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North Carolina’s July County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 99 of North Carolina’s counties in July and remained unchanged in one. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 9.1 percent while Avery County had the lowest at 3.5 percent. All fifteen of the state’s metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.7 percent while Durham-Chapel Hill and Raleigh each had the lowest at 3.9 percent. The July not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.6 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
July	70	30	0
June (Revised)	59	41	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 July by 26,529 to 4,817,155, while those unemployed decreased by 15,020 to 232,409. Since July 2020, the number of workers employed statewide increased 300,560, while those unemployed decreased 228,345.

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, September 17, 2021 when the state unemployment rate for August 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
July 2021*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,049,564	232,409	4.6				
ALAMANCE	83,152	3,903	4.7	JOHNSTON	102,091	4,156	4.1
ALEXANDER	17,977	708	3.9	JONES	4,325	169	3.9
ALLEGHANY	4,348	184	4.2	LEE	25,784	1,323	5.1
ANSON	10,254	604	5.9	LENOIR	27,638	1,311	4.7
ASHE	12,980	475	3.7	LINCOLN	44,247	1,724	3.9
AVERY	8,115	285	3.5	MCDOWELL	20,303	867	4.3
BEAUFORT	19,956	930	4.7	MACON	16,296	631	3.9
BERTIE	7,469	422	5.7	MADISON	9,735	414	4.3
BLADEN	15,052	817	5.4	MARTIN	8,851	449	5.1
BRUNSWICK	55,718	3,065	5.5	MECKLENBURG	627,063	28,970	4.6
BUNCOMBE	136,140	5,472	4.0	MITCHELL	5,873	291	5.0
BURKE	40,791	1,733	4.2	MONTGOMERY	11,512	521	4.5
CABARRUS	110,501	4,610	4.2	MOORE	41,113	1,814	4.4
CALDWELL	36,398	1,659	4.6	NASH	42,546	2,593	6.1
CAMDEN	4,599	178	3.9	NEW HANOVER	126,751	5,092	4.0
CARTERET	33,146	1,251	3.8	NORTHAMPTON	7,513	427	5.7
CASWELL	9,716	510	5.2	ONSLOW	64,797	3,241	5.0
CATAWBA	78,833	3,419	4.3	ORANGE	80,784	2,941	3.6
CHATHAM	36,697	1,312	3.6	PAMLICO	5,390	222	4.1
CHEROKEE	10,631	511	4.8	PASQUOTANK	16,468	852	5.2
CHOWAN	5,540	267	4.8	PENDER	29,619	1,201	4.1
CLAY	4,062	194	4.8	PERQUIMANS	4,904	244	5.0
CLEVELAND	47,829	2,461	5.1	PERSON	18,579	887	4.8
COLUMBUS	22,681	1,366	6.0	PITT	90,496	4,386	4.8
CRAVEN	41,641	1,861	4.5	POLK	9,259	420	4.5
CUMBERLAND	126,851	8,406	6.6	RANDOLPH	64,939	2,908	4.5
CURRITUCK	14,145	526	3.7	RICHMOND	16,321	1,119	6.9
DARE	23,059	932	4.0	ROBESON	49,361	3,544	7.2
DAVIDSON	80,779	3,460	4.3	ROCKINGHAM	39,473	2,070	5.2
DAVIE	20,568	838	4.1	ROWAN	66,080	3,084	4.7
DUPLIN	24,909	1,081	4.3	RUTHERFORD	23,862	1,516	6.4
DURHAM	174,921	6,943	4.0	SAMPSON	28,635	1,284	4.5
EDGECOMBE	20,787	1,623	7.8	SCOTLAND	11,124	1,017	9.1
FORSYTH	188,402	8,830	4.7	STANLY	30,079	1,270	4.2
FRANKLIN	32,214	1,484	4.6	STOKES	21,605	857	4.0
GASTON	111,178	5,457	4.9	SURRY	32,533	1,382	4.2
GATES	5,228	214	4.1	SWAIN	7,189	282	3.9
GRAHAM	3,153	193	6.1	TRANSYLVANIA	14,695	589	4.0
GRANVILLE	29,961	1,159	3.9	TYRRELL	1,617	83	5.1
GREENE	9,759	372	3.8	UNION	124,720	4,871	3.9
GUILFORD	259,674	14,089	5.4	VANCE	16,597	1,275	7.7
HALIFAX	19,813	1,361	6.9	WAKE	603,836	23,146	3.8
HARNETT	53,533	2,787	5.2	WARREN	6,635	468	7.1
HAYWOOD	28,837	1,176	4.1	WASHINGTON	4,537	277	6.1
HENDERSON	53,149	2,123	4.0	WATAUGA	28,486	1,124	3.9
HERTFORD	8,908	572	6.4	WAYNE	50,969	2,492	4.9
HOKE	19,966	1,232	6.2	WILKES	28,069	1,270	4.5
HYDE	1,962	97	4.9	WILSON	34,374	2,243	6.5
IREDELL	90,456	3,975	4.4	YADKIN	17,670	703	4.0
JACKSON	19,457	924	4.7	YANCEY	8,332	339	4.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	4.6	4.9	9.3	-0.3	-4.7	JOHNSTON	4.1	4.4	8.0	-0.3	-3.9
ALAMANCE	4.7	5.0	9.2	-0.3	-4.5	JONES	3.9	4.4	7.0	-0.5	-3.1
ALEXANDER	3.9	4.3	8.5	-0.4	-4.6	LEE	5.1	5.5	10.0	-0.4	-4.9
ALLEGHANY	4.2	4.8	7.9	-0.6	-3.7	LENOIR	4.7	5.0	8.0	-0.3	-3.3
ANSON	5.9	6.1	10.7	-0.2	-4.8	LINCOLN	3.9	4.2	7.8	-0.3	-3.9
ASHE	3.7	4.1	7.6	-0.4	-3.9	MCDOWELL	4.3	4.7	8.3	-0.4	-4.0
AVERY	3.5	3.9	7.5	-0.4	-4.0	MACON	3.9	4.3	7.9	-0.4	-4.0
BEAUFORT	4.7	4.8	7.9	-0.1	-3.2	MADISON	4.3	4.5	8.5	-0.2	-4.2
BERTIE	5.7	6.1	7.5	-0.4	-1.8	MARTIN	5.1	5.5	8.6	-0.4	-3.5
BLADEN	5.4	5.7	8.9	-0.3	-3.5	MECKLENBURG	4.6	4.9	10.2	-0.3	-5.6
BRUNSWICK	5.5	6.1	9.7	-0.6	-4.2	MITCHELL	5.0	5.4	9.4	-0.4	-4.4
BUNCOMBE	4.0	4.5	10.7	-0.5	-6.7	MONTGOMERY	4.5	4.8	9.5	-0.3	-5.0
BURKE	4.2	4.6	8.4	-0.4	-4.2	MOORE	4.4	4.8	8.8	-0.4	-4.4
CABARRUS	4.2	4.4	8.9	-0.2	-4.7	NASH	6.1	6.5	10.9	-0.4	-4.8
CALDWELL	4.6	5.1	9.8	-0.5	-5.2	NEW HANOVER	4.0	4.4	8.8	-0.4	-4.8
CAMDEN	3.9	4.1	6.4	-0.2	-2.5	NORTHAMPTON	5.7	6.1	9.0	-0.4	-3.3
CARTERET	3.8	4.1	6.7	-0.3	-2.9	ONSLow	5.0	5.4	8.8	-0.4	-3.8
CASWELL	5.2	5.5	9.2	-0.3	-4.0	ORANGE	3.6	3.7	6.9	-0.1	-3.3
CATAWBA	4.3	4.7	9.3	-0.4	-5.0	PAMLICO	4.1	4.5	6.8	-0.4	-2.7
CHATHAM	3.6	3.9	6.9	-0.3	-3.3	PASQUOTANK	5.2	5.4	8.8	-0.2	-3.6
CHEROKEE	4.8	5.3	9.8	-0.5	-5.0	PENDER	4.1	4.5	7.8	-0.4	-3.7
CHOWAN	4.8	5.0	7.8	-0.2	-3.0	PERQUIMANS	5.0	5.3	7.8	-0.3	-2.8
CLAY	4.8	5.1	8.9	-0.3	-4.1	PERSON	4.8	5.2	9.0	-0.4	-4.2
CLEVELAND	5.1	5.4	9.7	-0.3	-4.6	PITT	4.8	5.1	9.0	-0.3	-4.2
COLUMBUS	6.0	6.2	10.0	-0.2	-4.0	POLK	4.5	4.6	7.3	-0.1	-2.8
Craven	4.5	4.8	7.9	-0.3	-3.4	RANDOLPH	4.5	4.9	9.1	-0.4	-4.6
CUMBERLAND	6.6	6.9	12.1	-0.3	-5.5	RICHMOND	6.9	7.2	11.8	-0.3	-4.9
CURRITUCK	3.7	4.1	6.8	-0.4	-3.1	ROBESON	7.2	7.3	11.9	-0.1	-4.7
DARE	4.0	4.6	8.1	-0.6	-4.1	ROCKINGHAM	5.2	5.7	10.4	-0.5	-5.2
DAVIDSON	4.3	4.6	8.8	-0.3	-4.5	ROWAN	4.7	5.0	9.8	-0.3	-5.1
DAVIE	4.1	4.4	8.3	-0.3	-4.2	RUTHERFORD	6.4	6.6	11.8	-0.2	-5.4
DUPLIN	4.3	4.6	7.0	-0.3	-2.7	SAMPSON	4.5	4.5	7.7	0.0	-3.2
DURHAM	4.0	4.3	8.8	-0.3	-4.8	SCOTLAND	9.1	9.4	15.6	-0.3	-6.5
EDGEcombe	7.8	8.2	14.1	-0.4	-6.3	STANLY	4.2	4.5	7.9	-0.3	-3.7
FORSYTH	4.7	5.0	9.6	-0.3	-4.9	STOKES	4.0	4.4	7.9	-0.4	-3.9
FRANKLIN	4.6	4.9	8.4	-0.3	-3.8	SURRY	4.2	4.6	8.2	-0.4	-4.0
GASTON	4.9	5.3	10.0	-0.4	-5.1	SWAIN	3.9	4.4	9.1	-0.5	-5.2
GATES	4.1	4.6	7.2	-0.5	-3.1	TRANSYLVANIA	4.0	4.4	7.2	-0.4	-3.2
GRAHAM	6.1	6.5	10.8	-0.4	-4.7	TYRRELL	5.1	5.7	8.3	-0.6	-3.2
GRANVILLE	3.9	4.1	7.5	-0.2	-3.6	UNION	3.9	4.0	7.4	-0.1	-3.5
GREENE	3.8	4.0	7.0	-0.2	-3.2	VANCE	7.7	8.1	12.9	-0.4	-5.2
GUILFORD	5.4	5.7	11.3	-0.3	-5.9	WAKE	3.8	4.1	8.2	-0.3	-4.4
HALIFAX	6.9	7.1	11.5	-0.2	-4.6	WARREN	7.1	7.5	12.5	-0.4	-5.4
HARNETT	5.2	5.5	9.3	-0.3	-4.1	WASHINGTON	6.1	6.5	9.2	-0.4	-3.1
HAYWOOD	4.1	4.5	9.3	-0.4	-5.2	WATAUGA	3.9	4.0	7.5	-0.1	-3.6
HENDERSON	4.0	4.3	8.3	-0.3	-4.3	WAYNE	4.9	5.2	8.1	-0.3	-3.2
HERTFORD	6.4	6.7	9.0	-0.3	-2.6	WILKES	4.5	4.9	8.1	-0.4	-3.6
HOKE	6.2	6.6	11.0	-0.4	-4.8	WILSON	6.5	6.7	11.1	-0.2	-4.6
HYDE	4.9	5.1	9.7	-0.2	-4.8	YADKIN	4.0	4.7	8.3	-0.7	-4.3
IREDELL	4.4	4.7	8.9	-0.3	-4.5	YANCEY	4.1	4.4	8.0	-0.3	-3.9
JACKSON	4.7	4.9	9.1	-0.2	-4.4						

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

*Preliminary Data for
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Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	227,861	9,185	4.0
BURLINGTON	83,152	3,903	4.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,378,124	61,204	4.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	310,981	12,083	3.9
FAYETTEVILLE	146,817	9,638	6.6
GOLDSBORO	50,969	2,492	4.9
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	364,086	19,067	5.2
GREENVILLE	90,496	4,386	4.8
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	173,999	7,519	4.3
JACKSONVILLE	64,797	3,241	5.0
NEW BERN	51,356	2,252	4.4
RALEIGH	738,141	28,786	3.9
ROCKY MOUNT	63,333	4,216	6.7
WILMINGTON	156,370	6,293	4.0
WINSTON-SALEM	329,024	14,688	4.5

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,079	1,270	4.2
BOONE	28,486	1,124	3.9
BREVARD	14,695	589	4.0
CULLOWHEE	19,457	924	4.7
DUNN	53,533	2,787	5.2
ELIZABETH CITY	25,971	1,274	4.9
FOREST CITY	23,862	1,516	6.4
HENDERSON	16,597	1,275	7.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	24,676	1,015	4.1
KINSTON	27,638	1,311	4.7
LAURINBURG	11,124	1,017	9.1
LUMBERTON	49,361	3,544	7.2
MARION	20,303	867	4.3
MOREHEAD CITY	33,146	1,251	3.8
MOUNT AIRY	32,533	1,382	4.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	28,069	1,270	4.5
OXFORD	29,961	1,159	3.9
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	41,113	1,814	4.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	27,326	1,788	6.5
ROCKINGHAM	16,321	1,119	6.9
SANFORD	25,784	1,323	5.1
SHELBY	47,829	2,461	5.1
WASHINGTON	19,956	930	4.7
WILSON	34,374	2,243	6.5

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
July 2021*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	242,556	9,774	4.0
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,456,032	64,935	4.5
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,302	14,199	6.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	808,795	39,040	4.8
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	110,452	5,316	4.8
HICKORY-LENOIR	194,302	8,386	4.3
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	84,502	3,503	4.1
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,174,997	47,413	4.0
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	125,033	8,247	6.6

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	4.0	4.4	9.9	-0.4	-5.9
BURLINGTON	4.7	5.0	9.2	-0.3	-4.5
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	4.4	4.7	9.4	-0.3	-5.0
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.9	4.1	8.1	-0.2	-4.2
FAYETTEVILLE	6.6	6.9	11.9	-0.3	-5.3
GOLDSBORO	4.9	5.2	8.1	-0.3	-3.2
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	5.2	5.6	10.8	-0.4	-5.6
GREENVILLE	4.8	5.1	9.0	-0.3	-4.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	4.3	4.7	9.1	-0.4	-4.8
JACKSONVILLE	5.0	5.4	8.8	-0.4	-3.8
NEW BERN	4.4	4.8	7.7	-0.4	-3.3
RALEIGH	3.9	4.2	8.2	-0.3	-4.3
ROCKY MOUNT	6.7	7.0	11.9	-0.3	-5.2
WILMINGTON	4.0	4.4	8.6	-0.4	-4.6
WINSTON-SALEM	4.5	4.8	9.1	-0.3	-4.6

Micropolitan Statistical Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	4.2	4.5	7.9	-0.3	-3.7
BOONE	3.9	4.0	7.5	-0.1	-3.6
BREVARD	4.0	4.4	7.2	-0.4	-3.2
CULLOWHEE	4.7	4.9	9.1	-0.2	-4.4
DUNN	5.2	5.5	9.3	-0.3	-4.1
ELIZABETH CITY	4.9	5.2	8.2	-0.3	-3.3
FOREST CITY	6.4	6.6	11.8	-0.2	-5.4
HENDERSON	7.7	8.1	12.9	-0.4	-5.2
KILL DEVIL HILLS	4.1	4.7	8.1	-0.6	-4.0
KINSTON	4.7	5.0	8.0	-0.3	-3.3
LAURINBURG	9.1	9.4	15.6	-0.3	-6.5
LUMBERTON	7.2	7.3	11.9	-0.1	-4.7
MARION	4.3	4.7	8.3	-0.4	-4.0
MOREHEAD CITY	3.8	4.1	6.7	-0.3	-2.9
MOUNT AIRY	4.2	4.6	8.2	-0.4	-4.0
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.5	4.9	8.1	-0.4	-3.6
OXFORD	3.9	4.1	7.5	-0.2	-3.6
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	4.4	4.8	8.8	-0.4	-4.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	6.5	6.8	10.8	-0.3	-4.3
ROCKINGHAM	6.9	7.2	11.8	-0.3	-4.9
SANFORD	5.1	5.5	10.0	-0.4	-4.9
SHELBY	5.1	5.4	9.7	-0.3	-4.6
WASHINGTON	4.7	4.8	7.9	-0.1	-3.2
WILSON	6.5	6.7	11.1	-0.2	-4.6

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

Combined Statistical Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	4.0	4.4	9.7	-0.4	-5.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	4.5	4.7	9.4	-0.2	-4.9
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	6.8	7.1	12.1	-0.3	-5.3
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.8	5.2	9.9	-0.4	-5.1
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.8	5.0	8.8	-0.2	-4.0
HICKORY-LENOIR	4.3	4.7	9.0	-0.4	-4.7
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	4.1	4.5	7.3	-0.4	-3.2
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	4.0	4.3	8.3	-0.3	-4.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	6.6	6.9	11.5	-0.3	-4.9

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AVERY	8,115	285	3.5%	1	CALDWELL	36,398	1,659	4.6%	51
CHATHAM	36,697	1,312	3.6%	2	FRANKLIN	32,214	1,484	4.6%	52
ORANGE	80,784	2,941	3.6%	3	MECKLENBURG	627,063	28,970	4.6%	53
ASHE	12,980	475	3.7%	4	BEAUFORT	19,956	930	4.7%	54
CURRITUCK	14,145	526	3.7%	5	ROWAN	66,080	3,084	4.7%	55
CARTERET	33,146	1,251	3.8%	6	FORSYTH	188,402	8,830	4.7%	56
GREENE	9,759	372	3.8%	7	ALAMANCE	83,152	3,903	4.7%	57
WAKE	603,836	23,146	3.8%	8	LENOIR	27,638	1,311	4.7%	58
GRANVILLE	29,961	1,159	3.9%	9	JACKSON	19,457	924	4.7%	59
CAMDEN	4,599	178	3.9%	10	PERSON	18,579	887	4.8%	60
MACON	16,296	631	3.9%	11	CLAY	4,062	194	4.8%	61
LINCOLN	44,247	1,724	3.9%	12	CHEROKEE	10,631	511	4.8%	62
UNION	124,720	4,871	3.9%	13	CHOWAN	5,540	267	4.8%	63
JONES	4,325	169	3.9%	14	PITT	90,496	4,386	4.8%	64
SWAIN	7,189	282	3.9%	15	WAYNE	50,969	2,492	4.9%	65
ALEXANDER	17,977	708	3.9%	16	GASTON	111,178	5,457	4.9%	66
WATAUGA	28,486	1,124	3.9%	17	HYDE	1,962	97	4.9%	67
STOKES	21,605	857	4.0%	18	MITCHELL	5,873	291	5.0%	68
DURHAM	174,921	6,943	4.0%	19	PERQUIMANS	4,904	244	5.0%	69
YADKIN	17,670	703	4.0%	20	ONslow	64,797	3,241	5.0%	70
HENDERSON	53,149	2,123	4.0%	21	MARTIN	8,851	449	5.1%	71
TRANSYLVANIA	14,695	589	4.0%	22	LEE	25,784	1,323	5.1%	72
NEW HANOVER	126,751	5,092	4.0%	23	TYRRELL	1,617	83	5.1%	73
BUNCOMBE	136,140	5,472	4.0%	24	CLEVELAND	47,829	2,461	5.1%	74
DARE	23,059	932	4.0%	25	PASQUOTANK	16,468	852	5.2%	75
PENDER	29,619	1,201	4.1%	26	HARNETT	53,533	2,787	5.2%	76
YANCEY	8,332	339	4.1%	27	ROCKINGHAM	39,473	2,070	5.2%	77
JOHNSTON	102,091	4,156	4.1%	28	CASWELL	9,716	510	5.2%	78
DAVIE	20,568	838	4.1%	29	GUILFORD	259,674	14,089	5.4%	79
HAYWOOD	28,837	1,176	4.1%	30	BLADEN	15,052	817	5.4%	80
GATES	5,228	214	4.1%	31	BRUNSWICK	55,718	3,065	5.5%	81
PAMLICO	5,390	222	4.1%	32	BERTIE	7,469	422	5.7%	82
CABARRUS	110,501	4,610	4.2%	33	NORTHAMPTON	7,513	427	5.7%	83
STANLY	30,079	1,270	4.2%	34	ANSON	10,254	604	5.9%	84
ALLEGHANY	4,348	184	4.2%	35	COLUMBUS	22,681	1,366	6.0%	85
SURRY	32,533	1,382	4.2%	36	NASH	42,546	2,593	6.1%	86
BURKE	40,791	1,733	4.2%	37	WASHINGTON	4,537	277	6.1%	87
MADISON	9,735	414	4.3%	38	GRAHAM	3,153	193	6.1%	88
MCDOWELL	20,303	867	4.3%	39	HOKE	19,966	1,232	6.2%	89
DAVIDSON	80,779	3,460	4.3%	40	RUTHERFORD	23,862	1,516	6.4%	90
CATAWBA	78,833	3,419	4.3%	41	HERTFORD	8,908	572	6.4%	91
DUPLIN	24,909	1,081	4.3%	42	WILSON	34,374	2,243	6.5%	92
IREDELL	90,456	3,975	4.4%	43	CUMBERLAND	126,851	8,406	6.6%	93
MOORE	41,113	1,814	4.4%	44	RICHMOND	16,321	1,119	6.9%	94
CRAVEN	41,641	1,861	4.5%	45	HALIFAX	19,813	1,361	6.9%	95
RANDOLPH	64,939	2,908	4.5%	46	WARREN	6,635	468	7.1%	96
SAMPSON	28,635	1,284	4.5%	47	ROBESON	49,361	3,544	7.2%	97
WILKES	28,069	1,270	4.5%	48	VANCE	16,597	1,275	7.7%	98
MONTGOMERY	11,512	521	4.5%	49	EDGEcombe	20,787	1,623	7.8%	99
POLK	9,259	420	4.5%	50	SCOTLAND	11,124	1,017	9.1%	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, September 17, 2021 when the state unemployment rate for August 2021 will be released.

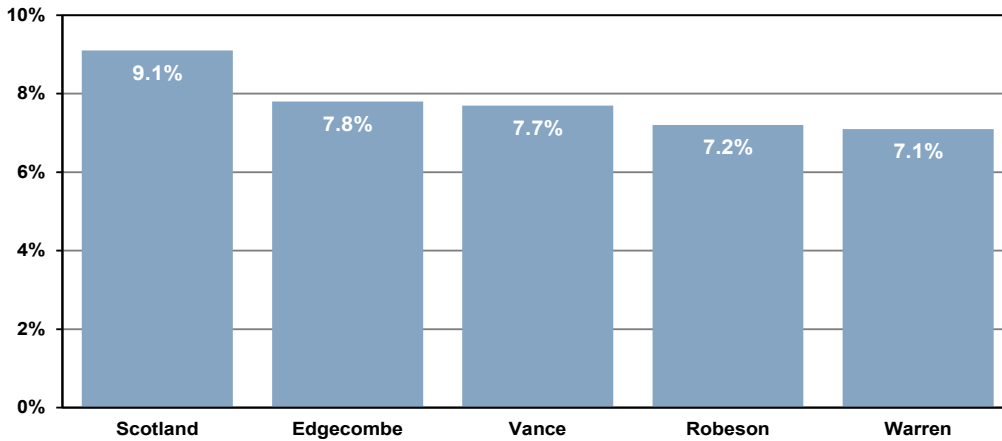
The complete 2021 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates

July 2021*

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.6 percent in July. This decreased 0.3 of a percentage point from June's revised rate, and declined 4.7 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-three counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.6 percent rate.

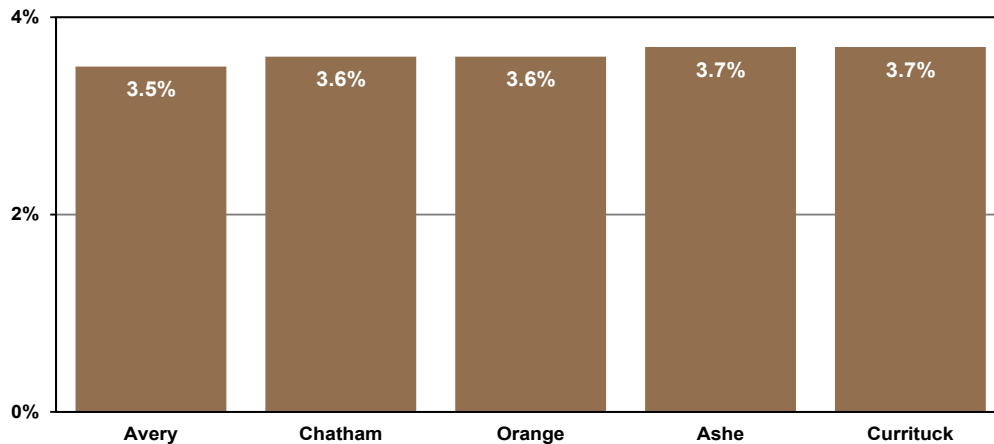
Scotland County recorded July's highest unemployment rate at 9.1 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 7.8 percent. Avery County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent, followed by Chatham & Orange at 3.6 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in July at 6.7 percent, followed by Fayetteville MSA at 6.6 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates

July 2021*

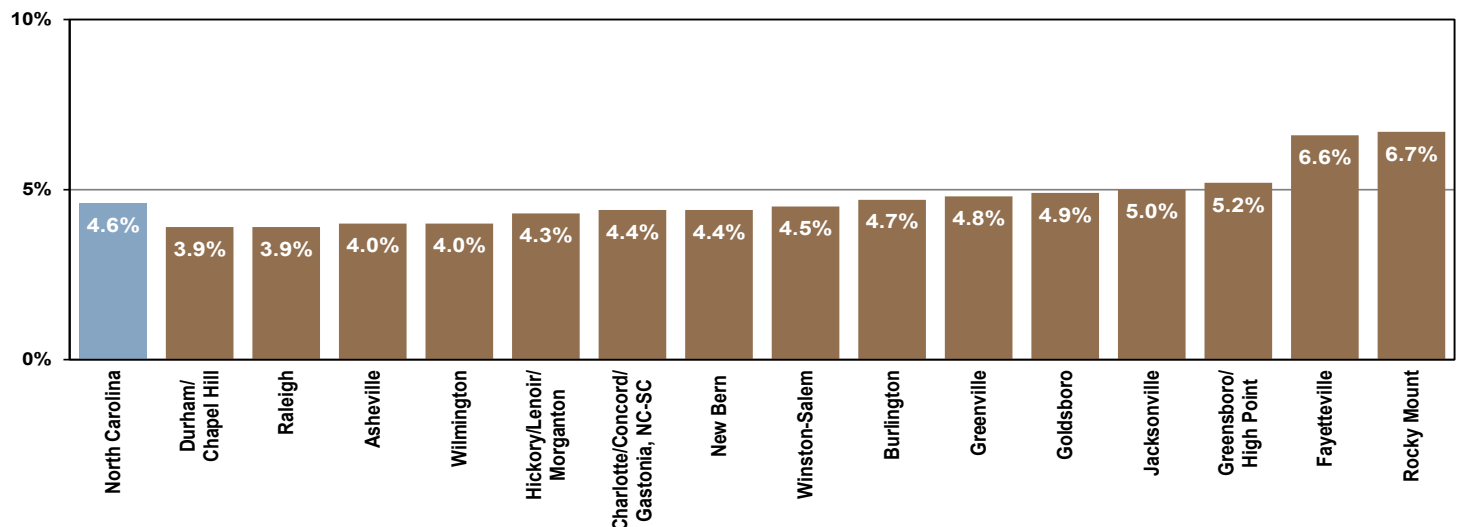
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Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates

July 2021*

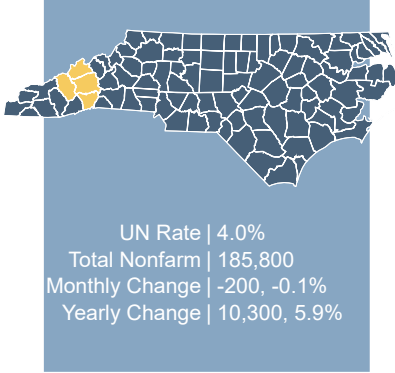
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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



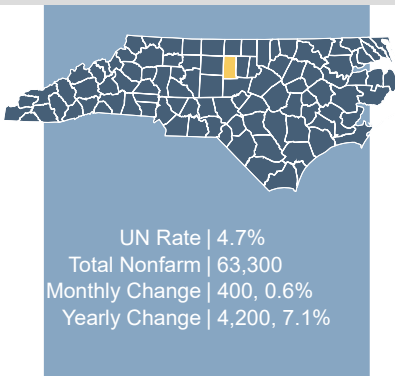
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.6%
Information	-100 -5.9%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	1,500 9.6%
Education & Health Services	-100 -0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 2.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,900 -7.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 4.3%
Manufacturing	1,200 5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,200 3.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.6%
Education & Health Services	200 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800 21.3%
Other Services	600 6.7%
Government	1,600 7.7%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



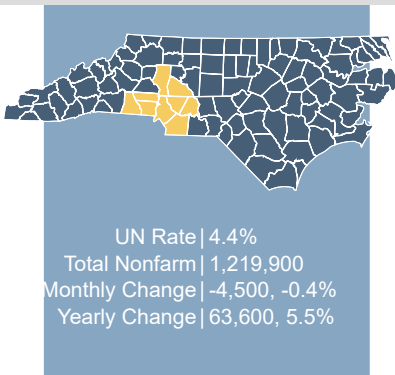
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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 1.7%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	200 2.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.3%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400 11.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -5.0%
Professional & Business Services	600 10.9%
Education & Health Services	300 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 7.2%
Other Services	300 13.0%
Government	1,000 17.9%

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



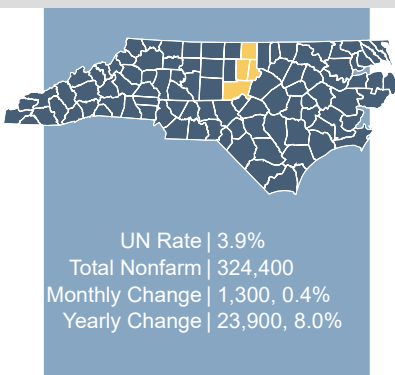
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,700 2.4%
Manufacturing	400 0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -0.1%
Information	100 0.4%
Financial Activities	1,400 1.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,600 1.7%
Education & Health Services	200 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 0.4%
Other Services	500 1.1%
Government	-12,600 -8.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	4,100 6.0%
Manufacturing	2,500 2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,800 4.1%
Information	1,100 4.8%
Financial Activities	3,000 2.7%
Professional & Business Services	14,300 7.0%
Education & Health Services	2,900 2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,300 17.6%
Other Services	2,000 4.7%
Government	3,600 2.7%

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



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.0%
Manufacturing	400 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	400 0.8%
Education & Health Services	-300 -0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 3.4%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-700 -1.2%

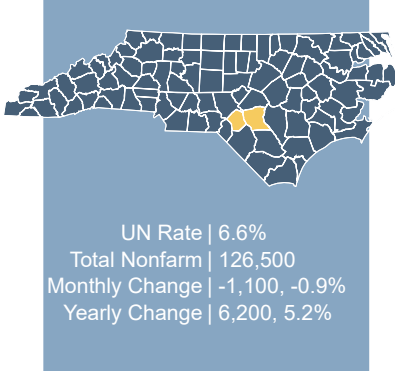
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	800 8.7%
Manufacturing	1,700 5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,200 8.4%
Information	500 9.1%
Financial Activities	300 1.8%
Professional & Business Services	6,200 13.7%
Education & Health Services	900 1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,100 26.7%
Other Services	200 1.9%
Government	5,000 9.3%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



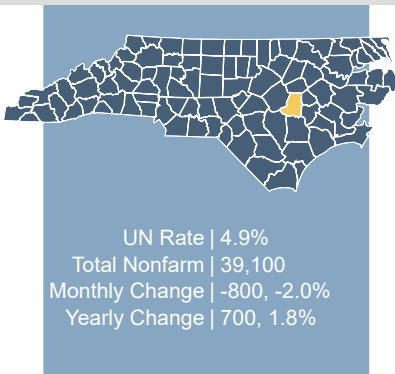
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	500 4.6%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 1.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,600 -4.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.0%
Manufacturing	300 3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 3.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.9%
Education & Health Services	200 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700 19.0%
Other Services	100 2.3%
Government	2,200 6.2%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



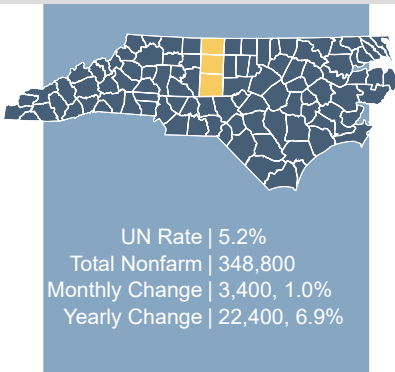
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-700 -7.8%

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 6.4%

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



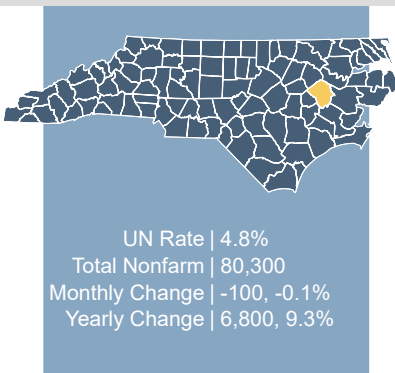
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 1.8%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	300 1.7%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	600 1.9%
Other Services	100 0.9%
Government	2,200 5.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	800 5.0%
Manufacturing	1,000 2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,100 4.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,700 3.9%
Education & Health Services	2,000 4.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,700 12.6%
Other Services	500 4.4%
Government	9,500 31.3%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.0%
Manufacturing	-100 -1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 1.3%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	0 0.0%

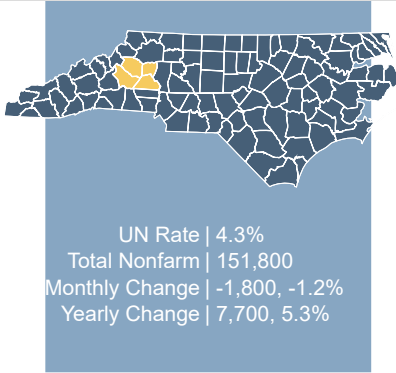
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -5.9%
Manufacturing	100 1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 24.6%
Education & Health Services	500 5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	300 3.8%
Other Services	100 4.5%
Government	4,100 17.5%

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



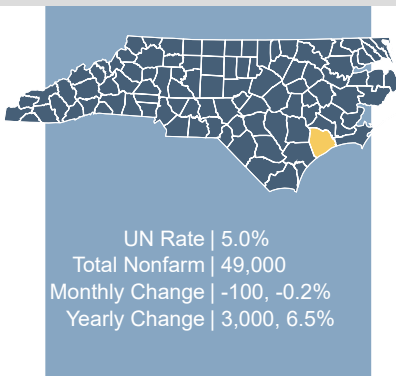
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300 -1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -2.3%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-1,400 -6.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 6.3%
Manufacturing	2,500 6.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 3.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	100 0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,700 22.0%
Other Services	100 2.3%
Government	1,100 5.7%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



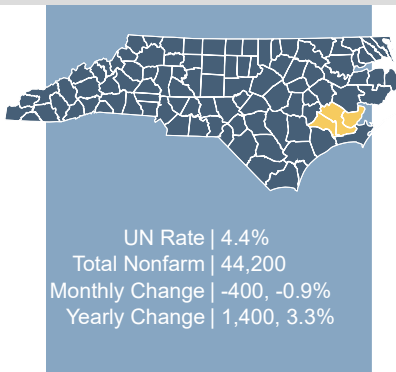
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -0.8%

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	1,200 10.3%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



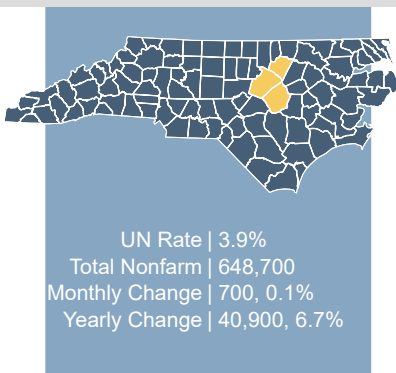
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-600 -4.3%

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	-200 -1.5%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 2.3%
Manufacturing	700 2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,700 -1.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	700 2.1%
Professional & Business Services	1,000 0.8%
Education & Health Services	300 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300 1.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-2,600 -2.9%

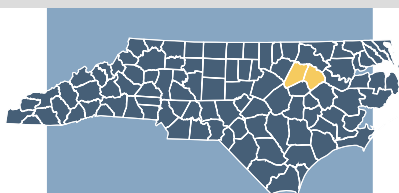
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,700 8.9%
Manufacturing	2,200 7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,000 5.2%
Information	300 1.4%
Financial Activities	1,100 3.3%
Professional & Business Services	8,000 6.4%
Education & Health Services	2,400 3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,400 26.7%
Other Services	500 2.0%
Government	2,300 2.7%

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



UN Rate | 6.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 53,600
 Monthly Change | -400, -0.7%
 Yearly Change | 2,700, 5.3%

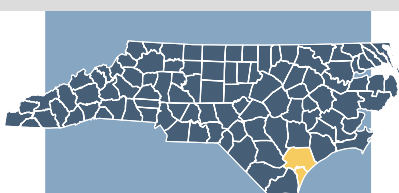
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -1.7%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	100 2.1%
Education & Health Services	-100 -1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.9%
Other Services	*
Government	-300 -3.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-500 -5.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	800 7.3%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	500 11.4%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	700 14.9%
Other Services	*
Government	500 5.6%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



UN Rate | 4.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 133,600
 Monthly Change | 1,900, 1.4%
 Yearly Change | 10,000, 8.1%

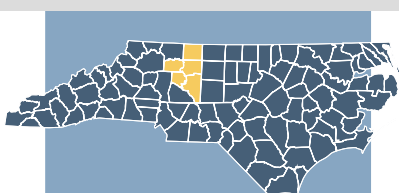
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200 -0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	700 3.9%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200 6.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-100 -0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	800 8.5%
Manufacturing	300 5.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.4%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	300 4.9%
Professional & Business Services	2,100 12.6%
Education & Health Services	400 2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400 19.7%
Other Services	100 2.2%
Government	1,900 9.0%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | July 2021



UN Rate | 4.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 265,900
 Monthly Change | -600, -0.2%
 Yearly Change | 16,000, 6.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -1.7%
Manufacturing	100 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.8%
Professional & Business Services	800 2.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,300 -2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	800 3.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	-800 -2.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 0.8%
Manufacturing	1,500 4.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,200 4.6%
Information	100 6.7%
Financial Activities	200 1.5%
Professional & Business Services	3,700 11.2%
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100 17.4%
Other Services	200 2.4%
Government	3,800 15.1%

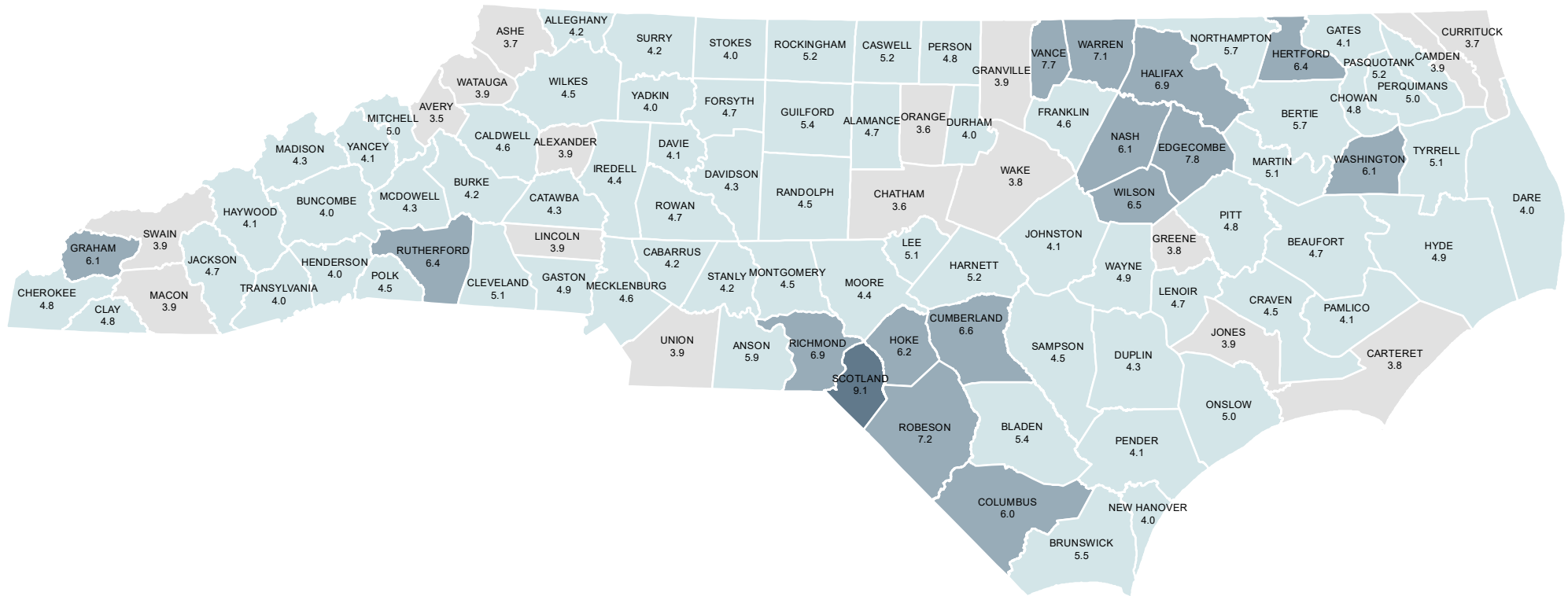
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Over the month, five of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Greensboro/High Point had the largest net employment increase with 3,400, followed by Wilmington, 1,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 1,300; Raleigh, 700; and Burlington, 400. Wilmington had the greatest percentage increase at 1.4%, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 1.0%. 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.

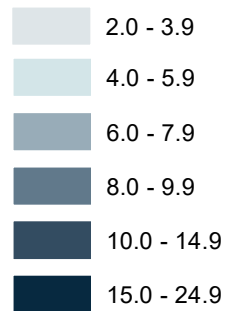
Over the year, employment increased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 63,600, followed by Raleigh, 40,900; Durham/Chapel Hill, 23,900; Greensboro/High Point, 22,400; and Winston-Salem, 16,000. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 9.3%, followed by Wilmington, 8.1%; Durham/Chapel Hill, 8.0%; Burlington, 7.1%; and Greensboro/High Point, 6.9%.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

July 2021



July 2021

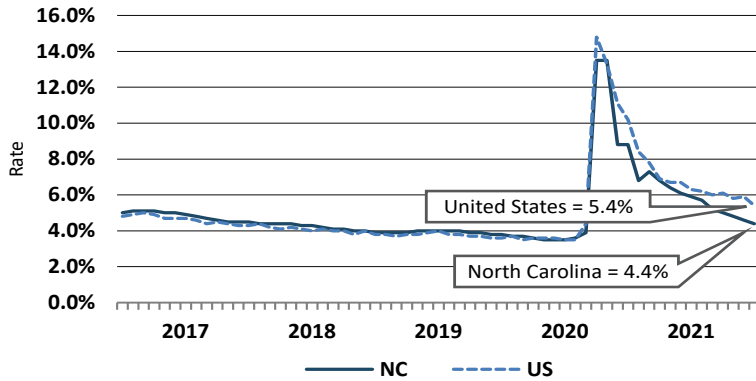


- ^ 0 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- v 99 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 1 County Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 4.6%
Not Seasonally Adjusted

July brought another month of solid job gains in North Carolina. Employers continued to advertise a record-high number of job openings while labor force participation dipped further. Residential building activity remained near a multiyear high despite slowing somewhat from the frenzied pace of spring 2021. Business contacts surveyed by the Richmond Fed expect conditions in the Carolinas to improve over the next six months.

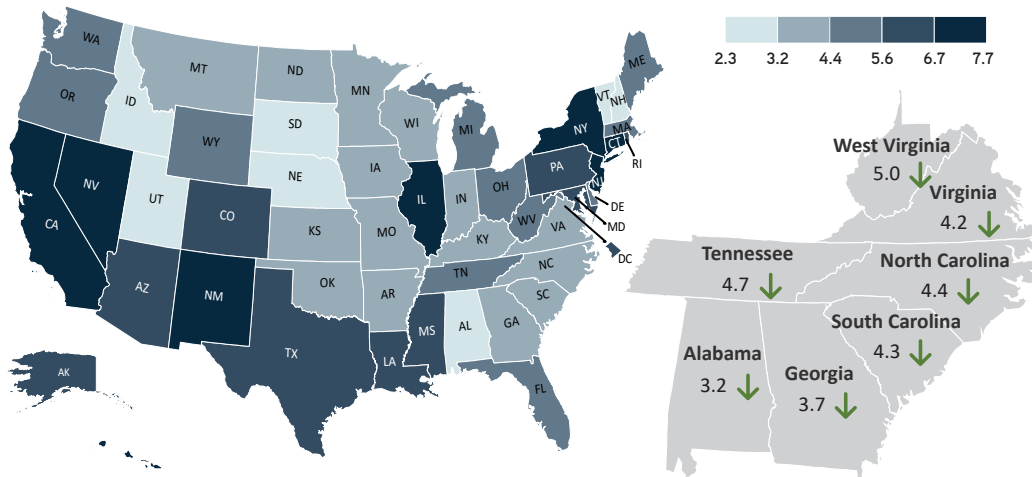
Unemployment Rate Trend



NC
↓ 0.6 percentage points from 5.0% in July 2016

US
↑ 0.6 percentage points from 4.8% in July 2016

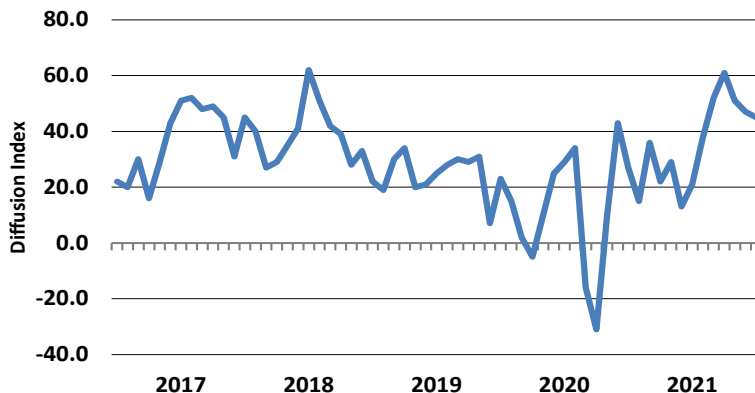
Unemployment Rate Comparison



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

4.4%

US

5.4%

Unemployment Rate Change

↓ 0.2 ↓ 0.5

Change in Employed

↑ 8,361 (0.2%) ↑ 1,043,000 (0.7%)

Change in Unemployed

↓ 9,579 (4.1%) ↓ 782,000 (8.2%)

Change in Labor Force Participation Rate

↓ 0.1 to 59.1% ↑ 0.1 to 61.7%

Data

Employment

4,580,800 Total Nonfarm Jobs

↑ 75,600 over the month

↑ 270,200 over the year

Initial UI Claims

44,921 claims filed

↑ 16,707 over the month

↓ 84,667 over the year

Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA
Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

Real Taxable Retail Sales

↑ \$107.6M over the month

↑ \$1,821.8M over the year

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: June 2021 data most current available at time of release.

Residential Building Permits

↓ 0.6% over the month

↑ 22.0% over the year

Source: United States Census Bureau
Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Job Openings

↑ 5.6% over the month

↑ 84.5% over the year

Source: LEAD; The Conference Board
Note: June 2021 data most current available at time of release.

Manufacturing Hours Worked

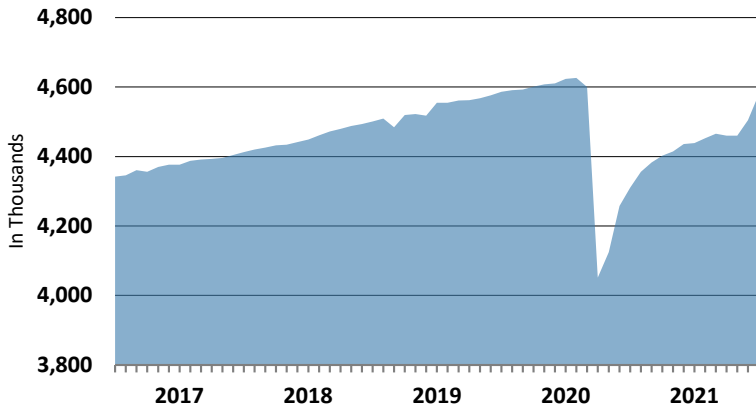
↓ 1.3% over the month

↓ 3.0% over the year

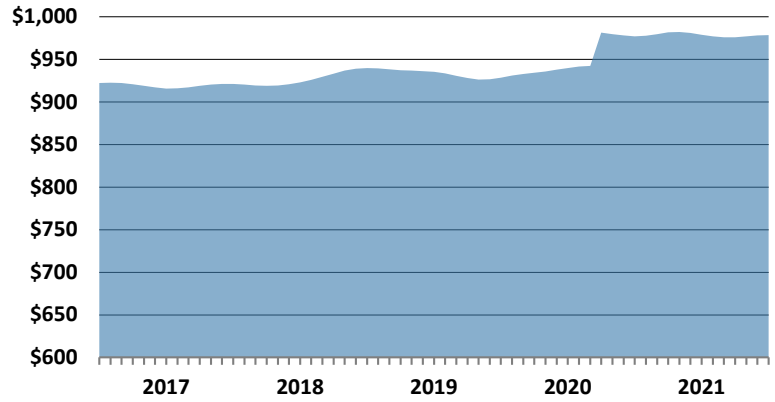
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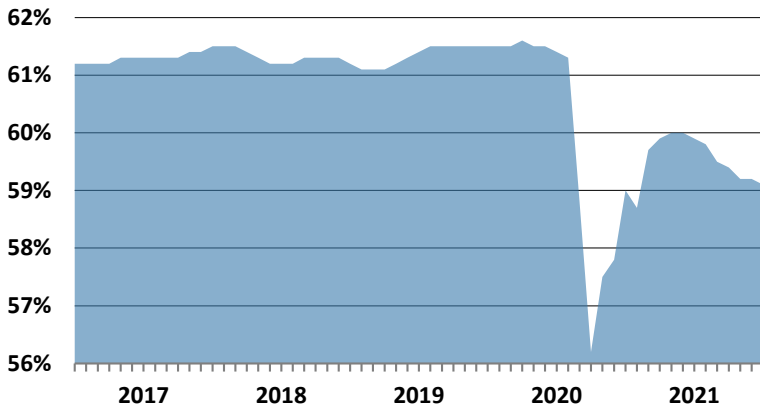
Total Nonfarm Jobs



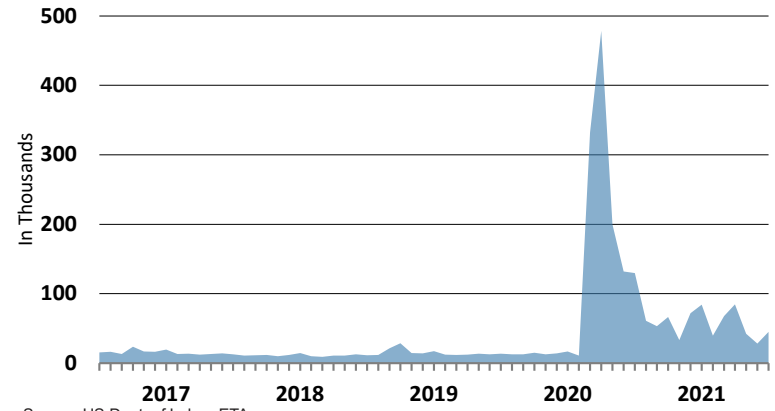
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

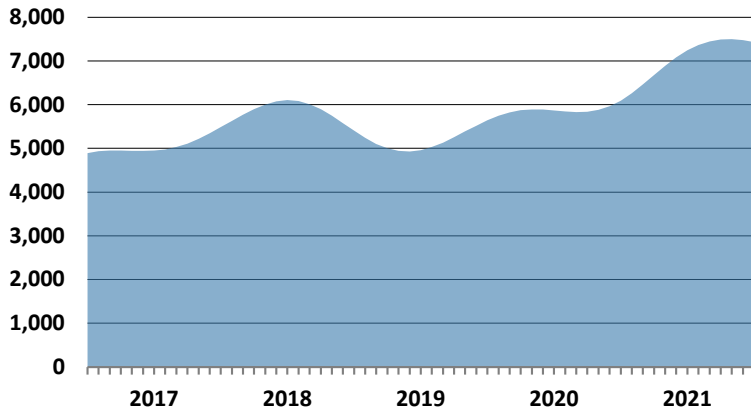


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



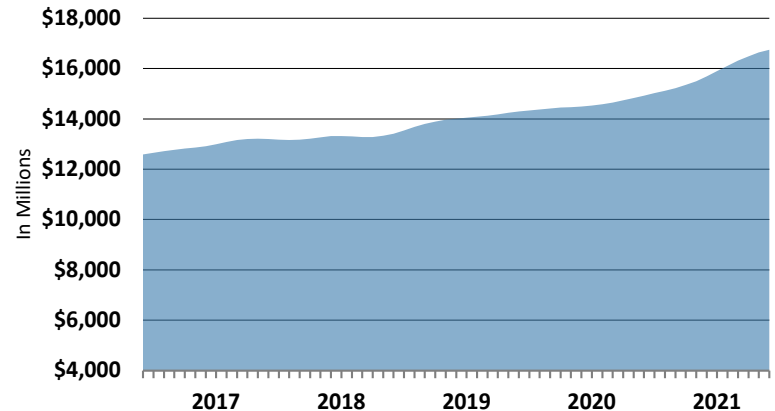
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Residential Building Permits



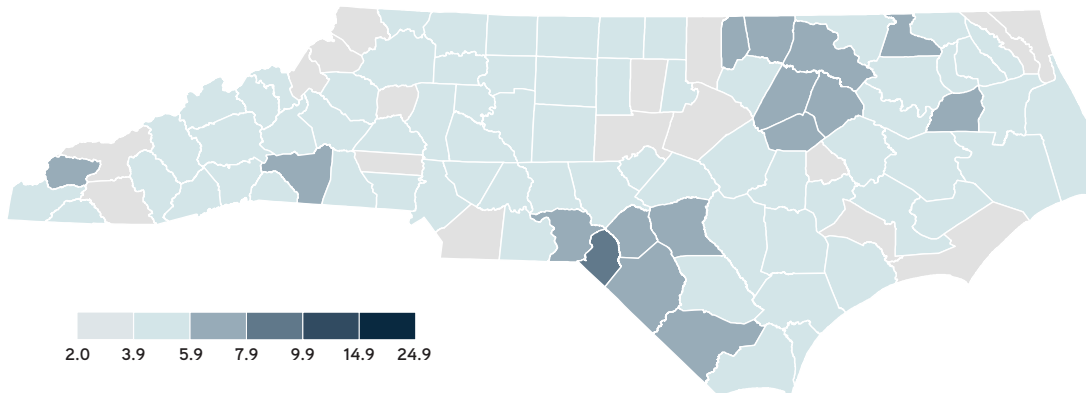
Source: United States Census Bureau
Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Real Taxable Retail Sales



Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: June 2021 data most current available at time of release.

Unemployment Rate By County (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Lowest	
Avery	3.5%
Chatham	3.6%
Orange	3.6%
Ashe	3.7%
Currituck	3.7%
Highest	
Scotland	9.1%
Edgecombe	7.8%
Vance	7.7%
Robeson	7.2%
Warren	7.1%

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