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North Carolina's June County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 of North Carolina's counties in June. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 11.5 percent, while Duplin had the lowest at 5.4 percent. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced decreases. Among the metro areas, Fayetteville had the highest rate at 10.0 percent and New Bern had the lowest at 6.7 percent. The June not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 7.9 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
June	0	96	4
May (Revised)	0	20	80

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

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in June by 214,058 to 4,439,240, while those unemployed decreased by 232,889 to 380,123. Since June 2019, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 445,126, while those unemployed increased 166,971.

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, August 21, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for July 2020 will be released.

[These data can be accessed on the Commerce website at https://d4.nccommerce.com/](https://d4.nccommerce.com/)

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

*Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
June 2020*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,819,363	380,123	7.9				
ALAMANCE	78,797	6,193	7.9	JOHNSTON	92,519	6,401	6.9
ALEXANDER	16,560	1,276	7.7	JONES	4,026	244	6.1
ALLEGHANY	4,415	291	6.6	LEE	25,666	2,133	8.3
ANSON	10,252	806	7.9	LENOIR	27,484	1,707	6.2
ASHE	12,697	712	5.6	LINCOLN	41,240	2,795	6.8
AVERY	7,900	460	5.8	MCDOWELL	20,771	1,423	6.9
BEAUFORT	18,599	1,230	6.6	MACON	15,692	1,042	6.6
BERTIE	7,553	449	5.9	MADISON	9,555	705	7.4
BLADEN	14,964	1,061	7.1	MARTIN	8,556	624	7.3
BRUNSWICK	52,396	4,465	8.5	MECKLENBURG	601,674	51,903	8.6
BUNCOMBE	136,567	13,340	9.8	MITCHELL	6,033	475	7.9
BURKE	37,482	2,747	7.3	MONTGOMERY	11,044	731	6.6
CABARRUS	104,490	8,118	7.8	MOORE	41,332	3,083	7.5
CALDWELL	33,773	2,874	8.5	NASH	40,751	3,621	8.9
CAMDEN	4,454	249	5.6	NEW HANOVER	117,309	8,943	7.6
CARTERET	31,811	1,871	5.9	NORTHAMPTON	7,362	522	7.1
CASWELL	9,458	714	7.5	ONSLow	61,724	4,524	7.3
CATAWBA	73,246	6,294	8.6	ORANGE	73,069	4,378	6.0
CHATHAM	32,952	1,954	5.9	PAMLICO	4,924	280	5.7
CHEROKEE	11,295	878	7.8	PASQUOTANK	16,322	1,190	7.3
CHOWAN	5,546	322	5.8	PENDER	26,845	1,805	6.7
CLAY	4,206	299	7.1	PERQUIMANS	4,746	319	6.7
CLEVELAND	48,339	3,790	7.8	PERSON	17,177	1,325	7.7
COLUMBUS	22,953	1,798	7.8	PITT	83,923	6,111	7.3
CRAVEN	39,096	2,708	6.9	POLK	8,772	549	6.3
CUMBERLAND	120,519	12,161	10.1	RANDOLPH	62,730	4,893	7.8
CURRITUCK	13,403	853	6.4	RICHMOND	16,784	1,553	9.3
DARE	19,960	1,644	8.2	ROBESON	49,441	4,384	8.9
DAVIDSON	76,254	5,653	7.4	ROCKINGHAM	38,301	3,463	9.0
DAVIE	19,541	1,497	7.7	ROWAN	63,613	5,370	8.4
DUPLIN	24,193	1,316	5.4	RUTHERFORD	24,892	2,409	9.7
DURHAM	161,009	12,249	7.6	SAMPSON	28,060	1,606	5.7
EDGECOMBE	20,264	2,256	11.1	SCOTLAND	11,789	1,361	11.5
FORSYTH	178,598	14,725	8.2	STANLY	29,918	1,893	6.3
FRANKLIN	29,258	2,131	7.3	STOKES	20,383	1,417	7.0
GASTON	107,008	9,087	8.5	SURRY	33,114	2,288	6.9
GATES	5,009	293	5.8	SWAIN	7,835	628	8.0
GRAHAM	3,479	322	9.3	TRANSYLVANIA	14,691	881	6.0
GRANVILLE	29,049	1,804	6.2	TYRRELL	1,405	107	7.6
GREENE	9,084	537	5.9	UNION	116,928	7,395	6.3
GUILFORD	252,788	23,912	9.5	VANCE	17,664	1,722	9.7
HALIFAX	19,778	1,798	9.1	WAKE	561,065	40,630	7.2
HARNETT	51,263	3,978	7.8	WARREN	6,738	680	10.1
HAYWOOD	28,460	2,310	8.1	WASHINGTON	4,234	337	8.0
HENDERSON	51,973	3,872	7.5	WATAUGA	29,665	1,846	6.2
HERTFORD	9,157	639	7.0	WAYNE	47,240	3,323	7.0
HOKE	18,785	1,704	9.1	WILKES	28,858	1,952	6.8
HYDE	1,855	159	8.6	WILSON	34,212	3,017	8.8
IREDELL	85,863	6,814	7.9	YADKIN	16,753	1,304	7.8
JACKSON	20,184	1,638	8.1	YANCEY	7,997	576	7.2

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	7.9	12.7	4.2	-4.8	3.7	JOHNSTON	6.9	11.0	4.0	-4.1	2.9
ALAMANCE	7.9	12.7	4.2	-4.8	3.7	JONES	6.1	8.8	4.2	-2.7	1.9
ALEXANDER	7.7	13.8	3.7	-6.1	4.0	LEE	8.3	13.0	4.9	-4.7	3.4
ALLEGHANY	6.6	10.9	5.0	-4.3	1.6	LENOIR	6.2	8.7	4.1	-2.5	2.1
ANSON	7.9	10.3	4.3	-2.4	3.6	LINCOLN	6.8	12.4	3.8	-5.6	3.0
ASHE	5.6	10.2	4.0	-4.6	1.6	MCDOWELL	6.9	11.9	4.0	-5.0	2.9
AVERY	5.8	9.5	3.9	-3.7	1.9	MACON	6.6	10.9	4.1	-4.3	2.5
BEAUFORT	6.6	9.1	5.0	-2.5	1.6	MADISON	7.4	12.8	4.0	-5.4	3.4
BERTIE	5.9	8.1	5.3	-2.2	0.6	MARTIN	7.3	9.8	5.7	-2.5	1.6
BLADEN	7.1	9.8	5.1	-2.7	2.0	MECKLENBURG	8.6	13.6	3.9	-5.0	4.7
BRUNSWICK	8.5	15.1	5.2	-6.6	3.3	MITCHELL	7.9	12.1	5.0	-4.2	2.9
BUNCOMBE	9.8	17.0	3.3	-7.2	6.5	MONTGOMERY	6.6	10.1	4.3	-3.5	2.3
BURKE	7.3	13.6	4.1	-6.3	3.2	MOORE	7.5	12.5	4.1	-5.0	3.4
CABARRUS	7.8	12.4	3.8	-4.6	4.0	NASH	8.9	13.2	5.3	-4.3	3.6
CALDWELL	8.5	14.4	4.4	-5.9	4.1	NEW HANOVER	7.6	13.8	3.8	-6.2	3.8
CAMDEN	5.6	8.3	4.2	-2.7	1.4	NORTHAMPTON	7.1	9.2	5.5	-2.1	1.6
CARTERET	5.9	10.2	4.3	-4.3	1.6	ONSLow	7.3	11.7	5.0	-4.4	2.3
CASWELL	7.5	13.1	4.9	-5.6	2.6	ORANGE	6.0	9.0	3.7	-3.0	2.3
CATAWBA	8.6	15.7	3.9	-7.1	4.7	PAMLICO	5.7	8.9	4.1	-3.2	1.6
CHATHAM	5.9	9.1	3.8	-3.2	2.1	PASQUOTANK	7.3	11.3	4.9	-4.0	2.4
CHEROKEE	7.8	14.1	4.8	-6.3	3.0	PENDER	6.7	11.5	4.2	-4.8	2.5
CHOWAN	5.8	8.1	5.2	-2.3	0.6	PERQUIMANS	6.7	9.7	5.4	-3.0	1.3
CLAY	7.1	11.4	5.0	-4.3	2.1	PERSON	7.7	13.3	4.6	-5.6	3.1
CLEVELAND	7.8	12.5	4.3	-4.7	3.5	PITT	7.3	10.4	4.9	-3.1	2.4
COLUMBUS	7.8	11.4	5.2	-3.6	2.6	POLK	6.3	10.5	4.1	-4.2	2.2
Craven	6.9	10.9	4.4	-4.0	2.5	RANDOLPH	7.8	13.1	4.1	-5.3	3.7
CUMBERLAND	10.1	15.7	5.4	-5.6	4.7	RICHMOND	9.3	13.0	5.5	-3.7	3.8
CURRITUCK	6.4	11.8	3.7	-5.4	2.7	ROBESON	8.9	11.8	5.8	-2.9	3.1
DARE	8.2	19.3	3.8	-11.1	4.4	ROCKINGHAM	9.0	14.4	4.7	-5.4	4.3
DAVIDSON	7.4	12.0	4.0	-4.6	3.4	ROWAN	8.4	14.7	4.2	-6.3	4.2
DAVIE	7.7	13.1	3.7	-5.4	4.0	RUTHERFORD	9.7	14.8	5.2	-5.1	4.5
DUPLIN	5.4	8.1	4.5	-2.7	0.9	SAMPSON	5.7	8.2	4.3	-2.5	1.4
DURHAM	7.6	11.2	3.8	-3.6	3.8	SCOTLAND	11.5	16.3	6.8	-4.8	4.7
EDGEcombe	11.1	15.4	6.4	-4.3	4.7	STANLY	6.3	10.2	3.9	-3.9	2.4
FORSYTH	8.2	13.1	4.1	-4.9	4.1	STOKES	7.0	11.3	3.9	-4.3	3.1
FRANKLIN	7.3	11.5	4.4	-4.2	2.9	SURRY	6.9	11.2	3.9	-4.3	3.0
GASTON	8.5	14.1	4.1	-5.6	4.4	SWAIN	8.0	19.3	4.0	-11.3	4.0
GATES	5.8	8.3	4.4	-2.5	1.4	TRANSYLVANIA	6.0	10.1	4.0	-4.1	2.0
GRAHAM	9.3	15.9	5.5	-6.6	3.8	TYRRELL	7.6	14.0	5.1	-6.4	2.5
GRANVILLE	6.2	9.6	3.7	-3.4	2.5	UNION	6.3	10.2	3.7	-3.9	2.6
GREENE	5.9	8.5	4.4	-2.6	1.5	VANCE	9.7	14.4	6.2	-4.7	3.5
GUILFORD	9.5	14.9	4.5	-5.4	5.0	WAKE	7.2	11.5	3.6	-4.3	3.6
HALIFAX	9.1	12.7	5.9	-3.6	3.2	WARREN	10.1	14.0	6.2	-3.9	3.9
HARNETT	7.8	12.2	5.1	-4.4	2.7	WASHINGTON	8.0	10.7	6.0	-2.7	2.0
HAYWOOD	8.1	14.8	3.7	-6.7	4.4	WATAUGA	6.2	11.1	4.0	-4.9	2.2
HENDERSON	7.5	13.0	3.7	-5.5	3.8	WAYNE	7.0	10.2	4.5	-3.2	2.5
HERTFORD	7.0	8.9	5.8	-1.9	1.2	WILKES	6.8	11.0	4.5	-4.2	2.3
HOKE	9.1	14.1	5.3	-5.0	3.8	WILSON	8.8	12.9	6.4	-4.1	2.4
HYDE	8.6	14.2	6.1	-5.6	2.5	YADKIN	7.8	13.9	3.8	-6.1	4.0
IREDELL	7.9	13.5	3.8	-5.6	4.1	YANCEY	7.2	11.3	4.1	-4.1	3.1
JACKSON	8.1	14.6	4.6	-6.5	3.5						

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

*Preliminary Data for
June 2020*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	226,555	20,227	8.9
BURLINGTON	78,797	6,193	7.9
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,321,828	111,687	8.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	284,207	19,906	7.0
FAYETTEVILLE	139,304	13,865	10.0
GOLDSBORO	47,240	3,323	7.0
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	353,819	32,268	9.1
GREENVILLE	83,923	6,111	7.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	161,061	13,191	8.2
JACKSONVILLE	61,724	4,524	7.3
NEW BERN	48,046	3,232	6.7
RALEIGH	682,842	49,162	7.2
ROCKY MOUNT	61,015	5,877	9.6
WILMINGTON	144,154	10,748	7.5
WINSTON-SALEM	311,529	24,596	7.9

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	29,918	1,893	6.3
BOONE	29,665	1,846	6.2
BREVARD	14,691	881	6.0
CULLOWHEE	20,184	1,638	8.1
DUNN	51,263	3,978	7.8
ELIZABETH CITY	25,522	1,758	6.9
FOREST CITY	24,892	2,409	9.7
HENDERSON	17,664	1,722	9.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,365	1,751	8.2
KINSTON	27,484	1,707	6.2
LAURINBURG	11,789	1,361	11.5
LUMBERTON	49,441	4,384	8.9
MARION	20,771	1,423	6.9
MOREHEAD CITY	31,811	1,871	5.9
MOUNT AIRY	33,114	2,288	6.9
NORTH WILKESBORO	28,858	1,952	6.8
OXFORD	29,049	1,804	6.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	41,332	3,083	7.5
ROANOKE RAPIDS	27,140	2,320	8.5
ROCKINGHAM	16,784	1,553	9.3
SANFORD	25,666	2,133	8.3
SHELBY	48,339	3,790	7.8
WASHINGTON	18,599	1,230	6.6
WILSON	34,212	3,017	8.8

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

*Preliminary Data for
June 2020*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	241,246	21,108	8.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,400,085	117,370	8.4
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	200,534	19,610	9.8
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	777,259	65,345	8.4
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	102,522	7,341	7.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	181,832	14,614	8.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	79,857	5,103	6.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,090,691	78,705	7.2
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	122,367	11,214	9.2

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	8.9	15.6	3.4	-6.7	5.5
BURLINGTON	7.9	12.7	4.2	-4.8	3.7
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	8.4	13.2	3.8	-4.8	4.6
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	7.0	10.6	3.8	-3.6	3.2
FAYETTEVILLE	10.0	15.4	5.4	-5.4	4.6
GOLDSBORO	7.0	10.2	4.5	-3.2	2.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	9.1	14.5	4.4	-5.4	4.7
GREENVILLE	7.3	10.4	4.9	-3.1	2.4
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	8.2	14.8	4.0	-6.6	4.2
JACKSONVILLE	7.3	11.7	5.0	-4.4	2.3
NEW BERN	6.7	10.5	4.4	-3.8	2.3
RALEIGH	7.2	11.5	3.7	-4.3	3.5
ROCKY MOUNT	9.6	13.9	5.7	-4.3	3.9
WILMINGTON	7.5	13.3	3.9	-5.8	3.6
WINSTON-SALEM	7.9	12.7	4.0	-4.8	3.9

Micropolitan Statistical Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	6.3	10.2	3.9	-3.9	2.4
BOONE	6.2	11.1	4.0	-4.9	2.2
BREVARD	6.0	10.1	4.0	-4.1	2.0
CULLOWHEE	8.1	14.6	4.6	-6.5	3.5
DUNN	7.8	12.2	5.1	-4.4	2.7
ELIZABETH CITY	6.9	10.5	4.9	-3.6	2.0
FOREST CITY	9.7	14.8	5.2	-5.1	4.5
HENDERSON	9.7	14.4	6.2	-4.7	3.5
KILL DEVIL HILLS	8.2	18.9	3.9	-10.7	4.3
KINSTON	6.2	8.7	4.1	-2.5	2.1
LAURINBURG	11.5	16.3	6.8	-4.8	4.7
LUMBERTON	8.9	11.8	5.8	-2.9	3.1
MARION	6.9	11.9	4.0	-5.0	2.9
MOREHEAD CITY	5.9	10.2	4.3	-4.3	1.6
MOUNT AIRY	6.9	11.2	3.9	-4.3	3.0
NORTH WILKESBORO	6.8	11.0	4.5	-4.2	2.3
OXFORD	6.2	9.6	3.7	-3.4	2.5
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	7.5	12.5	4.1	-5.0	3.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	8.5	11.7	5.8	-3.2	2.7
ROCKINGHAM	9.3	13.0	5.5	-3.7	3.8
SANFORD	8.3	13.0	4.9	-4.7	3.4
SHELBY	7.8	12.5	4.3	-4.7	3.5
WASHINGTON	6.6	9.1	5.0	-2.5	1.6
WILSON	8.8	12.9	6.4	-4.1	2.4

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

Combined Statistical Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	8.7	15.3	3.5	-6.6	5.2
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	8.4	13.1	3.8	-4.7	4.6
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	9.8	14.6	5.6	-4.8	4.2
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	8.4	13.5	4.2	-5.1	4.2
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	7.2	10.2	4.9	-3.0	2.3
HICKORY-LENOIR	8.0	14.4	4.0	-6.4	4.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	6.4	10.4	4.3	-4.0	2.1
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	7.2	11.3	3.9	-4.1	3.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	9.2	13.2	5.9	-4.0	3.3

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
DUPLIN	24,193	1,316	5.4%	1	HENDERSON	51,973	3,872	7.5%	51
CAMDEN	4,454	249	5.6%	2	MOORE	41,332	3,083	7.5%	52
ASHE	12,697	712	5.6%	3	CASWELL	9,458	714	7.5%	53
PAMLICO	4,924	280	5.7%	4	DURHAM	161,009	12,249	7.6%	54
SAMPSON	28,060	1,606	5.7%	5	TYRRELL	1,405	107	7.6%	55
CHOWAN	5,546	322	5.8%	6	NEW HANOVER	117,309	8,943	7.6%	56
AVERY	7,900	460	5.8%	7	DAVIE	19,541	1,497	7.7%	57
GATES	5,009	293	5.8%	8	ALEXANDER	16,560	1,276	7.7%	58
CARTERET	31,811	1,871	5.9%	9	PERSON	17,177	1,325	7.7%	59
GREENE	9,084	537	5.9%	10	HARNETT	51,263	3,978	7.8%	60
CHATHAM	32,952	1,954	5.9%	11	CABARRUS	104,490	8,118	7.8%	61
BERTIE	7,553	449	5.9%	12	CHEROKEE	11,295	878	7.8%	62
ORANGE	73,069	4,378	6.0%	13	YADKIN	16,753	1,304	7.8%	63
TRANSYLVANIA	14,691	881	6.0%	14	RANDOLPH	62,730	4,893	7.8%	64
JONES	4,026	244	6.1%	15	COLUMBUS	22,953	1,798	7.8%	65
GRANVILLE	29,049	1,804	6.2%	16	CLEVELAND	48,339	3,790	7.8%	66
LENOIR	27,484	1,707	6.2%	17	ALAMANCE	78,797	6,193	7.9%	67
WATAUGA	29,665	1,846	6.2%	18	ANSON	10,252	806	7.9%	68
POLK	8,772	549	6.3%	19	MITCHELL	6,033	475	7.9%	69
UNION	116,928	7,395	6.3%	20	IREDELL	85,863	6,814	7.9%	70
STANLY	29,918	1,893	6.3%	21	WASHINGTON	4,234	337	8.0%	71
CURRITUCK	13,403	853	6.4%	22	SWAIN	7,835	628	8.0%	72
ALLEGHANY	4,415	291	6.6%	23	JACKSON	20,184	1,638	8.1%	73
BEAUFORT	18,599	1,230	6.6%	24	HAYWOOD	28,460	2,310	8.1%	74
MONTGOMERY	11,044	731	6.6%	25	DARE	19,960	1,644	8.2%	75
MACON	15,692	1,042	6.6%	26	FORSYTH	178,598	14,725	8.2%	76
PERQUIMANS	4,746	319	6.7%	27	LEE	25,666	2,133	8.3%	77
PENDER	26,845	1,805	6.7%	28	ROWAN	63,613	5,370	8.4%	78
WILKES	28,858	1,952	6.8%	29	GASTON	107,008	9,087	8.5%	79
LINCOLN	41,240	2,795	6.8%	30	CALDWELL	33,773	2,874	8.5%	80
MCDOWELL	20,771	1,423	6.9%	31	BRUNSWICK	52,396	4,465	8.5%	81
SURRY	33,114	2,288	6.9%	32	HYDE	1,855	159	8.6%	82
JOHNSTON	92,519	6,401	6.9%	33	CATAWBA	73,246	6,294	8.6%	83
Craven	39,096	2,708	6.9%	34	MECKLENBURG	601,674	51,903	8.6%	84
STOKES	20,383	1,417	7.0%	35	WILSON	34,212	3,017	8.8%	85
HERTFORD	9,157	639	7.0%	36	ROBESON	49,441	4,384	8.9%	86
WAYNE	47,240	3,323	7.0%	37	NASH	40,751	3,621	8.9%	87
BLADEN	14,964	1,061	7.1%	38	ROCKINGHAM	38,301	3,463	9.0%	88
NORTHAMPTON	7,362	522	7.1%	39	HOKE	18,785	1,704	9.1%	89
CLAY	4,206	299	7.1%	40	HALIFAX	19,778	1,798	9.1%	90
YANCEY	7,997	576	7.2%	41	RICHMOND	16,784	1,553	9.3%	91
WAKE	561,065	40,630	7.2%	42	GRAHAM	3,479	322	9.3%	92
PITT	83,923	6,111	7.3%	43	GUILFORD	252,788	23,912	9.5%	93
FRANKLIN	29,258	2,131	7.3%	44	RUTHERFORD	24,892	2,409	9.7%	94
PASQUOTANK	16,322	1,190	7.3%	45	VANCE	17,664	1,722	9.7%	95
MARTIN	8,556	624	7.3%	46	BUNCOMBE	136,567	13,340	9.8%	96
BURKE	37,482	2,747	7.3%	47	CUMBERLAND	120,519	12,161	10.1%	97
ONslow	61,724	4,524	7.3%	48	WARREN	6,738	680	10.1%	98
MADISON	9,555	705	7.4%	49	EDGEcombe	20,264	2,256	11.1%	99
DAVIDSON	76,254	5,653	7.4%	50	SCOTLAND	11,789	1,361	11.5%	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.

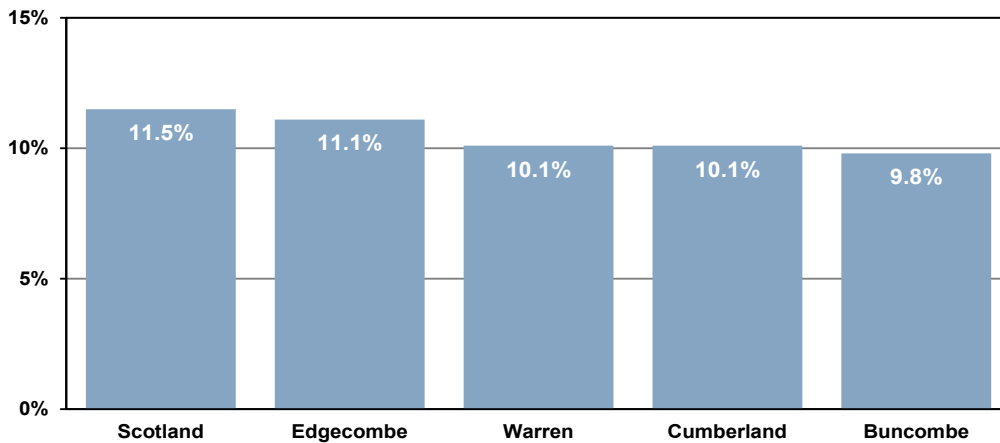
Release Dates

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2020 when the state unemployment rate for July 2020 will be released.

The complete 2020 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates June 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

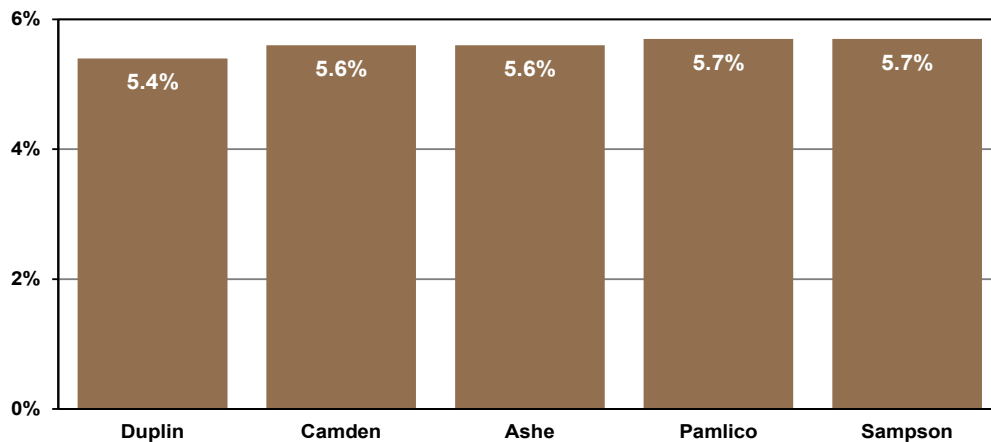


North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 7.9 percent in June. This decreased 4.8 percentage points from May's revised rate, and grew 3.7 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Seventy counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 7.9 percent rate.

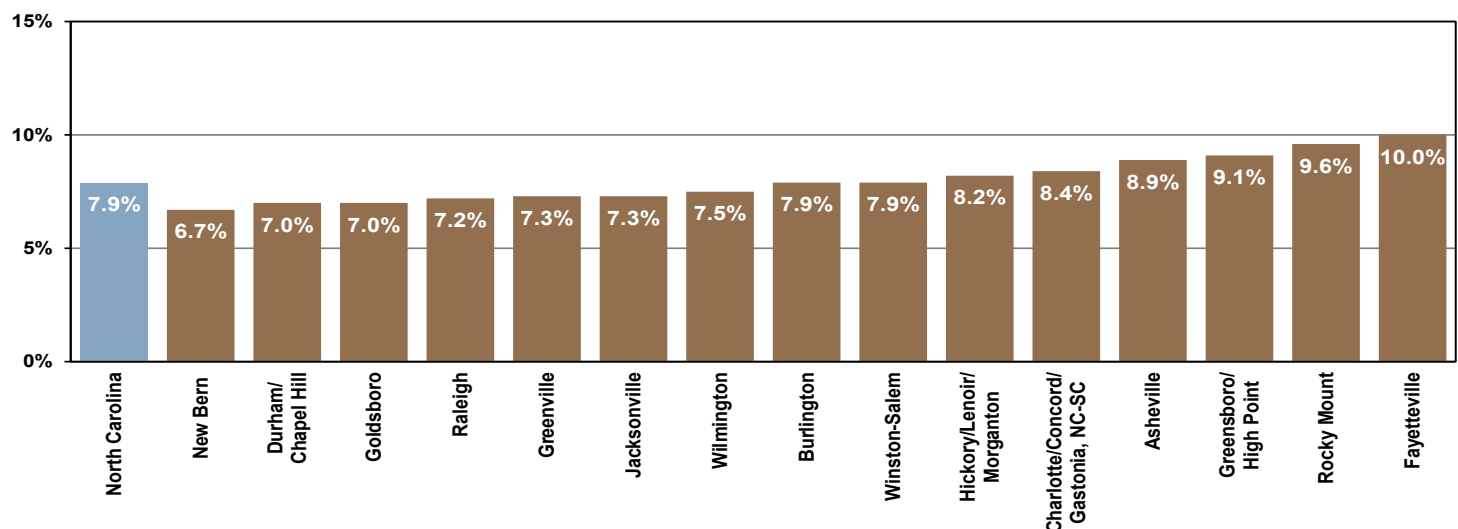
Scotland County recorded June's highest unemployment rate at 11.5 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 11.1 percent. Duplin had the lowest unemployment rate at 5.4 percent.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates June 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Fayetteville MSA had the highest unemployment rate in June at 10.0 percent, followed by Rocky Mount at 9.6 percent, and Greensboro/High Point at 9.1 percent. New Bern reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill and Goldsboro at 7.0 percent.

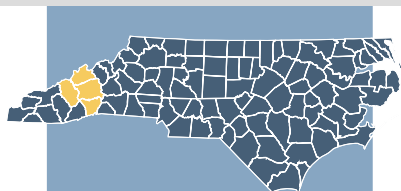
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates June 2020* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



*All June 2020 data are preliminary.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 8.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 180,000
 Monthly Change | 10,400, 6.1%
 Yearly Change | -19,500, -9.8%

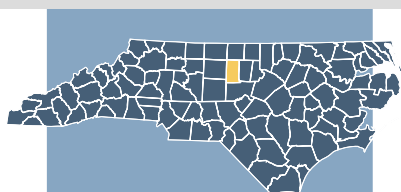
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,100	6.5%
Education & Health Services	1,900	5.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,700	43.8%
Other Services	1,100	15.3%
Government	-1,100	-4.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,600	-7.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,900	-7.9%
Information	-500	-25.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700	-3.8%
Education & Health Services	-2,500	-6.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-9,700	-30.6%
Other Services	-1,100	-11.7%
Government	-500	-2.1%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 59,700
 Monthly Change | 3,300, 5.9%
 Yearly Change | -3,900, -6.1%

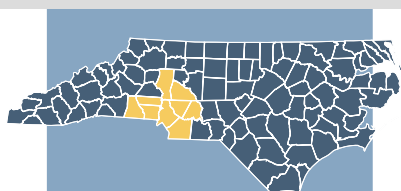
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.0%
Manufacturing	800	11.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	2.1%
Education & Health Services	300	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	17.2%
Other Services	400	23.5%
Government	100	1.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,400	-15.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,100	-8.3%
Information	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-400	-7.7%
Education & Health Services	200	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800	-9.6%
Other Services	-200	-8.7%
Government	-100	-1.4%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 8.4%
 Total Nonfarm | 1,140,500
 Monthly Change | 38,900, 3.5%
 Yearly Change | -100,600, -8.1%

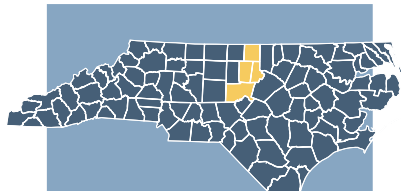
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300	-1.9%
Manufacturing	400	0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,200	4.1%
Information	200	0.9%
Financial Activities	-600	-0.6%
Professional & Business Services	4,900	2.5%
Education & Health Services	4,000	3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,200	24.2%
Other Services	4,600	13.0%
Government	-2,700	-1.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-500	-0.7%
Manufacturing	-7,600	-6.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-13,300	-5.3%
Information	-1,300	-5.4%
Financial Activities	1,900	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	-11,300	-5.3%
Education & Health Services	-9,600	-7.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-46,700	-31.1%
Other Services	-2,700	-6.3%
Government	-9,500	-6.3%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.0%
 Total Nonfarm | 291,400
 Monthly Change | 6,200, 2.2%
 Yearly Change | -27,700, -8.7%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	3.3%
Manufacturing	700	3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000	2.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.2%
Education & Health Services	300	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500	16.9%
Other Services	1,500	15.6%
Government	-400	-0.6%

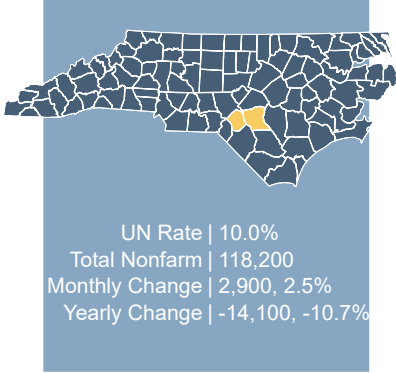
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.2%
Manufacturing	-6,800	-24.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-2,000	-5.0%
Information	-200	-4.2%
Financial Activities	-600	-3.8%
Professional & Business Services	-3,700	-8.2%
Education & Health Services	-4,300	-5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	-11,600	-40.1%
Other Services	-500	-4.3%
Government	1,800	2.9%

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



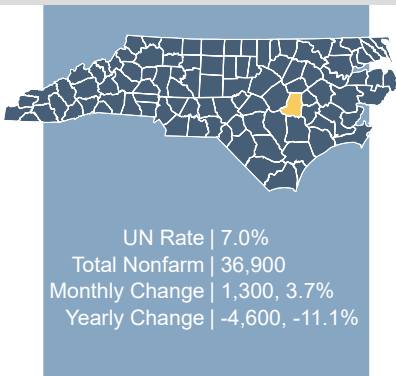
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 2.8%
Professional & Business Services	500 5.0%
Education & Health Services	100 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,900 18.6%
Other Services	400 12.5%
Government	-800 -2.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -13.1%
Manufacturing	-700 -8.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,300 -5.5%
Information	-100 -9.1%
Financial Activities	-200 -5.1%
Professional & Business Services	-800 -7.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,300 -8.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-5,300 -30.5%
Other Services	-1,100 -23.4%
Government	-2,500 -6.2%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



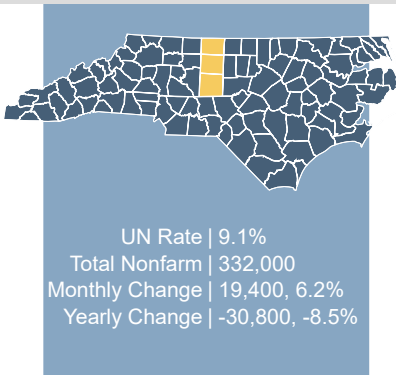
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	100 1.1%

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	-300 -3.3%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



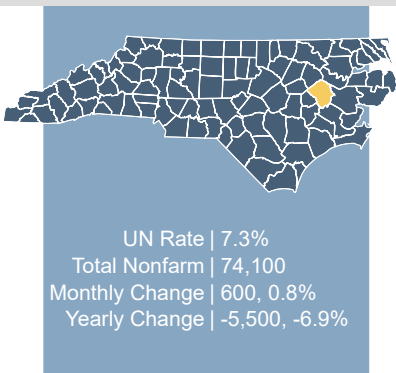
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 3.3%
Manufacturing	6,500 16.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,500 3.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	200 1.1%
Professional & Business Services	1,600 3.9%
Education & Health Services	1,100 2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,500 34.6%
Other Services	1,700 15.9%
Government	-2,200 -5.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -1.9%
Manufacturing	-6,700 -12.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,700 -2.2%
Information	-400 -8.5%
Financial Activities	100 0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-5,200 -10.9%
Education & Health Services	-4,700 -9.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-10,000 -25.5%
Other Services	-300 -2.4%
Government	-1,600 -4.0%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 5.4%
Manufacturing	200 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000 8.5%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 7.3%
Education & Health Services	400 4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	900 15.0%
Other Services	200 11.1%
Government	-2,700 -10.3%

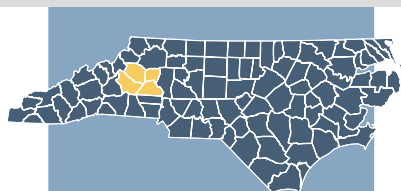
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.6%
Manufacturing	-400 -6.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 9.5%
Information	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -4.0%
Professional & Business Services	-700 -10.6%
Education & Health Services	600 6.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,600 -27.4%
Other Services	-200 -9.1%
Government	-3,200 -12.0%

*Data unavailable due to sample cell size. Note: All data are Not Seasonally Adjusted. All June 2020 data are preliminary.

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 8.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 137,500
 Monthly Change | 5,200, 3.9%
 Yearly Change | -18,900, -12.1%

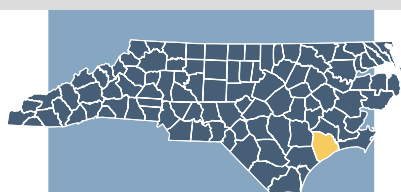
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.2%
Manufacturing	900 2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600 2.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	500 4.1%
Education & Health Services	200 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,100 38.3%
Other Services	500 13.5%
Government	-600 -2.8%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -4.3%
Manufacturing	-7,600 -18.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-1,900 -6.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,800 -12.4%
Education & Health Services	-2,200 -11.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,600 -24.3%
Other Services	-500 -10.6%
Government	-1,000 -4.5%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.3%
 Total Nonfarm | 46,600
 Monthly Change | 400, 0.9%
 Yearly Change | -3,400, -6.8%

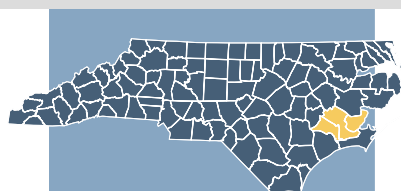
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-700 -4.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-400 -2.9%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 6.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 41,300
 Monthly Change | 900, 2.2%
 Yearly Change | -4,600, -10.0%

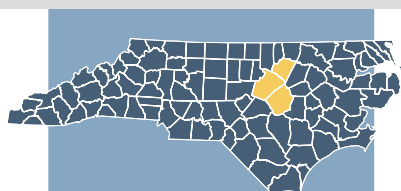
Over-the-Month Employment Change

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Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-200 -1.5%

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	-800 -5.6%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 590,700
 Monthly Change | 25,100, 4.4%
 Yearly Change | -60,300, -9.3%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000 2.5%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,600 3.5%
Information	200 0.9%
Financial Activities	400 1.2%
Professional & Business Services	3,000 2.5%
Education & Health Services	2,900 4.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	9,100 22.4%
Other Services	5,100 25.8%
Government	-200 -0.2%

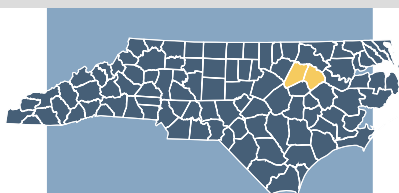
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -0.7%
Manufacturing	-4,400 -11.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-5,900 -5.3%
Information	-1,000 -4.4%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-4,100 -3.3%
Education & Health Services	-13,200 -16.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-26,600 -34.9%
Other Services	-1,100 -4.2%
Government	-3,700 -3.9%

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North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 9.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 51,400
 Monthly Change | 900, 1.8%
 Yearly Change | -4,300, -7.7%

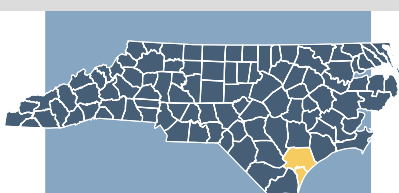
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.7%
Manufacturing	200 2.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 3.5%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	100 1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 12.5%
Other Services	*
Government	-600 -6.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-1,800 -18.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	400 8.3%
Education & Health Services	-1,100 -16.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2,200 -37.9%
Other Services	*
Government	-1,300 -13.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.5%
 Total Nonfarm | 121,100
 Monthly Change | 6,800, 5.9%
 Yearly Change | -13,000, -9.7%

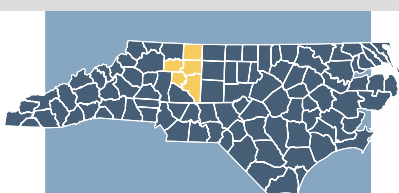
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.2%
Manufacturing	100 1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400 5.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.8%
Professional & Business Services	900 5.8%
Education & Health Services	200 1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200 42.9%
Other Services	600 12.5%
Government	-900 -4.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -2.1%
Manufacturing	200 3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-900 -3.4%
Information	-300 -9.4%
Financial Activities	-700 -10.9%
Professional & Business Services	-300 -1.8%
Education & Health Services	-1,700 -10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,800 -35.8%
Other Services	-300 -5.3%
Government	-1,000 -4.4%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | June 2020



UN Rate | 7.9%
 Total Nonfarm | 246,300
 Monthly Change | 8,900, 3.7%
 Yearly Change | -25,600, -9.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	300 3.0%
Manufacturing	1,700 5.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,400 3.2%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 0.7%
Professional & Business Services	1,100 3.5%
Education & Health Services	500 1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,900 15.1%
Other Services	1,200 16.4%
Government	-300 -1.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300 -11.2%
Manufacturing	-1,600 -4.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-3,000 -6.2%
Information	-100 -5.3%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.7%
Professional & Business Services	-5,400 -14.3%
Education & Health Services	-5,000 -9.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7,800 -26.1%
Other Services	-700 -7.6%
Government	-600 -2.0%

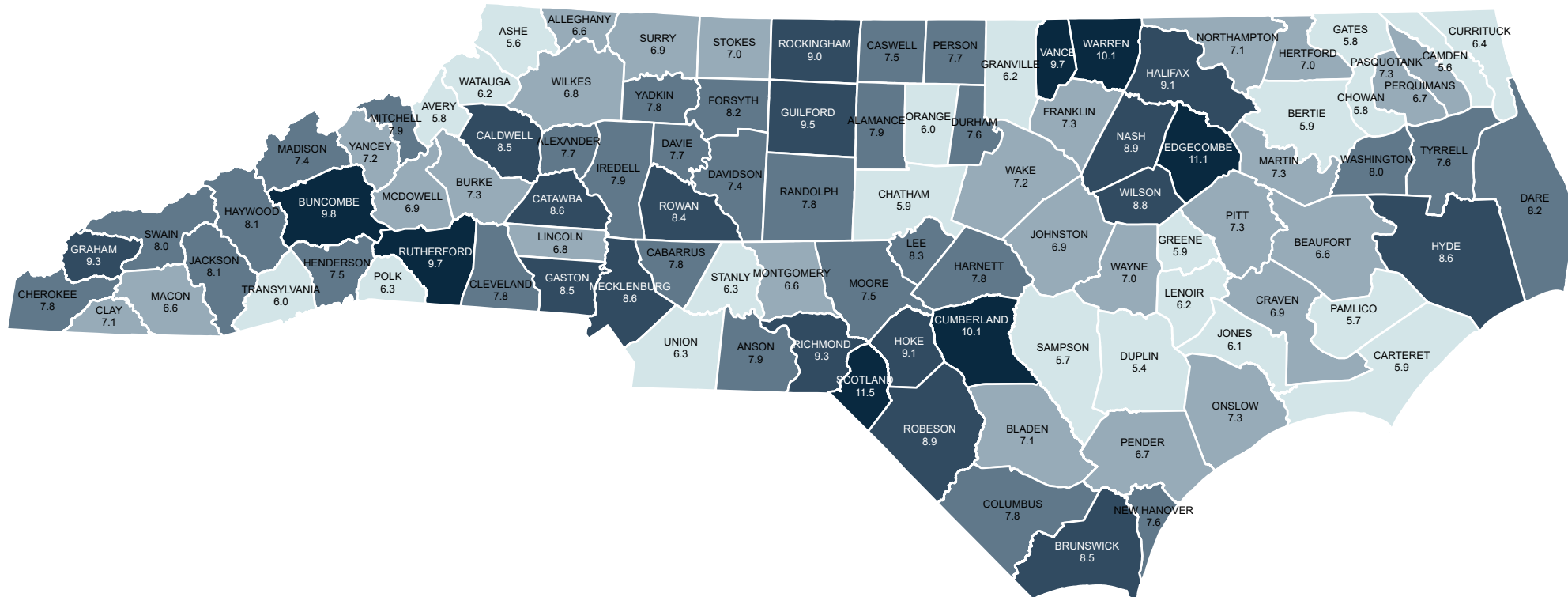
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Over the month, all of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job growth. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 38,900, followed by Raleigh, 25,100; Greensboro/High Point, 19,400; Asheville, 10,400; Winston-Salem, 8,900; Wilmington, 6,800; Durham/Chapel Hill, 6,200; Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown, 5,200; and Burlington, 3,300. Greensboro/High Point had the greatest percentage increase at 6.2 percent, followed by Asheville, 6.1%, Wilmington, 5.9%, and Burlington, 5.9%. 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.

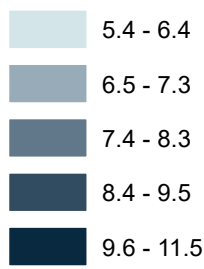
Over the year, employment decreased in all 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment decrease at 100,600, followed by Raleigh, 60,300; Greensboro/High Point, 30,800; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 27,700. Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown had the greatest percentage decrease at 12.1 percent, followed by Goldsboro, 11.1 percent; Fayetteville, 10.7 percent; and New Bern, 10.0 percent.

North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

June 2020



June 2020



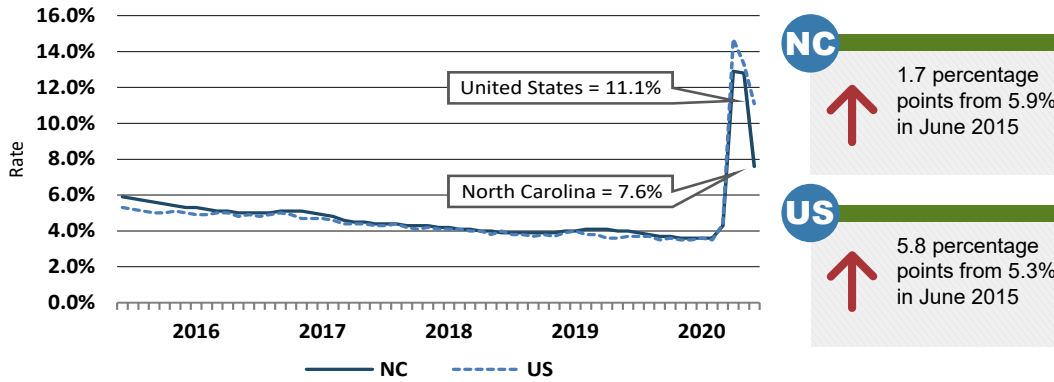
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North Carolina Rate 7.9%
Not Seasonally Adjusted

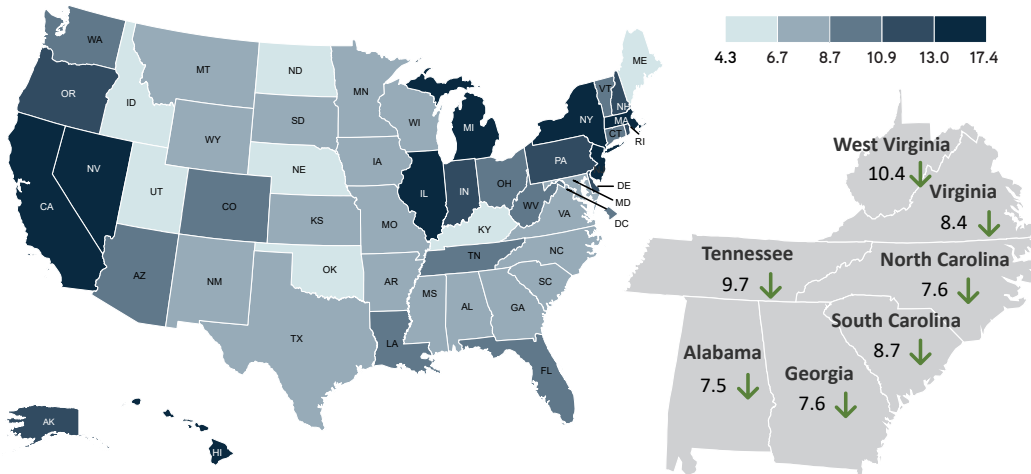
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North Carolina's labor market has fluctuated rapidly over the past several months. The state's unemployment rate fell 5.2 points to 7.6% in June, a mere two months after reaching a high of 12.9%. Likewise, the number of jobs in the state increased 173,200 in June, following April's decline of 571,500. Business contacts surveyed by the Richmond Fed expect conditions in the Carolinas to continue improving in the months ahead.

Unemployment Rate Trend



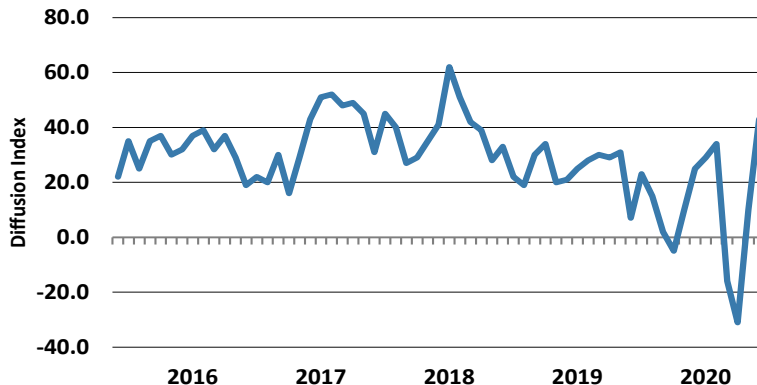
Unemployment Rate Comparison



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

7.6%

US

11.1%

Unemployment Rate Change

↓ 5.2 ↓ 2.2

Change in Employed

↑ 227,498 (5.4%) ↑ 4,940,000 (3.6%)

Change in Unemployed

↓ 252,047 (40.9%) ↓ 3,235,000 (15.4%)

Labor Force Participation Rate

↓ 0.4 to 57.4% ↑ 0.7 to 61.5%

Data

Industry Employment

4,234,700 Total Nonfarm Jobs
 ↑ 173,200 over the month
 ↓ 340,400 over the year

Initial UI Claims

132,392 Individuals Filing
 ↓ 67,454 over the month
 ↑ 118,910 over the year
 Source: US Dept. of Labor, ETA

Real Taxable Retail Sales

↑ \$49.5M over the month
 ↓ \$1,545.3M over the year
 Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
 Note: May 2020 data most current available at time of release.

Residential Building Permits

↓ 0.9% over the month
 ↓ 0.8% over the year
 Source: United States Census Bureau
 Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Job Postings

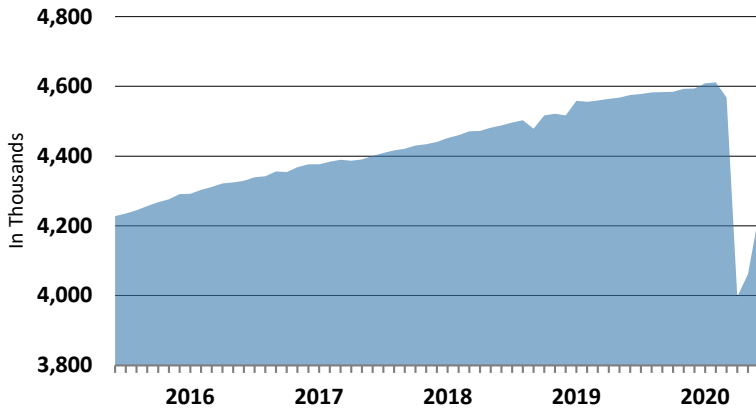
↑ 5.9% over the month
 ↓ 25.9% over the year
 Source: LEAD; The Conference Board
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Manufacturing Hours Worked

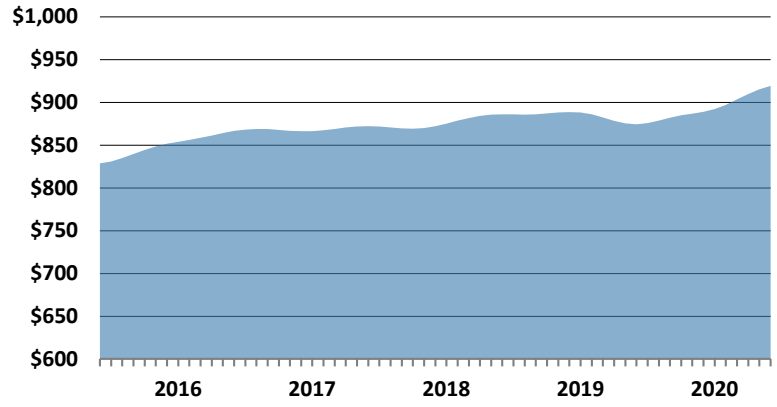
↑ 2.5% over the month
 ↓ 1.5% over the year
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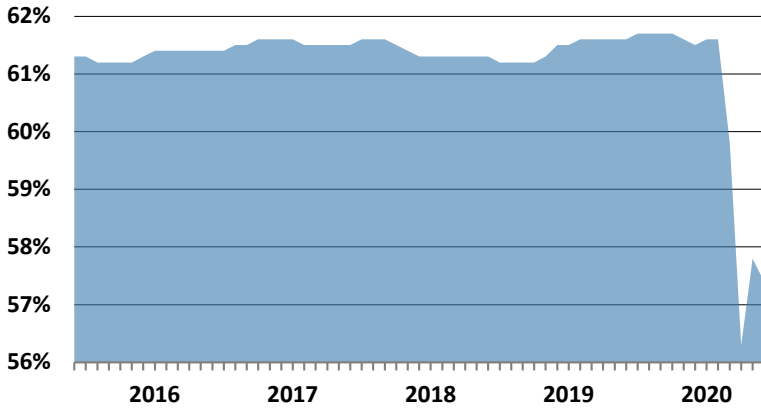
Total Nonfarm Jobs



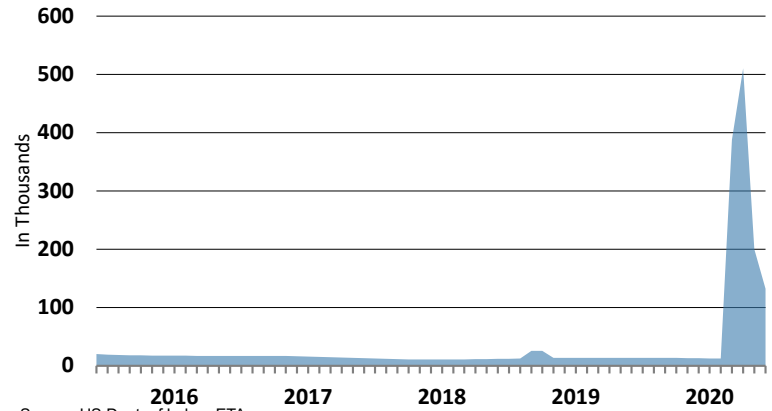
Average Real Weekly Earnings (Private Nonfarm Sector)



Labor Force Participation Rate

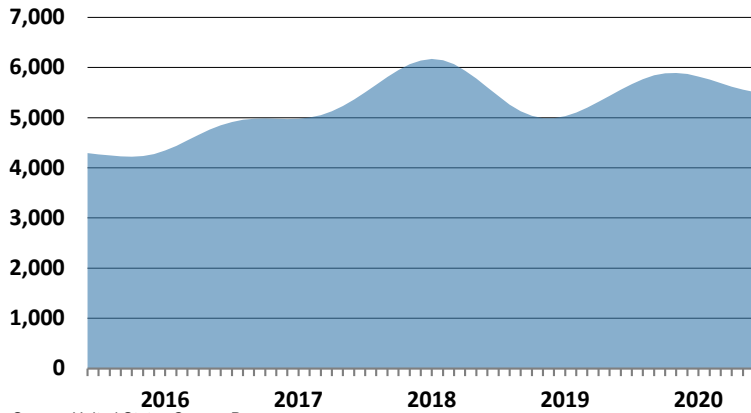


Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims



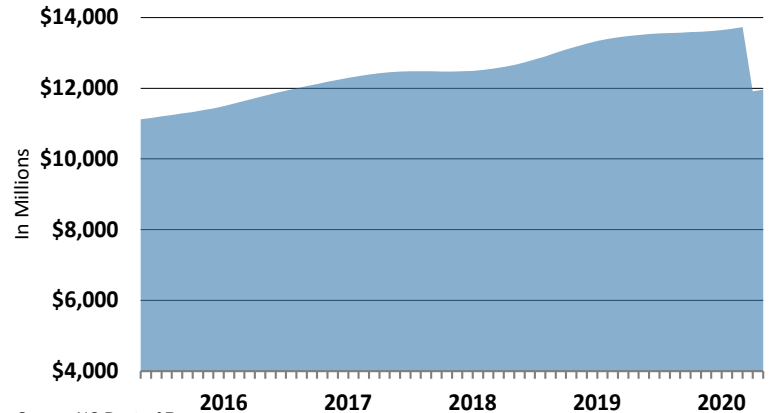
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Residential Building Permits



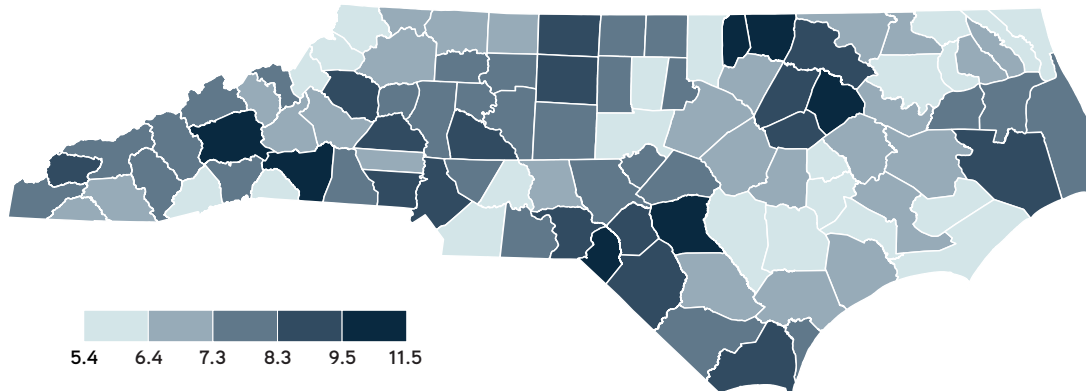
Source: United States Census Bureau
Note: Includes multiple-unit housing.

Real Taxable Retail Sales



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

Unemployment Rate By County (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Lowest	
Duplin	5.4%
Camden	5.6%
Ashe	5.6%
Pamlico	5.7%
Sampson	5.7%
Highest	
Scotland	11.5%
Edgecombe	11.1%
Warren	10.1%
Cumberland	10.1%
Buncombe	9.8%

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