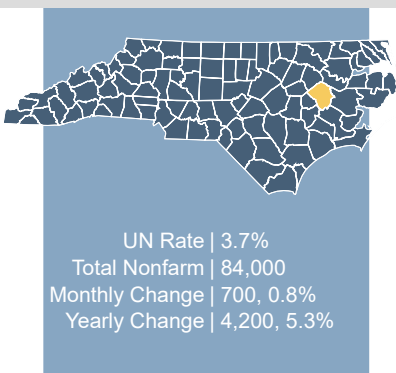
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-1.2%
Manufacturing	600	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,500	1.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	900	2.0%
Education & Health Services	300	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	900	2.8%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	700	1.7%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	500	3.1%
Manufacturing	2,600	5.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,000	3.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	0.4%
Education & Health Services	1,000	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,400	8.0%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	-1,400	-3.3%

## Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.2%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	3.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

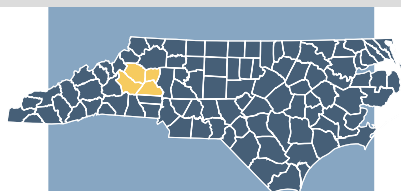
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	300	4.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	4.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,200	16.4%
Education & Health Services	100	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	9.8%
Other Services	100	4.5%
Government	1,300	4.6%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



UN Rate | 3.4%  
 Total Nonfarm | 155,600  
 Monthly Change | 1,600, 1.0%  
 Yearly Change | 5,100, 3.4%

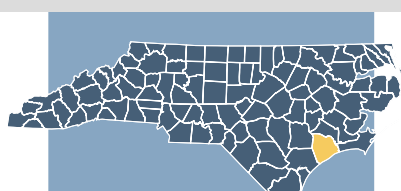
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.0%
Manufacturing	700	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	1.5%
Education & Health Services	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-1.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	400	1.8%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	8.3%
Manufacturing	3,300	8.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.5%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	6.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	700	3.1%

## Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



UN Rate | 3.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 50,100  
 Monthly Change | 400, 0.8%  
 Yearly Change | 300, 0.6%

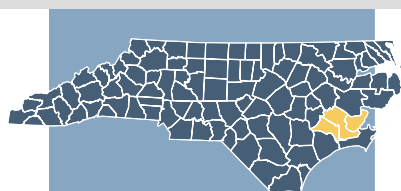
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	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	-400	-2.8%

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



UN Rate | 3.5%  
 Total Nonfarm | 44,300  
 Monthly Change | 400, 0.9%  
 Yearly Change | 200, 0.5%

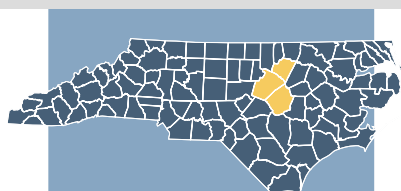
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	0	0.0%

## Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



UN Rate | 3.0%  
 Total Nonfarm | 663,200  
 Monthly Change | 9,400, 1.4%  
 Yearly Change | 30,700, 4.9%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-0.9%
Manufacturing	500	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,900	1.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.3%
Professional & Business Services	900	0.7%
Education & Health Services	1,800	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,900	4.4%
Other Services	300	1.2%
Government	1,600	1.7%

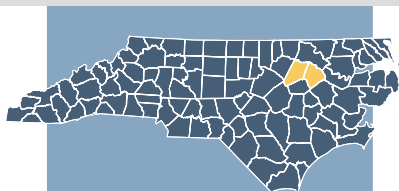
### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,300	5.4%
Manufacturing	2,700	9.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,700	3.1%
Information	200	0.9%
Financial Activities	1,500	4.5%
Professional & Business Services	5,300	4.1%
Education & Health Services	3,000	3.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,500	20.2%
Other Services	-200	-0.8%
Government	700	0.7%

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# North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

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



UN Rate | 5.8%  
 Total Nonfarm | 54,500  
 Monthly Change | 800, 1.5%  
 Yearly Change | 1,200, 2.3%

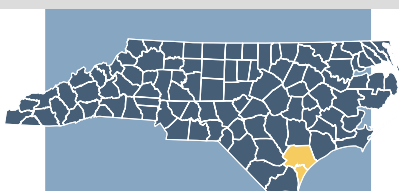
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	300 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.8%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 2.0%
Other Services	*
Government	500 5.1%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -7.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 1.7%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.2%
Education & Health Services	100 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 10.6%
Other Services	*
Government	900 9.5%

## Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | October 2021



UN Rate | 3.1%  
 Total Nonfarm | 135,100  
 Monthly Change | 1,700, 1.3%  
 Yearly Change | 7,200, 5.6%

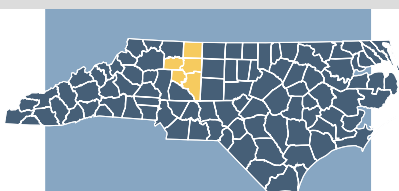
### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 3.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 2.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	300 1.2%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.4%
Manufacturing	400 7.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.8%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	2,400 14.0%
Education & Health Services	300 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,200 12.6%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	900 3.8%

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



UN Rate | 3.5%  
 Total Nonfarm | 269,700  
 Monthly Change | 4,000, 1.5%  
 Yearly Change | 9,000, 3.5%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.8%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 1.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 4.4%
Education & Health Services	500 0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 2.3%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	500 1.6%

### Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	1,200 3.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000 2.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.8%
Professional & Business Services	2,600 7.3%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700 11.2%
Other Services	200 2.4%
Government	1,300 4.4%

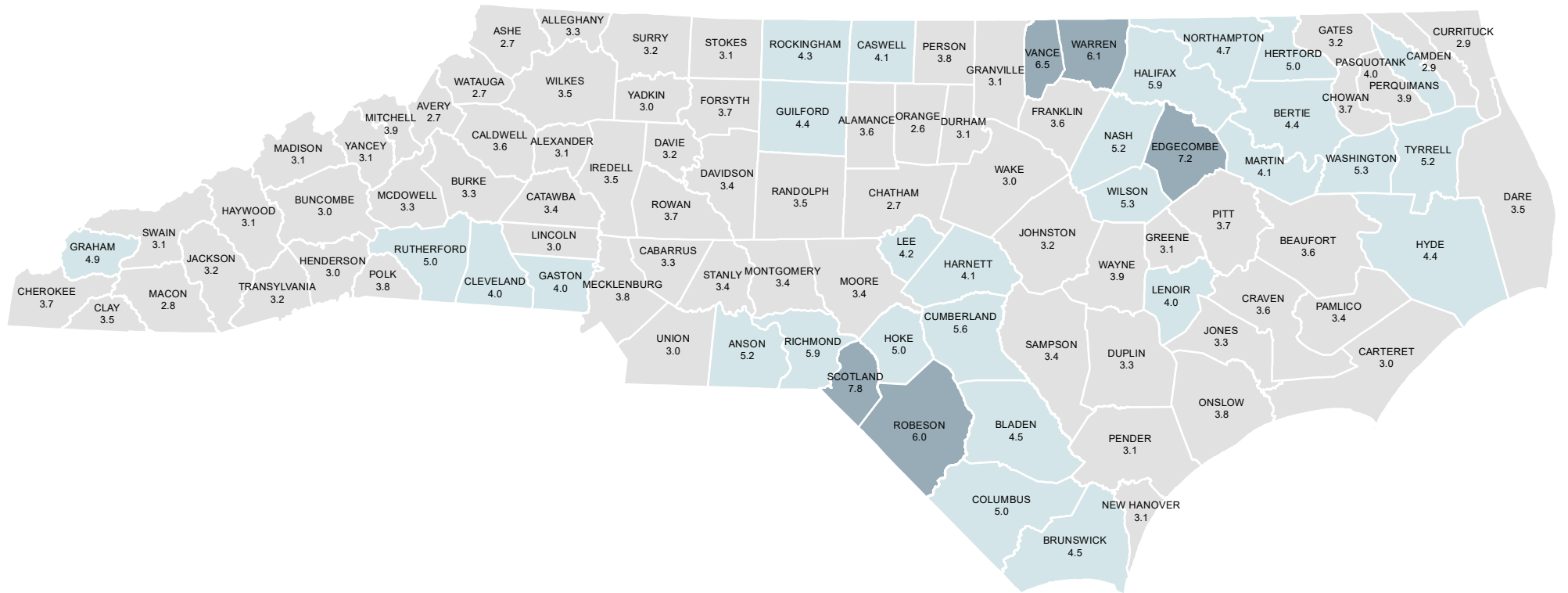
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Over the month, all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 16,000, followed by Raleigh, 9,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 6,800; Greensboro/High Point, 4,800; Winston-Salem, 4,000; and Asheville, 2,700. Durham/Chapel Hill had the greatest percentage increase at 2.1%, followed by Rocky Mount and Winston-Salem at 1.5% each. 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.

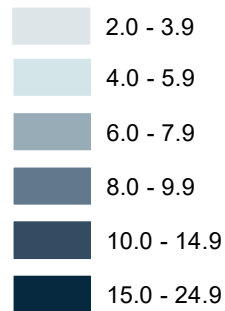
Over the year, employment increased in all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 35,300, followed by Raleigh, 30,700; Durham/Chapel Hill, 15,200; Winston-Salem, 9,000; and Greensboro/High Point, 8,400. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 5.6%, followed by Greenville, 5.3%; Raleigh, 4.9%; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 4.8%.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

## October 2021



### October 2021



- ^ 8 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 83 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 9 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 3.6%  
Not Seasonally Adjusted