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North Carolina’s January County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 62 of North Carolina’s counties in January, increased in 25, and remained unchanged in 13. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 11.4 percent while Orange County had the lowest at 4.3 percent. Thirteen of the state’s metro areas experienced rate decreases, one increased, and one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Fayetteville had the highest rate at 8.2 percent while Durham-Chapel Hill had the lowest at 4.9 percent. The January not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 6.0 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
January	9	89	2
December (Revised)	4	95	1

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 99 counties and decreased in one. All 15 of the state’s metro areas experienced rate increases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in January by 35,585 to 4,674,598, while those unemployed decreased by 10,464 to 296,669. Since January 2020, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 212,718, while those unemployed increased 111,710.

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, March 26, 2021 when the state unemployment rate for February 2021 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
January 2021

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,971,267	296,669	6.0				
ALAMANCE	81,143	4,780	5.9	JOHNSTON	99,841	5,188	5.2
ALEXANDER	17,804	919	5.2	JONES	4,250	223	5.2
ALLEGHANY	4,125	254	6.2	LEE	26,153	1,664	6.4
ANSON	10,576	812	7.7	LENOIR	27,710	1,643	5.9
ASHE	12,704	683	5.4	LINCOLN	43,438	2,199	5.1
AVERY	7,500	399	5.3	MCDOWELL	20,383	1,177	5.8
BEAUFORT	19,592	1,169	6.0	MACON	15,486	872	5.6
BERTIE	7,712	490	6.4	MADISON	9,682	537	5.5
BLADEN	14,744	1,012	6.9	MARTIN	9,107	613	6.7
BRUNSWICK	51,412	3,984	7.7	MECKLENBURG	618,686	37,557	6.1
BUNCOMBE	135,833	7,650	5.6	MITCHELL	5,756	396	6.9
BURKE	40,479	2,315	5.7	MONTGOMERY	11,871	641	5.4
CABARRUS	108,937	6,023	5.5	MOORE	40,799	2,238	5.5
CALDWELL	36,218	2,268	6.3	NASH	42,669	3,129	7.3
CAMDEN	4,590	221	4.8	NEW HANOVER	121,068	6,609	5.5
CARTERET	31,201	1,668	5.3	NORTHAMPTON	7,669	570	7.4
CASWELL	9,663	627	6.5	ONslow	64,455	4,032	6.3
CATAWBA	78,415	4,568	5.8	ORANGE	78,493	3,390	4.3
CHATHAM	35,573	1,552	4.4	PAMLICO	5,293	265	5.0
CHEROKEE	10,628	664	6.2	PASQUOTANK	16,606	1,148	6.9
CHOWAN	5,571	342	6.1	PENDER	28,265	1,543	5.5
CLAY	4,042	240	5.9	PERQUIMANS	4,886	311	6.4
CLEVELAND	48,345	3,148	6.5	PERSON	18,204	1,104	6.1
COLUMBUS	22,283	1,777	8.0	PITT	89,834	5,306	5.9
CRAVEN	41,166	2,433	5.9	POLK	8,958	495	5.5
CUMBERLAND	125,685	10,415	8.3	RANDOLPH	63,970	3,748	5.9
CURRITUCK	13,943	787	5.6	RICHMOND	16,827	1,444	8.6
DARE	18,363	1,883	10.3	ROBESON	50,572	4,480	8.9
DAVIDSON	79,061	4,560	5.8	ROCKINGHAM	39,012	2,713	7.0
DAVIE	20,033	1,019	5.1	ROWAN	65,137	4,004	6.1
DUPLIN	24,912	1,320	5.3	RUTHERFORD	24,732	1,959	7.9
DURHAM	171,404	8,970	5.2	SAMPSON	28,773	1,550	5.4
EDGECOMBE	21,021	2,053	9.8	SCOTLAND	11,524	1,312	11.4
FORSYTH	184,324	11,142	6.0	STANLY	29,878	1,566	5.2
FRANKLIN	31,571	1,849	5.9	STOKES	21,122	1,161	5.5
GASTON	109,818	7,041	6.4	SURRY	32,479	1,783	5.5
GATES	5,105	259	5.1	SWAIN	6,595	427	6.5
GRAHAM	2,969	273	9.2	TRANSYLVANIA	14,003	713	5.1
GRANVILLE	29,789	1,429	4.8	TYRRELL	1,286	116	9.0
GREENE	9,718	478	4.9	UNION	122,141	5,880	4.8
GUILFORD	256,209	17,564	6.9	VANCE	17,005	1,572	9.2
HALIFAX	20,313	1,769	8.7	WAKE	591,129	29,291	5.0
HARNETT	53,278	3,434	6.4	WARREN	6,508	591	9.1
HAYWOOD	28,762	1,610	5.6	WASHINGTON	4,478	383	8.6
HENDERSON	52,797	2,758	5.2	WATAUGA	28,229	1,294	4.6
HERTFORD	8,995	617	6.9	WAYNE	50,668	3,167	6.3
HOKE	19,733	1,533	7.8	WILKES	28,499	1,604	5.6
HYDE	1,726	167	9.7	WILSON	34,348	2,601	7.6
IREDELL	89,079	5,071	5.7	YADKIN	17,250	908	5.3
JACKSON	18,444	1,096	5.9	YANCEY	8,226	454	5.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	6.0	6.1	3.6	-0.1	2.4	JOHNSTON	5.2	5.4	3.4	-0.2	1.8
ALAMANCE	5.9	6.1	3.5	-0.2	2.4	JONES	5.2	5.4	3.4	-0.2	1.8
ALEXANDER	5.2	5.4	2.9	-0.2	2.3	LEE	6.4	6.6	3.9	-0.2	2.5
ALLEGHANY	6.2	6.5	4.9	-0.3	1.3	LENOIR	5.9	6.1	3.5	-0.2	2.4
ANSON	7.7	7.4	4.4	0.3	3.3	LINCOLN	5.1	5.3	3.4	-0.2	1.7
ASHE	5.4	5.1	3.7	0.3	1.7	MCDOWELL	5.8	5.9	3.7	-0.1	2.1
AVERY	5.3	5.6	3.8	-0.3	1.5	MACON	5.6	5.4	4.0	0.2	1.6
BEAUFORT	6.0	5.9	4.2	0.1	1.8	MADISON	5.5	5.6	3.4	-0.1	2.1
BERTIE	6.4	6.3	4.9	0.1	1.5	MARTIN	6.7	6.6	4.5	0.1	2.2
BLADEN	6.9	6.7	4.7	0.2	2.2	MECKLENBURG	6.1	6.3	3.4	-0.2	2.7
BRUNSWICK	7.7	7.5	5.6	0.2	2.1	MITCHELL	6.9	6.9	4.7	0.0	2.2
BUNCOMBE	5.6	5.7	2.9	-0.1	2.7	MONTGOMERY	5.4	5.8	3.7	-0.4	1.7
BURKE	5.7	5.8	3.5	-0.1	2.2	MOORE	5.5	5.8	3.6	-0.3	1.9
CABARRUS	5.5	5.7	3.3	-0.2	2.2	NASH	7.3	7.3	4.4	0.0	2.9
CALDWELL	6.3	6.5	3.6	-0.2	2.7	NEW HANOVER	5.5	5.6	3.4	-0.1	2.1
CAMDEN	4.8	5.2	3.7	-0.4	1.1	NORTHAMPTON	7.4	7.4	5.5	0.0	1.9
CARTERET	5.3	5.2	4.1	0.1	1.2	ONSLow	6.3	6.4	4.2	-0.1	2.1
CASWELL	6.5	6.7	4.2	-0.2	2.3	ORANGE	4.3	4.7	2.9	-0.4	1.4
CATAWBA	5.8	5.9	3.4	-0.1	2.4	PAMLICO	5.0	5.4	3.7	-0.4	1.3
CHATHAM	4.4	4.7	3.1	-0.3	1.3	PASQUOTANK	6.9	6.9	4.5	0.0	2.4
CHEROKEE	6.2	6.6	4.3	-0.4	1.9	PENDER	5.5	5.6	3.8	-0.1	1.7
CHOWAN	6.1	6.0	4.1	0.1	2.0	PERQUIMANS	6.4	6.2	4.8	0.2	1.6
CLAY	5.9	6.5	4.4	-0.6	1.5	PERSON	6.1	6.1	3.9	0.0	2.2
CLEVELAND	6.5	6.7	3.9	-0.2	2.6	PITT	5.9	6.2	3.8	-0.3	2.1
COLUMBUS	8.0	7.9	5.0	0.1	3.0	POLK	5.5	5.5	3.4	0.0	2.1
CrAVEN	5.9	6.1	3.7	-0.2	2.2	RANDOLPH	5.9	6.1	3.5	-0.2	2.4
CUMBERLAND	8.3	8.4	4.8	-0.1	3.5	RICHMOND	8.6	8.7	5.0	-0.1	3.6
CURRITUCK	5.6	5.2	3.7	0.4	1.9	ROBESON	8.9	8.7	5.0	0.2	3.9
DARE	10.3	7.3	7.4	3.0	2.9	ROCKINGHAM	7.0	7.0	4.2	0.0	2.8
DAVIDSON	5.8	6.0	3.5	-0.2	2.3	ROWAN	6.1	6.4	3.9	-0.3	2.2
DAVIE	5.1	5.3	3.2	-0.2	1.9	RUTHERFORD	7.9	7.9	5.0	0.0	2.9
DUPLIN	5.3	5.4	3.8	-0.1	1.5	SAMPSON	5.4	5.6	3.7	-0.2	1.7
DURHAM	5.2	5.6	3.1	-0.4	2.1	SCOTLAND	11.4	11.2	6.5	0.2	4.9
EDGEcombe	9.8	9.7	5.2	0.1	4.6	STANLY	5.2	5.4	3.6	-0.2	1.6
FORSYTH	6.0	6.3	3.5	-0.3	2.5	STOKES	5.5	5.6	3.6	-0.1	1.9
FRANKLIN	5.9	6.1	3.7	-0.2	2.2	SURRY	5.5	5.5	3.6	0.0	1.9
GASTON	6.4	6.6	3.8	-0.2	2.6	SWAIN	6.5	5.7	4.7	0.8	1.8
GATES	5.1	5.6	3.8	-0.5	1.3	TRANSYLVANIA	5.1	5.3	3.4	-0.2	1.7
GRAHAM	9.2	8.9	6.9	0.3	2.3	TYRRELL	9.0	8.4	7.9	0.6	1.1
GRANVILLE	4.8	5.0	3.2	-0.2	1.6	UNION	4.8	5.1	3.2	-0.3	1.6
GREENE	4.9	5.2	3.3	-0.3	1.6	VANCE	9.2	9.4	5.5	-0.2	3.7
GUILFORD	6.9	7.1	3.8	-0.2	3.1	WAKE	5.0	5.2	3.1	-0.2	1.9
HALIFAX	8.7	8.6	5.7	0.1	3.0	WARREN	9.1	9.1	5.5	0.0	3.6
HARNETT	6.4	6.7	4.1	-0.3	2.3	WASHINGTON	8.6	7.8	6.1	0.8	2.5
HAYWOOD	5.6	5.7	3.4	-0.1	2.2	WATAUGA	4.6	4.8	3.0	-0.2	1.6
HENDERSON	5.2	5.3	3.1	-0.1	2.1	WAYNE	6.3	6.2	3.8	0.1	2.5
HERTFORD	6.9	7.3	4.7	-0.4	2.2	WILKES	5.6	5.8	3.9	-0.2	1.7
HOKE	7.8	7.8	4.7	0.0	3.1	WILSON	7.6	7.6	5.2	0.0	2.4
HYDE	9.7	7.0	12.4	2.7	-2.7	YADKIN	5.3	5.5	3.4	-0.2	1.9
IREDELL	5.7	5.8	3.4	-0.1	2.3	YANCEY	5.5	5.5	4.0	0.0	1.5
JACKSON	5.9	5.7	4.0	0.2	1.9						

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

*Preliminary Data for
January 2021*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	227,074	12,555	5.5
BURLINGTON	81,143	4,780	5.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,354,991	79,065	5.8
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	303,674	15,016	4.9
FAYETTEVILLE	145,418	11,948	8.2
GOLDSBORO	50,668	3,167	6.3
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	359,191	24,025	6.7
GREENVILLE	89,834	5,306	5.9
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	172,916	10,070	5.8
JACKSONVILLE	64,455	4,032	6.3
NEW BERN	50,709	2,921	5.8
RALEIGH	722,541	36,328	5.0
ROCKY MOUNT	63,690	5,182	8.1
WILMINGTON	149,333	8,152	5.5
WINSTON-SALEM	321,790	18,790	5.8

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	29,878	1,566	5.2
BOONE	28,229	1,294	4.6
BREVARD	14,003	713	5.1
CULLOWHEE	18,444	1,096	5.9
DUNN	53,278	3,434	6.4
ELIZABETH CITY	26,082	1,680	6.4
FOREST CITY	24,732	1,959	7.9
HENDERSON	17,005	1,572	9.2
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,649	1,999	10.2
KINSTON	27,710	1,643	5.9
LAURINBURG	11,524	1,312	11.4
LUMBERTON	50,572	4,480	8.9
MARION	20,383	1,177	5.8
MOREHEAD CITY	31,201	1,668	5.3
MOUNT AIRY	32,479	1,783	5.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	28,499	1,604	5.6
OXFORD	29,789	1,429	4.8
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,799	2,238	5.5
ROANOKE RAPIDS	27,982	2,339	8.4
ROCKINGHAM	16,827	1,444	8.6
SANFORD	26,153	1,664	6.4
SHELBY	48,345	3,148	6.5
WASHINGTON	19,592	1,169	6.0
WILSON	34,348	2,601	7.6

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
January 2021*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	241,077	13,268	5.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,433,214	83,779	5.8
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,514	17,740	8.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	794,603	49,378	6.2
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	109,426	6,475	5.9
HICKORY-LENOIR	193,299	11,247	5.8
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	81,910	4,589	5.6
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,152,440	59,443	5.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	126,020	10,122	8.0

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	5.5	5.6	3.0	-0.1	2.5
BURLINGTON	5.9	6.1	3.5	-0.2	2.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	5.8	6.0	3.4	-0.2	2.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	4.9	5.3	3.1	-0.4	1.8
FAYETTEVILLE	8.2	8.3	4.8	-0.1	3.4
GOLDSBORO	6.3	6.2	3.8	0.1	2.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	6.7	6.9	3.8	-0.2	2.9
GREENVILLE	5.9	6.2	3.8	-0.3	2.1
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	5.8	6.0	3.4	-0.2	2.4
JACKSONVILLE	6.3	6.4	4.2	-0.1	2.1
NEW BERN	5.8	5.9	3.7	-0.1	2.1
RALEIGH	5.0	5.3	3.2	-0.3	1.8
ROCKY MOUNT	8.1	8.1	4.7	0.0	3.4
WILMINGTON	5.5	5.6	3.5	-0.1	2.0
WINSTON-SALEM	5.8	6.1	3.5	-0.3	2.3

Micropolitan Statistical Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	5.2	5.4	3.6	-0.2	1.6
BOONE	4.6	4.8	3.0	-0.2	1.6
BREVARD	5.1	5.3	3.4	-0.2	1.7
CULLOWHEE	5.9	5.7	4.0	0.2	1.9
DUNN	6.4	6.7	4.1	-0.3	2.3
ELIZABETH CITY	6.4	6.5	4.4	-0.1	2.0
FOREST CITY	7.9	7.9	5.0	0.0	2.9
HENDERSON	9.2	9.4	5.5	-0.2	3.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	10.2	7.4	7.5	2.8	2.7
KINSTON	5.9	6.1	3.5	-0.2	2.4
LAURINBURG	11.4	11.2	6.5	0.2	4.9
LUMBERTON	8.9	8.7	5.0	0.2	3.9
MARION	5.8	5.9	3.7	-0.1	2.1
MOREHEAD CITY	5.3	5.2	4.1	0.1	1.2
MOUNT AIRY	5.5	5.5	3.6	0.0	1.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	5.6	5.8	3.9	-0.2	1.7
OXFORD	4.8	5.0	3.2	-0.2	1.6
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	5.5	5.8	3.6	-0.3	1.9
ROANOKE RAPIDS	8.4	8.3	5.6	0.1	2.8
ROCKINGHAM	8.6	8.7	5.0	-0.1	3.6
SANFORD	6.4	6.6	3.9	-0.2	2.5
SHELBY	6.5	6.7	3.9	-0.2	2.6
WASHINGTON	6.0	5.9	4.2	0.1	1.8
WILSON	7.6	7.6	5.2	0.0	2.4

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

Combined Statistical Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	5.5	5.6	3.1	-0.1	2.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	5.8	6.0	3.4	-0.2	2.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	8.5	8.6	4.9	-0.1	3.6
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	6.2	6.4	3.6	-0.2	2.6
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	5.9	6.1	3.9	-0.2	2.0
HICKORY-LENOIR	5.8	6.0	3.4	-0.2	2.4
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	5.6	5.7	3.8	-0.1	1.8
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	5.2	5.4	3.2	-0.2	2.0
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	8.0	8.0	5.0	0.0	3.0

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	78,493	3,390	4.3%	1	LENOIR	27,710	1,643	5.9%	51
CHATHAM	35,573	1,552	4.4%	2	CLAY	4,042	240	5.9%	52
WATAUGA	28,229	1,294	4.6%	3	JACKSON	18,444	1,096	5.9%	53
GRANVILLE	29,789	1,429	4.8%	4	BEAUFORT	19,592	1,169	6.0%	54
UNION	122,141	5,880	4.8%	5	FORSYTH	184,324	11,142	6.0%	55
CAMDEN	4,590	221	4.8%	6	PERSON	18,204	1,104	6.1%	56
GREENE	9,718	478	4.9%	7	MECKLENBURG	618,686	37,557	6.1%	57
WAKE	591,129	29,291	5.0%	8	CHOWAN	5,571	342	6.1%	58
PAMLICO	5,293	265	5.0%	9	ROWAN	65,137	4,004	6.1%	59
LINCOLN	43,438	2,199	5.1%	10	ALLEGHANY	4,125	254	6.2%	60
GATES	5,105	259	5.1%	11	CHEROKEE	10,628	664	6.2%	61
DAVIE	20,033	1,019	5.1%	12	WAYNE	50,668	3,167	6.3%	62
TRANSYLVANIA	14,003	713	5.1%	13	ONSLow	64,455	4,032	6.3%	63
ALEXANDER	17,804	919	5.2%	14	CALDWELL	36,218	2,268	6.3%	64
JOHNSTON	99,841	5,188	5.2%	15	BERTIE	7,712	490	6.4%	65
HENDERSON	52,797	2,758	5.2%	16	LEE	26,153	1,664	6.4%	66
DURHAM	171,404	8,970	5.2%	17	PERQUIMANS	4,886	311	6.4%	67
STANLY	29,878	1,566	5.2%	18	GASTON	109,818	7,041	6.4%	68
JONES	4,250	223	5.2%	19	HARNETT	53,278	3,434	6.4%	69
YADKIN	17,250	908	5.3%	20	SWAIN	6,595	427	6.5%	70
DUPLIN	24,912	1,320	5.3%	21	CASWELL	9,663	627	6.5%	71
AVERY	7,500	399	5.3%	22	CLEVELAND	48,345	3,148	6.5%	72
CARTERET	31,201	1,668	5.3%	23	MARTIN	9,107	613	6.7%	73
ASHE	12,704	683	5.4%	24	GUILFORD	256,209	17,564	6.9%	74
SAMPSON	28,773	1,550	5.4%	25	HERTFORD	8,995	617	6.9%	75
MONTGOMERY	11,871	641	5.4%	26	BLADEN	14,744	1,012	6.9%	76
NEW HANOVER	121,068	6,609	5.5%	27	MITCHELL	5,756	396	6.9%	77
PENDER	28,265	1,543	5.5%	28	PASQUOTANK	16,606	1,148	6.9%	78
MOORE	40,799	2,238	5.5%	29	ROCKINGHAM	39,012	2,713	7.0%	79
SURRY	32,479	1,783	5.5%	30	NASH	42,669	3,129	7.3%	80
STOKES	21,122	1,161	5.5%	31	NORTHAMPTON	7,669	570	7.4%	81
YANCEY	8,226	454	5.5%	32	WILSON	34,348	2,601	7.6%	82
POLK	8,958	495	5.5%	33	ANSON	10,576	812	7.7%	83
CABARRUS	108,937	6,023	5.5%	34	BRUNSWICK	51,412	3,984	7.7%	84
MADISON	9,682	537	5.5%	35	HOKE	19,733	1,533	7.8%	85
HAYWOOD	28,762	1,610	5.6%	36	RUTHERFORD	24,732	1,959	7.9%	86
WILKES	28,499	1,604	5.6%	37	COLUMBUS	22,283	1,777	8.0%	87
MACON	15,486	872	5.6%	38	CUMBERLAND	125,685	10,415	8.3%	88
BUNCOMBE	135,833	7,650	5.6%	39	WASHINGTON	4,478	383	8.6%	89
CURRITUCK	13,943	787	5.6%	40	RICHMOND	16,827	1,444	8.6%	90
IREDELL	89,079	5,071	5.7%	41	HALIFAX	20,313	1,769	8.7%	91
BURKE	40,479	2,315	5.7%	42	ROBESON	50,572	4,480	8.9%	92
DAVIDSON	79,061	4,560	5.8%	43	TYRRELL	1,286	116	9.0%	93
MCDOWELL	20,383	1,177	5.8%	44	WARREN	6,508	591	9.1%	94
CATAWBA	78,415	4,568	5.8%	45	GRAHAM	2,969	273	9.2%	95
FRANKLIN	31,571	1,849	5.9%	46	VANCE	17,005	1,572	9.2%	96
RANDOLPH	63,970	3,748	5.9%	47	HYDE	1,726	167	9.7%	97
ALAMANCE	81,143	4,780	5.9%	48	EDGEcombe	21,021	2,053	9.8%	98
PITT	89,834	5,306	5.9%	49	DARE	18,363	1,883	10.3%	99
CRAVEN	41,166	2,433	5.9%	50	SCOTLAND	11,524	1,312	11.4%	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 2015, 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.

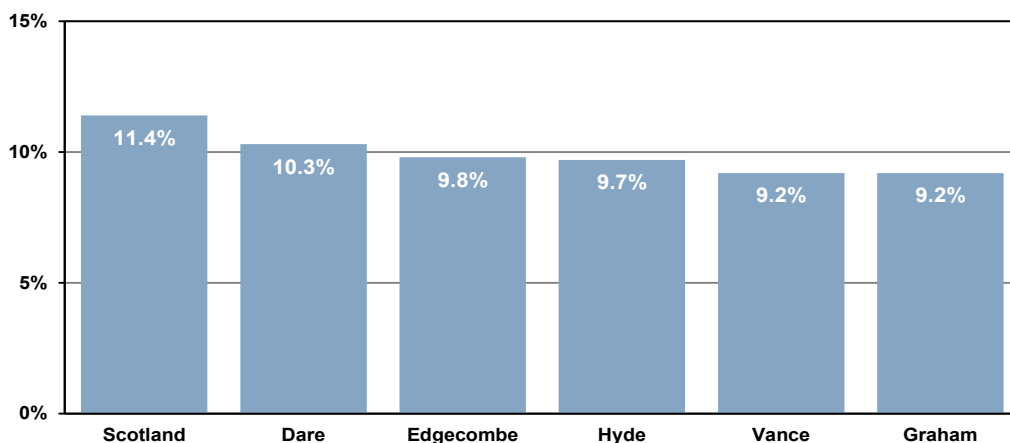
Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021 when the state unemployment rate for February 2021 will be released.

The complete 2021 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates January 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

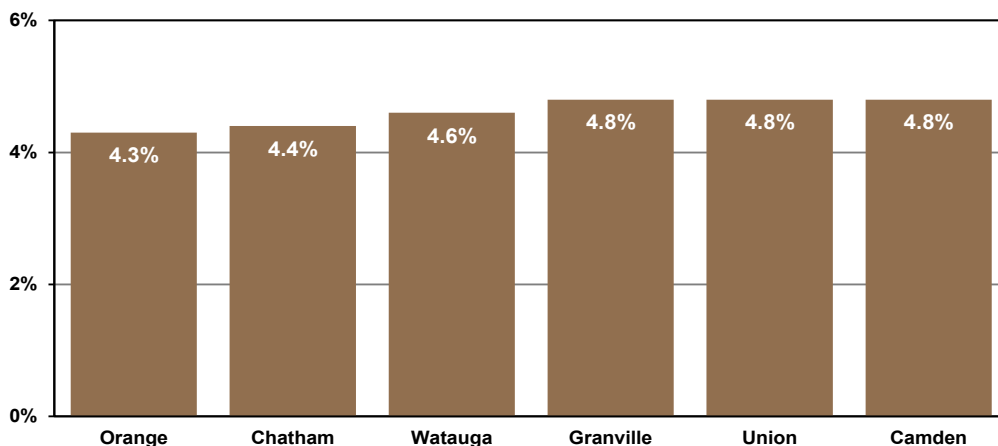


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 6.0 percent in January. This decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from December's revised rate, and grew 2.4 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 62 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-five counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 6.0 percent rate.

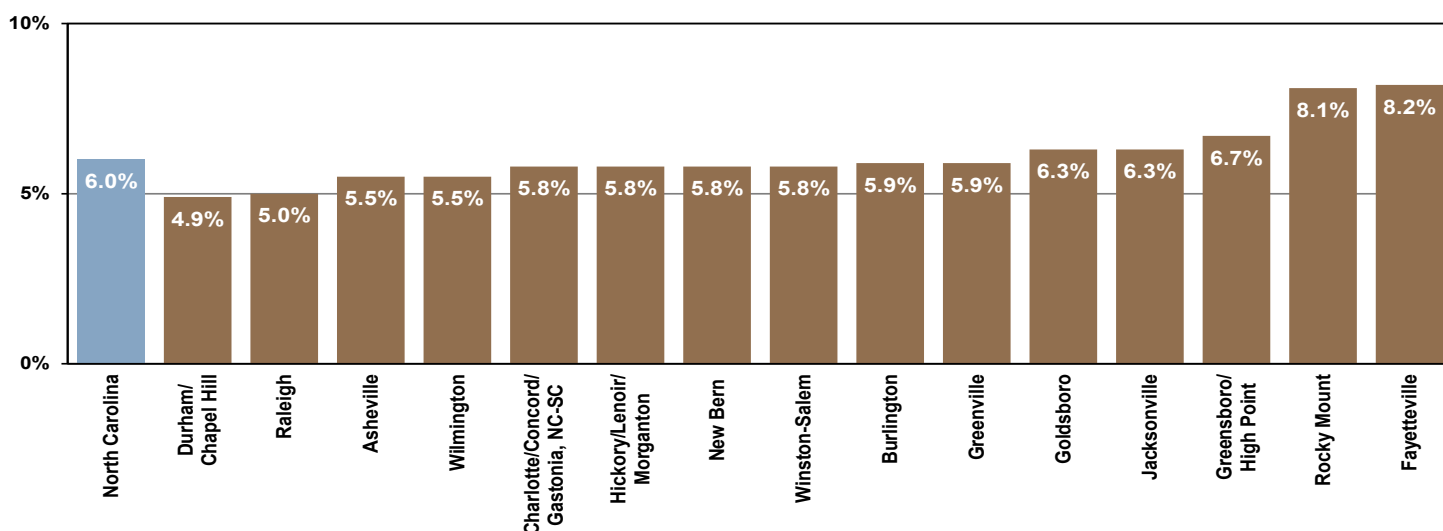
Scotland County recorded January's highest unemployment rate at 11.4 percent, followed by Dare at 10.3 percent. Orange had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.3 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates January 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in January at 8.2 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 8.1 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 4.9 percent, followed by Raleigh at 5.0 percent, and Asheville & Wilmington at 5.5 percent each.

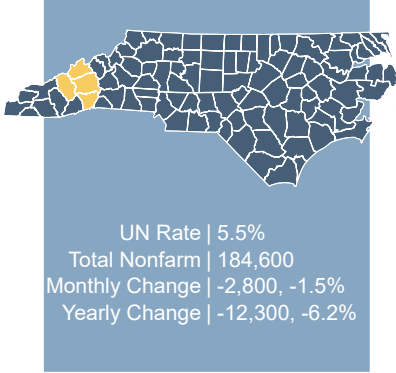
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates January 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



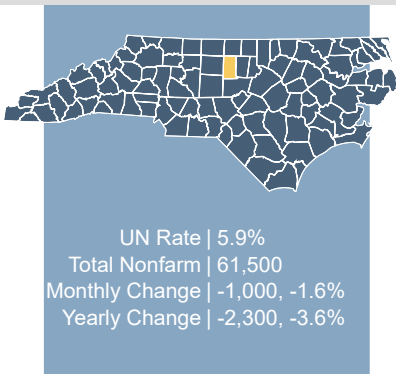
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.1%
Manufacturing	400 1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000 -2.7%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200 -1.1%
Education & Health Services	-600 -1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,000 -4.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-200 -0.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.1%
Manufacturing	-700 -3.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.8%
Information	-400 -20.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.6%
Professional & Business Services	300 1.6%
Education & Health Services	-1,900 -5.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,700 -22.9%
Other Services	-1,000 -10.0%
Government	-1,400 -5.2%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



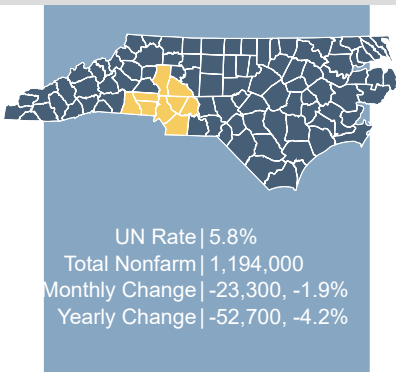
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.1%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -4.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -4.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.1%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 3.8%
Information	-100 -25.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 3.6%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,000 -12.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-800 -11.4%

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



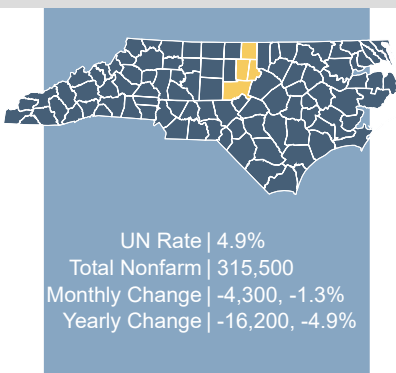
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,800 -2.6%
Manufacturing	-600 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-11,000 -4.2%
Information	-100 -0.4%
Financial Activities	-1,100 -1.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,700 -0.8%
Education & Health Services	-700 -0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,800 -1.6%
Other Services	-100 -0.2%
Government	-4,400 -2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,600 -2.3%
Manufacturing	-5,400 -5.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,800 -0.7%
Information	-1,300 -5.3%
Financial Activities	3,200 3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-2,800 -1.3%
Education & Health Services	-6,400 -5.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-27,400 -19.6%
Other Services	-3,700 -8.0%
Government	-5,500 -3.5%

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.1%
Manufacturing	-400 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,400 -3.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-300 -1.8%
Professional & Business Services	-400 -0.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -2.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,000 -1.6%

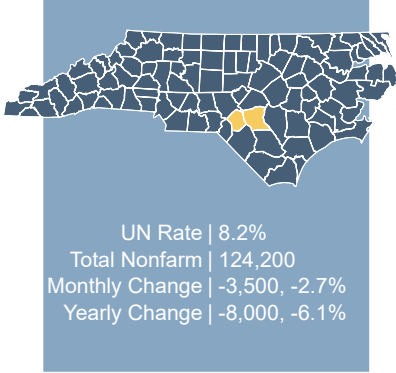
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.3%
Manufacturing	-400 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -3.2%
Information	100 1.8%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,100 4.5%
Education & Health Services	-2,200 -3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-8,700 -30.9%
Other Services	-1,300 -10.7%
Government	-4,800 -7.1%

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



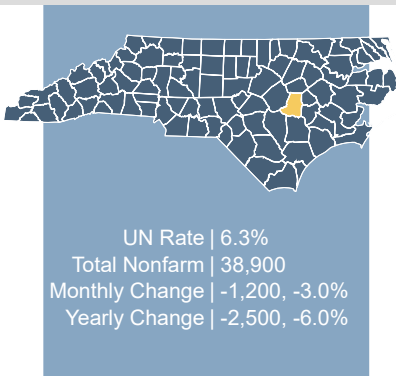
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.1%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -5.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.9%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -4.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,500 -3.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -11.3%
Manufacturing	-800 -9.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	-200 -18.2%
Financial Activities	-100 -2.6%
Professional & Business Services	-1,400 -11.1%
Education & Health Services	-1,100 -6.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,900 -11.8%
Other Services	-400 -8.5%
Government	-1,500 -3.7%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



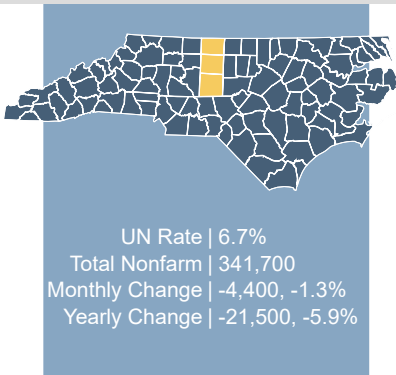
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -2.3%

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 -7.5%

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



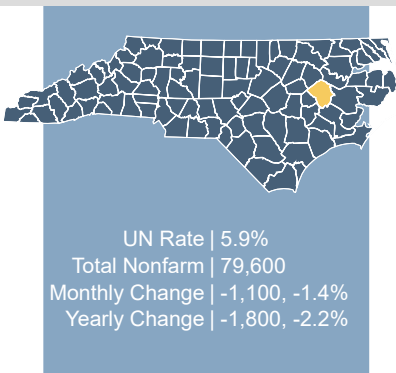
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -1.3%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,600 -2.0%
Information	100 2.3%
Financial Activities	-200 -1.1%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	-1,100 -2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.3%
Other Services	-100 -0.9%
Government	-600 -1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -1.3%
Manufacturing	-2,600 -4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900 -1.1%
Information	-200 -4.3%
Financial Activities	-900 -4.8%
Professional & Business Services	-2,500 -5.3%
Education & Health Services	-3,400 -6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,600 -18.2%
Other Services	-1,200 -9.5%
Government	-3,000 -6.7%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-200 -3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -4.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -2.5%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.4%

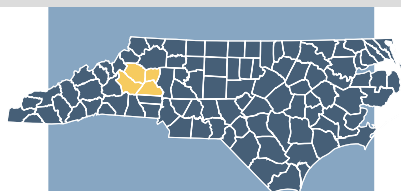
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -8.8%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.8%
Information	-100 -16.7%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	900 13.6%
Education & Health Services	-300 -3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,600 -16.8%
Other Services	-100 -4.3%
Government	-300 -1.0%

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



UN Rate | 5.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 150,000
 Monthly Change | -1,500, -1.0%
 Yearly Change | -5,200, -3.4%

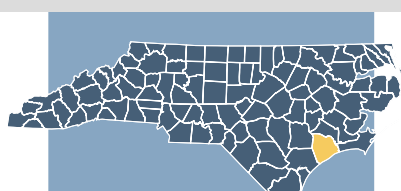
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.1%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.1%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.7%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -2.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-300 -1.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 4.3%
Manufacturing	-2,100 -5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 2.6%
Information	-100 -12.5%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.1%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.5%
Education & Health Services	-1,600 -8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100 -7.9%
Other Services	-300 -6.4%
Government	-1,100 -4.8%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 6.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 48,700
 Monthly Change | -1,400, -2.8%
 Yearly Change | -1,300, -2.6%

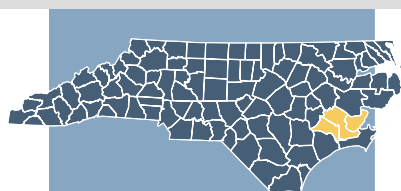
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-500 -3.4%

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	-500 -3.4%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 5.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 43,400
 Monthly Change | -700, -1.6%
 Yearly Change | -1,500, -3.3%

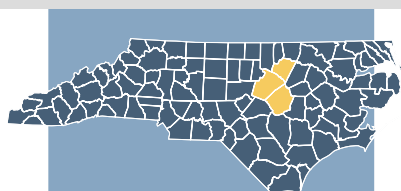
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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	-200 -1.4%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 5.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 631,800
 Monthly Change | -9,700, -1.5%
 Yearly Change | -20,400, -3.1%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -1.4%
Manufacturing	-400 -1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,600 -2.9%
Information	200 0.9%
Financial Activities	-400 -1.2%
Professional & Business Services	-1,300 -1.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,000 -1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200 -2.1%
Other Services	-100 -0.4%
Government	-1,300 -1.4%

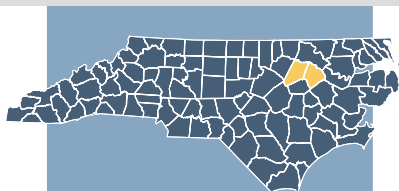
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.2%
Manufacturing	-1,400 -4.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,500 3.9%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	-1,100 -3.2%
Professional & Business Services	6,100 4.9%
Education & Health Services	-4,500 -5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-15,900 -21.9%
Other Services	-1,600 -5.9%
Government	-6,200 -6.1%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 8.1%
 Total Nonfarm | 53,600
 Monthly Change | -1,000, -1.8%
 Yearly Change | -2,400, -4.3%

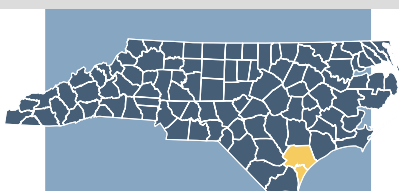
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,000 -7.9%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -2.1%
Other Services	*
Government	100 1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-600 -5.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	-200 -4.0%
Education & Health Services	-600 -9.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -14.8%
Other Services	*
Government	-300 -2.9%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 5.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 126,600
 Monthly Change | -1,700, -1.3%
 Yearly Change | -5,600, -4.2%

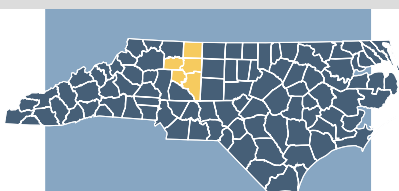
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500 -1.9%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	-200 -1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-400 -1.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -2.1%
Manufacturing	-700 -11.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-600 -2.3%
Information	-100 -3.1%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 3.6%
Education & Health Services	-400 -2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,800 -14.5%
Other Services	-500 -10.2%
Government	-900 -3.6%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | January 2021



UN Rate | 5.8%
 Total Nonfarm | 257,700
 Monthly Change | -5,100, -1.9%
 Yearly Change | -14,300, -5.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.8%
Manufacturing	-300 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -2.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-200 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	-1,900 -5.4%
Education & Health Services	-400 -0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -2.5%
Other Services	100 1.2%
Government	-400 -1.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.7%
Manufacturing	-500 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 2.5%
Information	-100 -5.9%
Financial Activities	-1,400 -9.9%
Professional & Business Services	-2,100 -5.9%
Education & Health Services	-3,300 -5.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,200 -18.0%
Other Services	-900 -9.9%
Government	-2,200 -6.9%

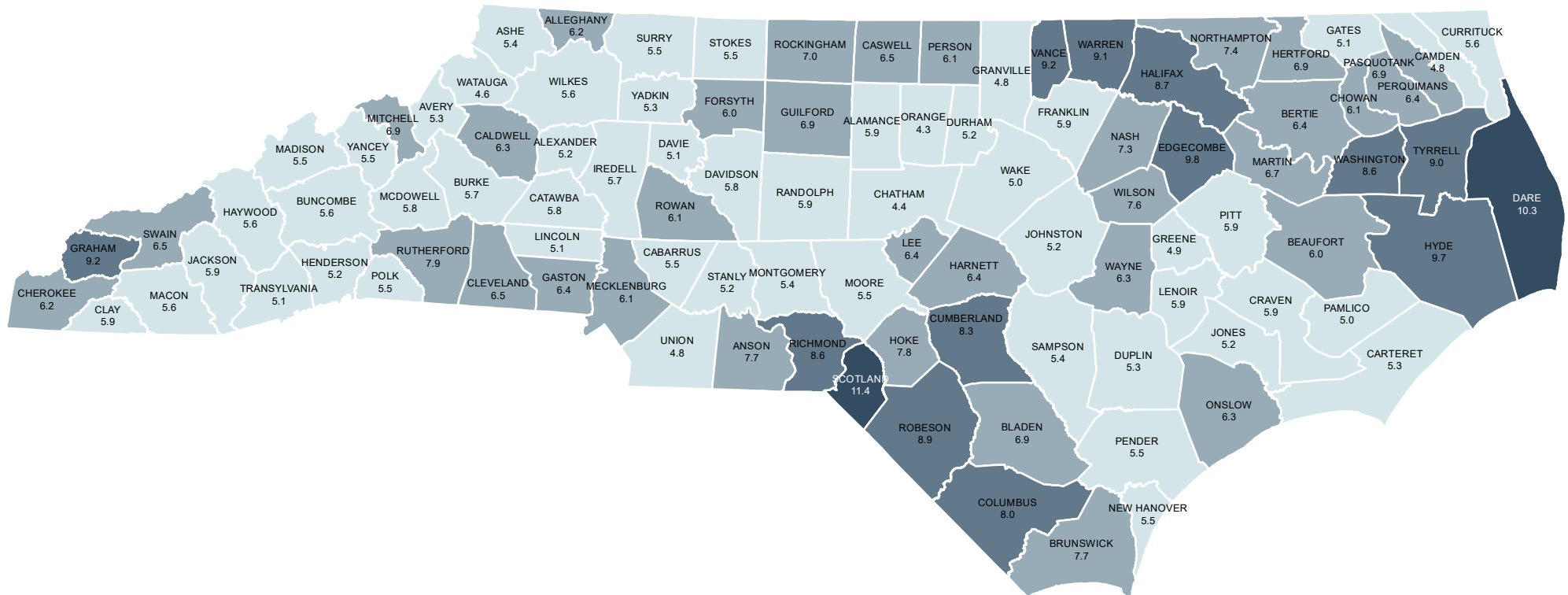
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Over the month, all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job decline. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease with 23,300, followed by Raleigh, 9,700; Winston-Salem, 5,100; Greensboro/High Point, 4,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 4,300; Fayetteville, 3,500; and Asheville, 2,800. Goldsboro had the greatest percentage decrease at 3.0% followed by Jacksonville, 2.8%, and Fayetteville, 2.7%. 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 also decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 52,700, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 21,500; Raleigh, 20,400; Durham/Chapel Hill, 16,200; and Winston-Salem, 14,300. Asheville had the greatest percentage decrease at 6.2%, followed by Fayetteville, 6.1%; Goldsboro, 6.0%; Greensboro/High Point, 5.9%; and Winston-Salem, 5.3%.

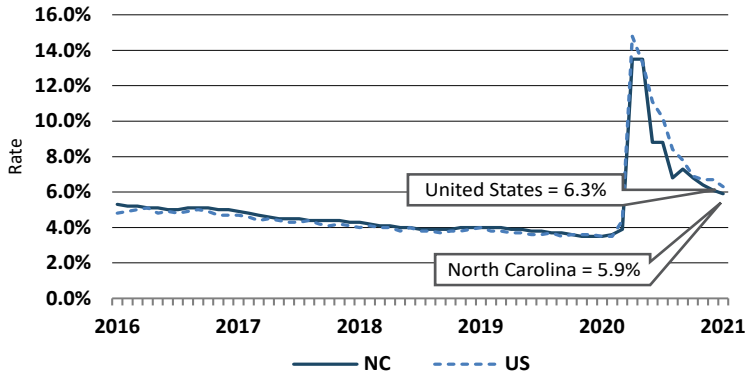
North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

January 2021



North Carolina saw a net loss of 3,200 jobs in January amid cold weather and a resurgent COVID-19 outbreak. The unemployment rate declined alongside a decrease in labor force participation. Job openings have returned to pre-pandemic levels, but the number of employed North Carolinians has yet to fully recover. Business contacts surveyed by the Richmond Fed expect conditions in the Carolinas to improve over the next six months.

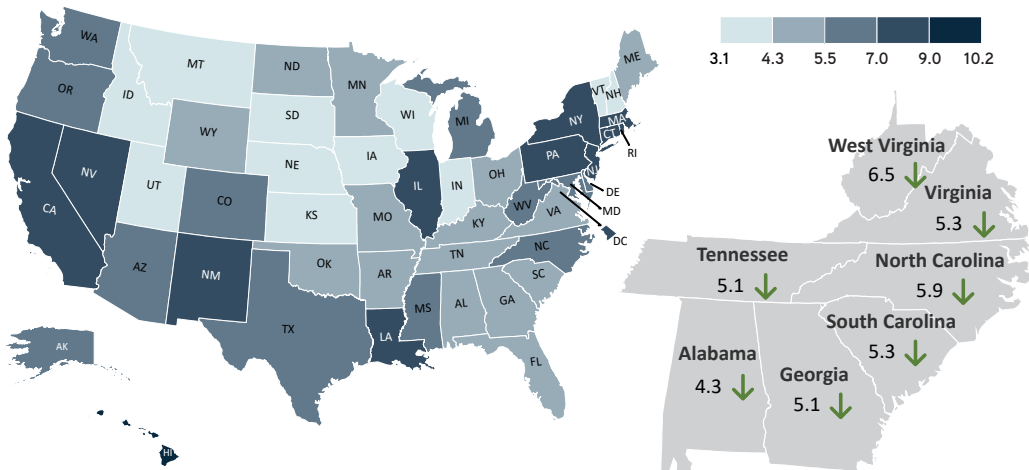
Unemployment Rate Trend



NC
 ↑ 0.6 percentage points from 5.3% in January 2016

US
 ↑ 1.5 percentage points from 4.8% in January 2016

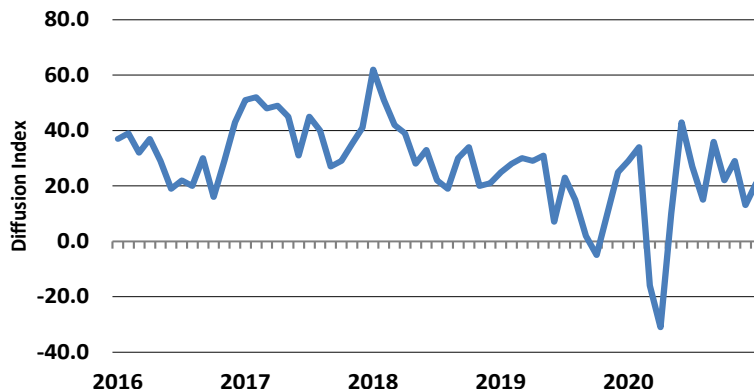
Unemployment Rate Comparison



Expected Future Business Conditions

NC/SC

This is an index of expected business conditions over the next six months based on a survey of contacts in the Carolinas. A positive number reflects expected growth, while a negative number reflects expected decline.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Carolinas Survey of Business Activity. Not seasonally adjusted.

NC
5.9%

US
6.3%

Unemployment Rate Change
 ↓ 0.2 ↓ 0.4

Change in Employed
 ↑ 9,882 (0.2%) ↑ 201,000 (0.1%)

Change in Unemployed
 ↓ 11,284 (3.7%) ↓ 606,000 (5.6%)

Change in Labor Force Participation Rate
 ↓ 0.1 to 59.9% ↓ 0.1 to 61.4%

Data

Employment

4,432,600 Total Nonfarm Jobs
 ↓ 3,200 over the month
 ↓ 190,900 over the year

Initial UI Claims

84,225 claims filed
 ↑ 12,123 over the month
 ↑ 67,281 over the year
 Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA
 Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

Real Taxable Retail Sales

↓ \$64.5M over the month
 ↑ \$902.2M over the year
 Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
 Note: December 2020 data most current available at time of release.

Residential Building Permits

↓ 1.1% over the month
 ↑ 15.0% over the year
 Source: United States Census Bureau
 Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Job Openings

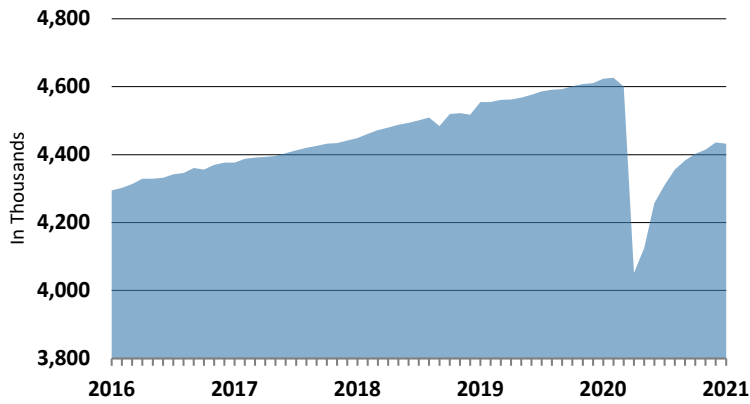
↑ 4.1% over the month
 ↑ <0.1% over the year
 Source: LEAD; The Conference Board
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Manufacturing Hours Worked

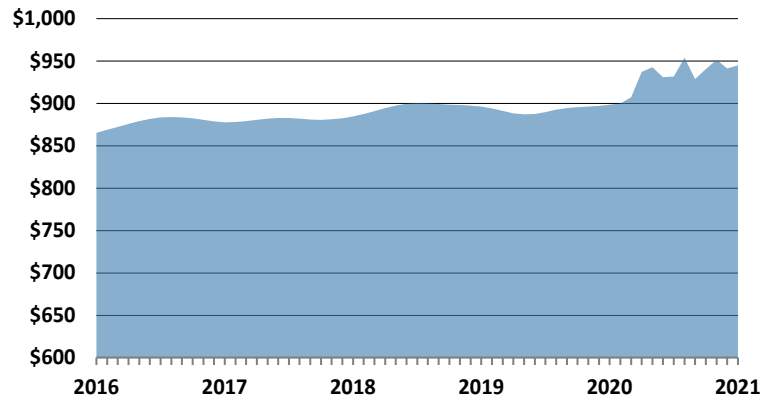
↓ 1.2% over the month
 ↑ 1.3% over the year
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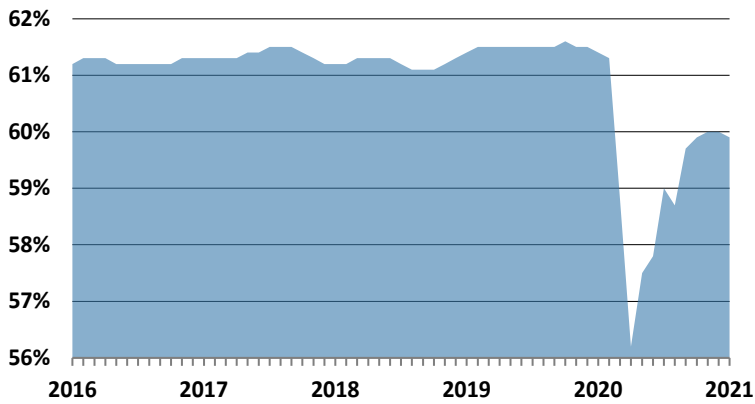
Total Nonfarm Jobs



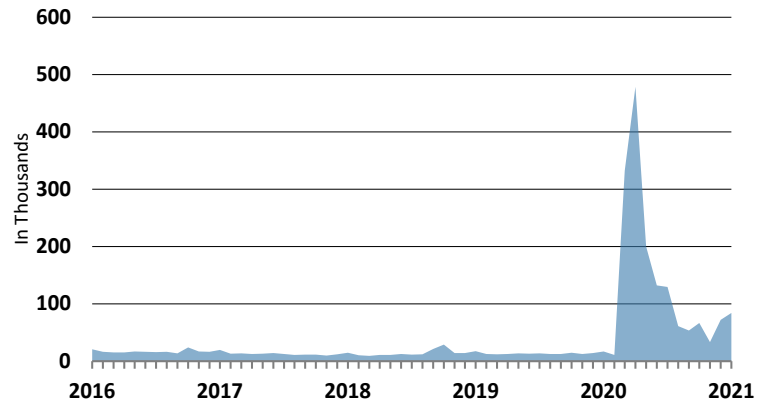
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

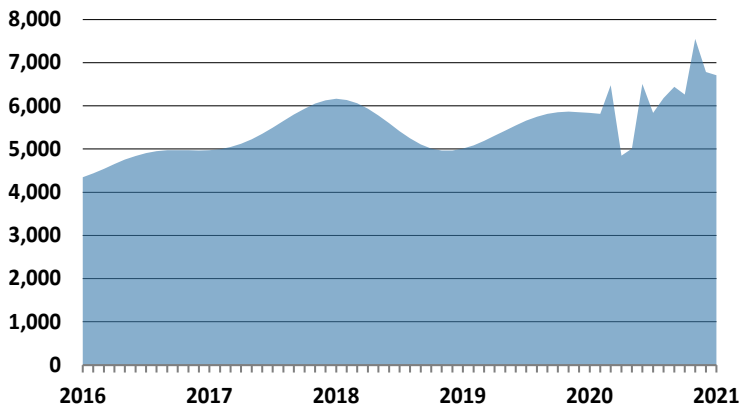


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims



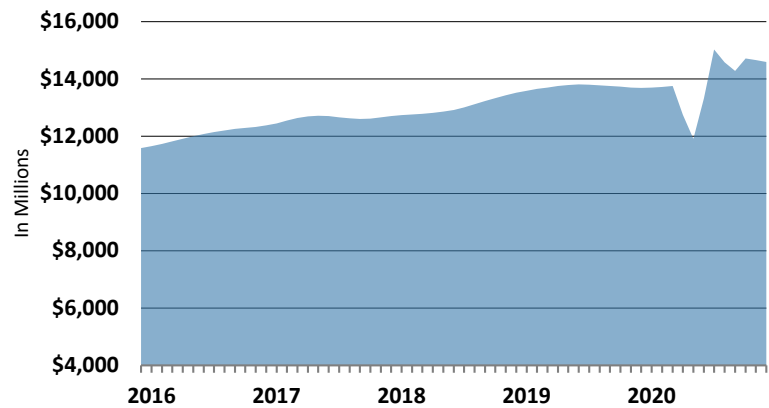
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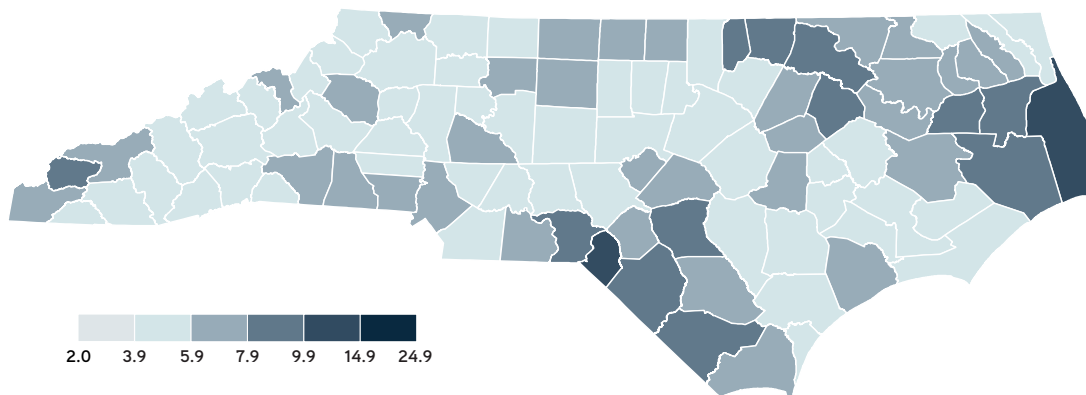
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Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Real Taxable Retail Sales



Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: December 2020 data most current available at time of release.

Unemployment Rate By County (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Lowest	
Orange	4.3%
Chatham	4.4%
Watauga	4.6%
Granville	4.8%
Union	4.8%
Highest	
Scotland	11.4%
Dare	10.3%
Edgecombe	9.8%
Hyde	9.7%
Vance	9.2%

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