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North Carolina’s April County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 83 of North Carolina’s counties in April, increased in four, and remained unchanged in 13. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.4 percent while Orange and Chatham Counties each had the lowest at 2.6 percent. Twelve of the state’s metro areas experienced rate decreases and three remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.8 percent while Asheville and Durham-Chapel Hill each had the lowest at 2.8 percent. The April not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.4 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
April	87	13	0
March (Revised)	84	16	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state’s metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in April by 23,922 to 4,927,270, while those unemployed decreased by 6,924 to 175,278. Since April 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 247,774, while those unemployed decreased 71,562.

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 estimates.

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for May 2022 will be released.

These data can be accessed on the Commerce website at <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

*Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
April 2022*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,102,548	175,278	3.4				
ALAMANCE	83,015	2,826	3.4	JOHNSTON	106,431	3,186	3.0
ALEXANDER	17,831	520	2.9	JONES	4,246	127	3.0
ALLEGHANY	4,221	145	3.4	LEE	25,988	1,025	3.9
ANSON	10,283	472	4.6	LENOIR	27,159	981	3.6
ASHE	12,741	366	2.9	LINCOLN	45,447	1,316	2.9
AVERY	7,356	224	3.0	MCDOWELL	20,068	617	3.1
BEAUFORT	20,020	706	3.5	MACON	15,247	490	3.2
BERTIE	7,312	339	4.6	MADISON	9,991	304	3.0
BLADEN	14,030	602	4.3	MARTIN	8,727	373	4.3
BRUNSWICK	56,550	2,478	4.4	MECKLENBURG	639,402	21,831	3.4
BUNCOMBE	140,942	3,912	2.8	MITCHELL	5,902	227	3.8
BURKE	40,376	1,231	3.0	MONTGOMERY	11,317	368	3.3
CABARRUS	113,606	3,524	3.1	MOORE	40,836	1,366	3.3
CALDWELL	36,011	1,203	3.3	NASH	41,812	2,107	5.0
CAMDEN	4,593	139	3.0	NEW HANOVER	126,610	3,831	3.0
CARTERET	31,182	961	3.1	NORTHAMPTON	7,173	313	4.4
CASWELL	9,756	354	3.6	ONSLOW	67,132	2,576	3.8
CATAWBA	78,549	2,483	3.2	ORANGE	82,439	2,105	2.6
CHATHAM	37,873	987	2.6	PAMLICO	5,389	175	3.2
CHEROKEE	10,780	374	3.5	PASQUOTANK	16,416	649	4.0
CHOWAN	5,647	205	3.6	PENDER	30,076	923	3.1
CLAY	4,037	140	3.5	PERQUIMANS	4,904	199	4.1
CLEVELAND	48,684	1,845	3.8	PERSON	19,083	661	3.5
COLUMBUS	23,078	1,051	4.6	PITT	89,678	3,339	3.7
CRAVEN	41,132	1,345	3.3	POLK	9,187	326	3.5
CUMBERLAND	129,100	6,641	5.1	RANDOLPH	65,573	2,089	3.2
CURRITUCK	14,458	431	3.0	RICHMOND	16,406	912	5.6
DARE	18,715	820	4.4	ROBESON	48,260	2,816	5.8
DAVIDSON	80,488	2,588	3.2	ROCKINGHAM	39,675	1,531	3.9
DAVIE	20,534	636	3.1	ROWAN	66,414	2,294	3.5
DUPLIN	24,789	798	3.2	RUTHERFORD	24,240	1,149	4.7
DURHAM	181,315	5,158	2.8	SAMPSON	28,585	949	3.3
EDGECOMBE	20,214	1,504	7.4	SCOTLAND	11,052	806	7.3
FORSYTH	186,426	6,453	3.5	STANLY	30,096	918	3.1
FRANKLIN	33,492	1,142	3.4	STOKES	21,379	623	2.9
GASTON	112,452	4,059	3.6	SURRY	32,224	982	3.0
GATES	5,053	152	3.0	SWAIN	6,782	216	3.2
GRAHAM	2,971	159	5.4	TRANSYLVANIA	14,182	428	3.0
GRANVILLE	30,612	873	2.9	TYRRELL	1,249	70	5.6
GREENE	9,577	282	2.9	UNION	127,676	3,681	2.9
GUILFORD	261,770	10,361	4.0	VANCE	16,905	1,028	6.1
HALIFAX	19,138	1,105	5.8	WAKE	621,191	17,379	2.8
HARNETT	54,659	2,067	3.8	WARREN	6,469	398	6.2
HAYWOOD	29,940	861	2.9	WASHINGTON	4,241	221	5.2
HENDERSON	55,065	1,554	2.8	WATAUGA	28,204	829	2.9
HERTFORD	8,561	417	4.9	WAYNE	51,381	1,911	3.7
HOKE	20,463	961	4.7	WILKES	26,948	933	3.5
HYDE	1,772	101	5.7	WILSON	33,312	1,814	5.4
IREDELL	92,630	2,880	3.1	YADKIN	17,463	538	3.1
JACKSON	19,907	649	3.3	YANCEY	8,271	262	3.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.4	3.6	5.0	-0.2	-1.6	JOHNSTON	3.0	3.1	4.3	-0.1	-1.3
ALAMANCE	3.4	3.5	4.9	-0.1	-1.5	JONES	3.0	3.1	4.3	-0.1	-1.3
ALEXANDER	2.9	3.1	4.9	-0.2	-2.0	LEE	3.9	4.2	5.5	-0.3	-1.6
ALLEGHANY	3.4	3.3	4.7	0.1	-1.3	LENOIR	3.6	3.8	4.9	-0.2	-1.3
ANSON	4.6	4.8	6.1	-0.2	-1.5	LINCOLN	2.9	3.0	4.3	-0.1	-1.4
ASHE	2.9	3.0	4.1	-0.1	-1.2	MCDOWELL	3.1	3.2	4.5	-0.1	-1.4
AVERY	3.0	3.2	4.1	-0.2	-1.1	MACON	3.2	3.4	4.3	-0.2	-1.1
BEAUFORT	3.5	3.5	4.7	0.0	-1.2	MADISON	3.0	3.0	4.4	0.0	-1.4
BERTIE	4.6	4.9	6.1	-0.3	-1.5	MARTIN	4.3	4.4	5.7	-0.1	-1.4
BLADEN	4.3	4.6	5.7	-0.3	-1.4	MECKLENBURG	3.4	3.7	5.2	-0.3	-1.8
BRUNSWICK	4.4	4.8	6.1	-0.4	-1.7	MITCHELL	3.8	4.0	5.2	-0.2	-1.4
BUNCOMBE	2.8	2.9	4.5	-0.1	-1.7	MONTGOMERY	3.3	3.4	4.7	-0.1	-1.4
BURKE	3.0	3.2	4.7	-0.2	-1.7	MOORE	3.3	3.4	4.7	-0.1	-1.4
CABARRUS	3.1	3.2	4.6	-0.1	-1.5	NASH	5.0	5.2	6.6	-0.2	-1.6
CALDWELL	3.3	3.4	5.2	-0.1	-1.9	NEW HANOVER	3.0	3.1	4.4	-0.1	-1.4
CAMDEN	3.0	3.0	3.9	0.0	-0.9	NORTHAMPTON	4.4	4.7	6.3	-0.3	-1.9
CARTERET	3.1	3.2	4.1	-0.1	-1.0	ONSLow	3.8	3.8	5.2	0.0	-1.4
CASWELL	3.6	3.8	5.5	-0.2	-1.9	ORANGE	2.6	2.4	3.4	0.2	-0.8
CATAWBA	3.2	3.3	5.0	-0.1	-1.8	PAMLICO	3.2	3.5	4.3	-0.3	-1.1
CHATHAM	2.6	2.6	3.6	0.0	-1.0	PASQUOTANK	4.0	4.2	5.4	-0.2	-1.4
CHEROKEE	3.5	3.8	5.0	-0.3	-1.5	PENDER	3.1	3.2	4.3	-0.1	-1.2
CHOWAN	3.6	3.8	5.2	-0.2	-1.6	PERQUIMANS	4.1	4.4	5.4	-0.3	-1.3
CLAY	3.5	3.6	5.0	-0.1	-1.5	PERSON	3.5	3.7	5.1	-0.2	-1.6
CLEVELAND	3.8	4.0	5.5	-0.2	-1.7	PITT	3.7	3.8	5.2	-0.1	-1.5
COLUMBUS	4.6	4.9	6.3	-0.3	-1.7	POLK	3.5	3.7	4.6	-0.2	-1.1
CRAVEN	3.3	3.4	4.9	-0.1	-1.6	RANDOLPH	3.2	3.3	4.9	-0.1	-1.7
CUMBERLAND	5.1	5.5	7.1	-0.4	-2.0	RICHMOND	5.6	6.1	7.4	-0.5	-1.8
CURRITUCK	3.0	3.5	4.4	-0.5	-1.4	ROBESON	5.8	6.2	7.6	-0.4	-1.8
DARE	4.4	6.0	6.4	-1.6	-2.0	ROCKINGHAM	3.9	4.0	5.8	-0.1	-1.9
DAVIDSON	3.2	3.3	4.8	-0.1	-1.6	ROWAN	3.5	3.6	6.5	-0.1	-3.0
DAVIE	3.1	3.1	5.3	0.0	-2.2	RUTHERFORD	4.7	4.9	6.5	-0.2	-1.8
DUPLIN	3.2	3.3	4.3	-0.1	-1.1	SAMPSON	3.3	3.4	4.4	-0.1	-1.1
DURHAM	2.8	2.9	4.2	-0.1	-1.4	SCOTLAND	7.3	8.0	9.6	-0.7	-2.3
EDGECOMBE	7.4	7.9	8.7	-0.5	-1.3	STANLY	3.1	3.1	4.4	0.0	-1.3
FORSYTH	3.5	3.6	5.1	-0.1	-1.6	STOKES	2.9	3.0	4.4	-0.1	-1.5
FRANKLIN	3.4	3.6	4.8	-0.2	-1.4	SURRY	3.0	3.1	4.5	-0.1	-1.5
GASTON	3.6	3.9	5.4	-0.3	-1.8	SWAIN	3.2	3.4	4.9	-0.2	-1.7
GATES	3.0	3.0	4.7	0.0	-1.7	TRANSYLVANIA	3.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	-1.0
GRAHAM	5.4	6.3	6.8	-0.9	-1.4	TYRRELL	5.6	6.7	6.9	-1.1	-1.3
GRANVILLE	2.9	2.9	4.1	0.0	-1.2	UNION	2.9	2.8	3.9	0.1	-1.0
GREENE	2.9	3.0	4.1	-0.1	-1.2	VANCE	6.1	6.6	8.0	-0.5	-1.9
GUILFORD	4.0	4.2	5.8	-0.2	-1.8	WAKE	2.8	2.9	4.1	-0.1	-1.3
HALIFAX	5.8	6.2	7.7	-0.4	-1.9	WARREN	6.2	6.7	7.9	-0.5	-1.7
HARNETT	3.8	3.9	5.4	-0.1	-1.6	WASHINGTON	5.2	5.7	7.1	-0.5	-1.9
HAYWOOD	2.9	3.0	4.4	-0.1	-1.5	WATAUGA	2.9	2.6	3.6	0.3	-0.7
HENDERSON	2.8	2.8	4.2	0.0	-1.4	WAYNE	3.7	3.8	5.1	-0.1	-1.4
HERTFORD	4.9	5.1	7.1	-0.2	-2.2	WILKES	3.5	3.5	4.8	0.0	-1.3
HOKE	4.7	4.9	6.6	-0.2	-1.9	WILSON	5.4	5.5	7.0	-0.1	-1.6
HYDE	5.7	8.7	6.5	-3.0	-0.8	YADKIN	3.1	3.1	4.5	0.0	-1.4
IREDELL	3.1	3.2	5.2	-0.1	-2.1	YANCEY	3.2	3.3	4.2	-0.1	-1.0
JACKSON	3.3	3.4	4.5	-0.1	-1.2						

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
April 2022*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	235,938	6,631	2.8
BURLINGTON	83,015	2,826	3.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,404,748	45,336	3.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	320,710	8,911	2.8
FAYETTEVILLE	149,563	7,602	5.1
GOLDSBORO	51,381	1,911	3.7
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	367,018	13,981	3.8
GREENVILLE	89,678	3,339	3.7
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	172,767	5,437	3.1
JACKSONVILLE	67,132	2,576	3.8
NEW BERN	50,767	1,647	3.2
RALEIGH	761,114	21,707	2.9
ROCKY MOUNT	62,026	3,611	5.8
WILMINGTON	156,686	4,754	3.0
WINSTON-SALEM	326,290	10,838	3.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,096	918	3.1
BOONE	28,204	829	2.9
BREVARD	14,182	428	3.0
CULLOWHEE	19,907	649	3.3
DUNN	54,659	2,067	3.8
ELIZABETH CITY	25,913	987	3.8
FOREST CITY	24,240	1,149	4.7
HENDERSON	16,905	1,028	6.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,964	890	4.5
KINSTON	27,159	981	3.6
LAURINBURG	11,052	806	7.3
LUMBERTON	48,260	2,816	5.8
MARION	20,068	617	3.1
MOREHEAD CITY	31,182	961	3.1
MOUNT AIRY	32,224	982	3.0
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,948	933	3.5
OXFORD	30,612	873	2.9
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,836	1,366	3.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,311	1,418	5.4
ROCKINGHAM	16,406	912	5.6
SANFORD	25,988	1,025	3.9
SHELBY	48,684	1,845	3.8
WASHINGTON	20,020	706	3.5
WILSON	33,312	1,814	5.4

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
April 2022*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	250,120	7,059	2.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,483,528	48,099	3.2
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	208,875	11,224	5.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	808,547	28,627	3.5
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	109,698	4,045	3.7
HICKORY-LENOIR	192,835	6,054	3.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	81,949	2,608	3.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,209,988	35,611	2.9
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	121,649	6,843	5.6

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

Metropolitan Statistical Area	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	2.8	2.9	4.4	-0.1	-1.6
BURLINGTON	3.4	3.5	4.9	-0.1	-1.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.2	3.5	4.9	-0.3	-1.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	2.8	2.8	4.0	0.0	-1.2
FAYETTEVILLE	5.1	5.4	7.0	-0.3	-1.9
GOLDSBORO	3.7	3.8	5.1	-0.1	-1.4
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	3.8	4.0	5.7	-0.2	-1.9
GREENVILLE	3.7	3.8	5.2	-0.1	-1.5
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.1	3.3	5.0	-0.2	-1.9
JACKSONVILLE	3.8	3.8	5.2	0.0	-1.4
NEW BERN	3.2	3.4	4.7	-0.2	-1.5
RALEIGH	2.9	2.9	4.2	0.0	-1.3
ROCKY MOUNT	5.8	6.1	7.3	-0.3	-1.5
WILMINGTON	3.0	3.1	4.4	-0.1	-1.4
WINSTON-SALEM	3.3	3.4	5.0	-0.1	-1.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.1	3.1	4.4	0.0	-1.3
BOONE	2.9	2.6	3.6	0.3	-0.7
BREVARD	3.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	-1.0
CULLOWHEE	3.3	3.4	4.5	-0.1	-1.2
DUNN	3.8	3.9	5.4	-0.1	-1.6
ELIZABETH CITY	3.8	4.0	5.1	-0.2	-1.3
FOREST CITY	4.7	4.9	6.5	-0.2	-1.8
HENDERSON	6.1	6.6	8.0	-0.5	-1.9
KILL DEVIL HILLS	4.5	6.1	6.4	-1.6	-1.9
KINSTON	3.6	3.8	4.9	-0.2	-1.3
LAURINBURG	7.3	8.0	9.6	-0.7	-2.3
LUMBERTON	5.8	6.2	7.6	-0.4	-1.8
MARION	3.1	3.2	4.5	-0.1	-1.4
MOREHEAD CITY	3.1	3.2	4.1	-0.1	-1.0
MOUNT AIRY	3.0	3.1	4.5	-0.1	-1.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	3.5	3.5	4.8	0.0	-1.3
OXFORD	2.9	2.9	4.1	0.0	-1.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.3	3.4	4.7	-0.1	-1.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.4	5.8	7.3	-0.4	-1.9
ROCKINGHAM	5.6	6.1	7.4	-0.5	-1.8
SANFORD	3.9	4.2	5.5	-0.3	-1.6
SHELBY	3.8	4.0	5.5	-0.2	-1.7
WASHINGTON	3.5	3.5	4.7	0.0	-1.2
WILSON	5.4	5.5	7.0	-0.1	-1.6

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

Combined Statistical Area	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	2.8	2.9	4.4	-0.1	-1.6
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.2	3.5	4.9	-0.3	-1.7
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.4	5.7	7.3	-0.3	-1.9
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.5	3.7	5.3	-0.2	-1.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	3.7	3.7	5.1	0.0	-1.4
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.1	3.3	4.9	-0.2	-1.8
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.2	3.3	4.5	-0.1	-1.3
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	2.9	3.0	4.3	-0.1	-1.4
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.6	5.9	7.2	-0.3	-1.6

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for April 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	82,439	2,105	2.6%	1	MECKLENBURG	639,402	21,831	3.4%	51
CHATHAM	37,873	987	2.6%	2	ALLEGHANY	4,221	145	3.4%	52
BUNCOMBE	140,942	3,912	2.8%	3	ROWAN	66,414	2,294	3.5%	53
WAKE	621,191	17,379	2.8%	4	FORSYTH	186,426	6,453	3.5%	54
HENDERSON	55,065	1,554	2.8%	5	WILKES	26,948	933	3.5%	55
DURHAM	181,315	5,158	2.8%	6	PERSON	19,083	661	3.5%	56
GRANVILLE	30,612	873	2.9%	7	CLAY	4,037	140	3.5%	57
ASHE	12,741	366	2.9%	8	CHEROKEE	10,780	374	3.5%	58
HAYWOOD	29,940	861	2.9%	9	BEAUFORT	20,020	706	3.5%	59
UNION	127,676	3,681	2.9%	10	POLK	9,187	326	3.5%	60
LINCOLN	45,447	1,316	2.9%	11	GASTON	112,452	4,059	3.6%	61
STOKES	21,379	623	2.9%	12	LENOIR	27,159	981	3.6%	62
ALEXANDER	17,831	520	2.9%	13	CASWELL	9,756	354	3.6%	63
WATAUGA	28,204	829	2.9%	14	CHOWAN	5,647	205	3.6%	64
GREENE	9,577	282	2.9%	15	WAYNE	51,381	1,911	3.7%	65
CURRITUCK	14,458	431	3.0%	16	PITT	89,678	3,339	3.7%	66
JONES	4,246	127	3.0%	17	HARNETT	54,659	2,067	3.8%	67
JOHNSTON	106,431	3,186	3.0%	18	CLEVELAND	48,684	1,845	3.8%	68
GATES	5,053	152	3.0%	19	ONSLOW	67,132	2,576	3.8%	69
TRANSYLVANIA	14,182	428	3.0%	20	MITCHELL	5,902	227	3.8%	70
NEW HANOVER	126,610	3,831	3.0%	21	ROCKINGHAM	39,675	1,531	3.9%	71
CAMDEN	4,593	139	3.0%	22	LEE	25,988	1,025	3.9%	72
MADISON	9,991	304	3.0%	23	PASQUOTANK	16,416	649	4.0%	73
AVERY	7,356	224	3.0%	24	GUILFORD	261,770	10,361	4.0%	74
SURRY	32,224	982	3.0%	25	PERQUIMANS	4,904	199	4.1%	75
BURKE	40,376	1,231	3.0%	26	MARTIN	8,727	373	4.3%	76
STANLY	30,096	918	3.1%	27	BLADEN	14,030	602	4.3%	77
PENDER	30,076	923	3.1%	28	NORTHAMPTON	7,173	313	4.4%	78
MCDOWELL	20,068	617	3.1%	29	DARE	18,715	820	4.4%	79
YADKIN	17,463	538	3.1%	30	BRUNSWICK	56,550	2,478	4.4%	80
CARTERET	31,182	961	3.1%	31	COLUMBUS	23,078	1,051	4.6%	81
DAVIE	20,534	636	3.1%	32	ANSON	10,283	472	4.6%	82
CABARRUS	113,606	3,524	3.1%	33	BERTIE	7,312	339	4.6%	83
IREDELL	92,630	2,880	3.1%	34	HOKE	20,463	961	4.7%	84
CATAWBA	78,549	2,483	3.2%	35	RUTHERFORD	24,240	1,149	4.7%	85
YANCEY	8,271	262	3.2%	36	HERTFORD	8,561	417	4.9%	86
SWAIN	6,782	216	3.2%	37	NASH	41,812	2,107	5.0%	87
RANDOLPH	65,573	2,089	3.2%	38	CUMBERLAND	129,100	6,641	5.1%	88
MACON	15,247	490	3.2%	39	WASHINGTON	4,241	221	5.2%	89
DAVIDSON	80,488	2,588	3.2%	40	GRAHAM	2,971	159	5.4%	90
DUPLIN	24,789	798	3.2%	41	WILSON	33,312	1,814	5.4%	91
PAMLICO	5,389	175	3.2%	42	RICHMOND	16,406	912	5.6%	92
MONTGOMERY	11,317	368	3.3%	43	TYRRELL	1,249	70	5.6%	93
JACKSON	19,907	649	3.3%	44	HYDE	1,772	101	5.7%	94
CRAVEN	41,132	1,345	3.3%	45	HALIFAX	19,138	1,105	5.8%	95
SAMPSON	28,585	949	3.3%	46	ROBESON	48,260	2,816	5.8%	96
CALDWELL	36,011	1,203	3.3%	47	VANCE	16,905	1,028	6.1%	97
MOORE	40,836	1,366	3.3%	48	WARREN	6,469	398	6.2%	98
ALAMANCE	83,015	2,826	3.4%	49	SCOTLAND	11,052	806	7.3%	99
FRANKLIN	33,492	1,142	3.4%	50	EDGECOMBE	20,214	1,504	7.4%	100

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

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Accessing Data

The data presented in this press release, as well as historical data, can be accessed from NC Commerce's Demand Driven Data Delivery ("D4") system:

<https://d4.nccommerce.com/LausSelection.aspx>

Technical Notes

This release presents labor force and unemployment estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The LAUS program is a federal-state cooperative endeavor.

Labor force and unemployment--from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment estimates are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as bad weather, labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on lay-off expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Method of estimation. Statewide estimates are produced using an estimation algorithm administered by the BLS. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2021, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, Current Employment Statistics (CES), and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. Substate estimates are produced using the "LAUS Handbook Method", which is also based on data from several sources. Each month, census division estimates are controlled to national totals, and state estimates are then controlled to their respective division totals. Substate estimates are controlled to their respective state totals. For more information about LAUS estimation procedures, see the BLS website at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/lau/calculation.htm>.

Revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for the previous month reflect adjustments made in each subsequent month, while data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year. The monthly revisions incorporate updated model inputs, while the annually revised estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations that were issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on April 10, 2018. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample surveys, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability--that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used.

Model-based error measures for seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data and for over-the-month and over-the-year changes to LAUS statewide estimates are available online at www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm.

Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2022 when the state unemployment rate for May 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

<https://www.nccommerce.com/documents/release-dates-unemployment-rates>