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North Carolina’s June County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 98 of North Carolina’s counties in June 2024 and remained unchanged in two. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.0 percent while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.2 percent. All fifteen of the state’s metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.5 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 3.3 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.1 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
June	86	14	0
May (Revised)	94	6	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 97 counties and decreased in three. All fifteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in June by 25,712 to 5,075,390, while those unemployed increased by 29,658 to 215,106. Since June 2023, the number of workers employed statewide increased 1,805, while those unemployed increased 26,148.

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 16, 2024 when the statewide unemployment rate for July 2024 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
June 2024*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,290,496	215,106	4.1				
ALAMANCE	86,753	3,573	4.1	JOHNSTON	113,405	4,189	3.7
ALEXANDER	17,989	700	3.9	JONES	4,509	162	3.6
ALLEGHANY	4,372	200	4.6	LEE	25,448	1,150	4.5
ANSON	10,217	485	4.7	LENOIR	27,741	1,173	4.2
ASHE	13,012	428	3.3	LINCOLN	48,113	1,687	3.5
AVERY	8,140	286	3.5	MCDOWELL	20,179	780	3.9
BEAUFORT	19,714	862	4.4	MACON	16,586	612	3.7
BERTIE	6,956	381	5.5	MADISON	10,229	366	3.6
BLADEN	14,722	700	4.8	MARTIN	8,717	430	4.9
BRUNSWICK	62,177	2,846	4.6	MECKLENBURG	675,746	26,496	3.9
BUNCOMBE	143,988	4,633	3.2	MITCHELL	6,156	253	4.1
BURKE	40,665	1,631	4.0	MONTGOMERY	11,231	494	4.4
CABARRUS	120,439	4,631	3.8	MOORE	43,408	1,755	4.0
CALDWELL	36,167	1,479	4.1	NASH	42,271	2,206	5.2
CAMDEN	4,844	180	3.7	NEW HANOVER	134,272	4,728	3.5
CARTERET	33,866	1,226	3.6	NORTHAMPTON	7,337	366	5.0
CASWELL	9,862	443	4.5	ONSLow	70,263	3,309	4.7
CATAWBA	78,915	3,225	4.1	ORANGE	84,814	2,992	3.5
CHATHAM	39,026	1,348	3.5	PAMLICO	5,675	208	3.7
CHEROKEE	10,884	503	4.6	PASQUOTANK	17,225	774	4.5
CHOWAN	6,013	239	4.0	PENDER	32,028	1,195	3.7
CLAY	4,245	175	4.1	PERQUIMANS	5,180	242	4.7
CLEVELAND	49,863	2,002	4.0	PERSON	19,593	800	4.1
COLUMBUS	22,266	1,095	4.9	PITT	90,493	4,221	4.7
CRAVEN	43,339	1,740	4.0	POLK	9,570	359	3.8
CUMBERLAND	131,020	7,136	5.4	RANDOLPH	65,308	2,789	4.3
CURRITUCK	15,146	496	3.3	RICHMOND	17,212	904	5.3
DARE	22,774	756	3.3	ROBESON	48,148	2,793	5.8
DAVIDSON	81,367	3,358	4.1	ROCKINGHAM	39,303	1,751	4.5
DAVIE	20,716	765	3.7	ROWAN	70,228	2,762	3.9
DUPLIN	26,315	986	3.7	RUTHERFORD	24,011	1,319	5.5
DURHAM	186,017	6,707	3.6	SAMPSON	28,283	1,195	4.2
EDGECOMBE	20,144	1,235	6.1	SCOTLAND	11,268	794	7.0
FORSYTH	188,023	7,987	4.2	STANLY	31,863	1,184	3.7
FRANKLIN	35,652	1,458	4.1	STOKES	21,615	809	3.7
GASTON	118,738	4,755	4.0	SURRY	33,085	1,268	3.8
GATES	5,331	195	3.7	SWAIN	7,174	246	3.4
GRAHAM	2,980	146	4.9	TRANSYLVANIA	15,270	581	3.8
GRANVILLE	30,684	1,088	3.5	TYRRELL	1,513	66	4.4
GREENE	9,822	344	3.5	UNION	135,352	4,872	3.6
GUILFORD	259,622	12,681	4.9	VANCE	16,651	991	6.0
HALIFAX	19,368	1,108	5.7	WAKE	661,380	23,589	3.6
HARNETT	56,025	2,604	4.6	WARREN	6,431	399	6.2
HAYWOOD	30,647	1,066	3.5	WASHINGTON	4,386	210	4.8
HENDERSON	56,431	1,933	3.4	WATAUGA	29,663	1,086	3.7
HERTFORD	8,270	483	5.8	WAYNE	52,651	2,268	4.3
HOKE	20,839	1,068	5.1	WILKES	25,679	1,168	4.5
HYDE	1,968	80	4.1	WILSON	33,910	2,073	6.1
IREDELL	98,213	3,788	3.9	YADKIN	17,667	656	3.7
JACKSON	19,418	853	4.4	YANCEY	8,291	302	3.6

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	4.1	3.5	3.6	0.6	0.5						
ALAMANCE	4.1	3.5	3.7	0.6	0.4	JOHNSTON	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4
ALEXANDER	3.9	3.4	3.2	0.5	0.7	JONES	3.6	3.0	3.4	0.6	0.2
ALLEGHANY	4.6	4.3	5.0	0.3	-0.4	LEE	4.5	3.9	4.1	0.6	0.4
ANSON	4.7	3.9	4.3	0.8	0.4	LENOIR	4.2	3.4	3.6	0.8	0.6
ASHE	3.3	2.9	3.1	0.4	0.2	LINCOLN	3.5	3.0	3.1	0.5	0.4
AVERY	3.5	3.1	2.9	0.4	0.6	MCDOWELL	3.9	3.4	3.3	0.5	0.6
BEAUFORT	4.4	3.9	4.2	0.5	0.2	MACON	3.7	3.2	3.1	0.5	0.6
BERTIE	5.5	4.7	4.7	0.8	0.8	MADISON	3.6	3.1	3.3	0.5	0.3
BLADEN	4.8	4.3	4.4	0.5	0.4	MARTIN	4.9	4.4	4.7	0.5	0.2
BRUNSWICK	4.6	4.0	4.2	0.6	0.4	MECKLENBURG	3.9	3.4	3.4	0.5	0.5
BUNCOMBE	3.2	2.8	2.8	0.4	0.4	MITCHELL	4.1	3.5	3.6	0.6	0.5
BURKE	4.0	3.4	3.6	0.6	0.4	MONTGOMERY	4.4	3.7	3.7	0.7	0.7
CABARRUS	3.8	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.4	MOORE	4.0	3.5	3.6	0.5	0.4
CALDWELL	4.1	3.5	3.6	0.6	0.5	NASH	5.2	4.4	4.8	0.8	0.4
CAMDEN	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4	NEW HANOVER	3.5	3.0	3.3	0.5	0.2
CARTERET	3.6	3.2	3.2	0.4	0.4	NORTHAMPTON	5.0	4.1	4.9	0.9	0.1
CASWELL	4.5	3.8	3.6	0.7	0.9	ONSLow	4.7	4.1	4.2	0.6	0.5
CATAWBA	4.1	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	ORANGE	3.5	3.0	3.1	0.5	0.4
CHATHAM	3.5	3.1	3.0	0.4	0.5	PAMLICO	3.7	3.3	3.3	0.4	0.4
CHEROKEE	4.6	4.1	4.0	0.5	0.6	PASQUOTANK	4.5	4.0	4.1	0.5	0.4
CHOWAN	4.0	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.1	PENDER	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4
CLAY	4.1	3.5	3.8	0.6	0.3	PERQUIMANS	4.7	4.2	4.1	0.5	0.6
CLEVELAND	4.0	3.5	3.6	0.5	0.4	PERSON	4.1	3.5	3.7	0.6	0.4
COLUMBUS	4.9	4.3	4.1	0.6	0.8	PITT	4.7	3.9	4.2	0.8	0.5
CRAVEN	4.0	3.4	3.6	0.6	0.4	POLK	3.8	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.4
CUMBERLAND	5.4	4.7	5.0	0.7	0.4	RANDOLPH	4.3	3.6	3.7	0.7	0.6
CURRITUCK	3.3	2.9	3.1	0.4	0.2	RICHMOND	5.3	4.6	4.6	0.7	0.7
DARE	3.3	3.3	3.0	0.0	0.3	ROBESON	5.8	5.0	5.1	0.8	0.7
DAVIDSON	4.1	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	ROCKINGHAM	4.5	4.0	4.2	0.5	0.3
DAVIE	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4	ROWAN	3.9	3.4	3.5	0.5	0.4
DUPLIN	3.7	3.2	3.4	0.5	0.3	RUTHERFORD	5.5	4.6	4.8	0.9	0.7
DURHAM	3.6	3.1	3.2	0.5	0.4	SAMPSON	4.2	3.5	3.7	0.7	0.5
EDGECOMBE	6.1	5.3	6.2	0.8	-0.1	SCOTLAND	7.0	6.0	6.5	1.0	0.5
FORSYTH	4.2	3.6	3.8	0.6	0.4	STANLY	3.7	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.5
FRANKLIN	4.1	3.6	3.7	0.5	0.4	STOKES	3.7	3.3	3.2	0.4	0.5
GASTON	4.0	3.5	3.4	0.5	0.6	SURRY	3.8	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.4
GATES	3.7	3.4	3.4	0.3	0.3	SWAIN	3.4	3.1	2.7	0.3	0.7
GRAHAM	4.9	4.3	4.3	0.6	0.6	TRANSYLVANIA	3.8	3.4	3.3	0.4	0.5
GRANVILLE	3.5	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.3	TYRRELL	4.4	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.2
GREENE	3.5	2.9	3.0	0.6	0.5	UNION	3.6	3.1	3.1	0.5	0.5
GUILFORD	4.9	4.1	4.2	0.8	0.7	VANCE	6.0	5.2	5.5	0.8	0.5
HALIFAX	5.7	5.0	5.5	0.7	0.2	WAKE	3.6	3.1	3.1	0.5	0.5
HARNETT	4.6	4.1	4.1	0.5	0.5	WARREN	6.2	5.3	5.4	0.9	0.8
HAYWOOD	3.5	3.0	3.1	0.5	0.4	WASHINGTON	4.8	4.1	4.6	0.7	0.2
HENDERSON	3.4	3.0	3.0	0.4	0.4	WATAUGA	3.7	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.5
HERTFORD	5.8	5.1	5.0	0.7	0.8	WAYNE	4.3	3.7	3.9	0.6	0.4
HOKE	5.1	4.5	4.6	0.6	0.5	WILKES	4.5	3.9	4.0	0.6	0.5
HYDE	4.1	4.1	4.5	0.0	-0.4	WILSON	6.1	5.4	5.2	0.7	0.9
IREDELL	3.9	3.3	3.3	0.6	0.6	YADKIN	3.7	3.1	3.5	0.6	0.2
JACKSON	4.4	3.7	3.7	0.7	0.7	YANCEY	3.6	3.1	3.2	0.5	0.4

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
June 2024*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	241,295	7,998	3.3
BURLINGTON	86,753	3,573	4.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,484,975	58,823	4.0
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	329,450	11,847	3.6
FAYETTEVILLE	151,859	8,204	5.4
GOLDSBORO	52,651	2,268	4.3
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	364,233	17,221	4.7
GREENVILLE	90,493	4,221	4.7
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	173,736	7,035	4.0
JACKSONVILLE	70,263	3,309	4.7
NEW BERN	53,523	2,110	3.9
RALEIGH	810,437	29,236	3.6
ROCKY MOUNT	62,415	3,441	5.5
WILMINGTON	166,300	5,923	3.6
WINSTON-SALEM	329,388	13,575	4.1

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	31,863	1,184	3.7
BOONE	29,663	1,086	3.7
BREVARD	15,270	581	3.8
CULLOWHEE	19,418	853	4.4
DUNN	56,025	2,604	4.6
ELIZABETH CITY	27,249	1,196	4.4
FOREST CITY	24,011	1,319	5.5
HENDERSON	16,651	991	6.0
KILL DEVIL HILLS	24,287	822	3.4
KINSTON	27,741	1,173	4.2
LAURINBURG	11,268	794	7.0
LUMBERTON	48,148	2,793	5.8
MARION	20,179	780	3.9
MOREHEAD CITY	33,866	1,226	3.6
MOUNT AIRY	33,085	1,268	3.8
NORTH WILKESBORO	25,679	1,168	4.5
OXFORD	30,684	1,088	3.5
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	43,408	1,755	4.0
ROANOKE RAPIDS	26,705	1,474	5.5
ROCKINGHAM	17,212	904	5.3
SANFORD	25,448	1,150	4.5
SHELBY	49,863	2,002	4.0
WASHINGTON	19,714	862	4.4
WILSON	33,910	2,073	6.1

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
June 2024*

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	256,565	8,579	3.3
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,566,701	62,009	4.0
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	211,275	11,791	5.6
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	813,459	35,637	4.4
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	110,207	5,083	4.6
HICKORY-LENOIR	193,915	7,815	4.0
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	87,389	3,336	3.8
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,268,695	46,916	3.7
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	123,030	6,988	5.7

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.3	2.9	2.9	0.4	0.4
BURLINGTON	4.1	3.5	3.7	0.6	0.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	4.0	3.4	3.3	0.6	0.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.6	3.1	3.2	0.5	0.4
FAYETTEVILLE	5.4	4.6	4.9	0.8	0.5
GOLDSBORO	4.3	3.7	3.9	0.6	0.4
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.7	4.0	4.1	0.7	0.6
GREENVILLE	4.7	3.9	4.2	0.8	0.5
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	4.0	3.5	3.5	0.5	0.5
JACKSONVILLE	4.7	4.1	4.2	0.6	0.5
NEW BERN	3.9	3.4	3.5	0.5	0.4
RALEIGH	3.6	3.1	3.2	0.5	0.4
ROCKY MOUNT	5.5	4.7	5.2	0.8	0.3
WILMINGTON	3.6	3.1	3.3	0.5	0.3
WINSTON-SALEM	4.1	3.5	3.6	0.6	0.5

Micropolitan Statistical Area	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.7	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.5
BOONE	3.7	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.5
BREVARD	3.8	3.4	3.3	0.4	0.5
CULLOWHEE	4.4	3.7	3.7	0.7	0.7
DUNN	4.6	4.1	4.1	0.5	0.5
ELIZABETH CITY	4.4	3.9	4.0	0.5	0.4
FOREST CITY	5.5	4.6	4.8	0.9	0.7
HENDERSON	6.0	5.2	5.5	0.8	0.5
KILL DEVIL HILLS	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
KINSTON	4.2	3.4	3.6	0.8	0.6
LAURINBURG	7.0	6.0	6.5	1.0	0.5
LUMBERTON	5.8	5.0	5.1	0.8	0.7
MARION	3.9	3.4	3.3	0.5	0.6
MOREHEAD CITY	3.6	3.2	3.2	0.4	0.4
MOUNT AIRY	3.8	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.4
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.5	3.9	4.0	0.6	0.5
OXFORD	3.5	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.3
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	4.0	3.5	3.6	0.5	0.4
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.5	4.8	5.3	0.7	0.2
ROCKINGHAM	5.3	4.6	4.6	0.7	0.7
SANFORD	4.5	3.9	4.1	0.6	0.4
SHELBY	4.0	3.5	3.6	0.5	0.4
WASHINGTON	4.4	3.9	4.2	0.5	0.2
WILSON	6.1	5.4	5.2	0.7	0.9

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

Combined Statistical Area	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.3	2.9	2.9	0.4	0.4
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	4.0	3.4	3.4	0.6	0.6
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.6	4.8	5.1	0.8	0.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	4.4	3.7	3.8	0.7	0.6
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.6	3.9	4.2	0.7	0.4
HICKORY-LENOIR	4.0	3.5	3.5	0.5	0.5
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.8	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.7	4.9	5.2	0.8	0.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
BUNCOMBE	143,988	4,633	3.2	1	CATAWBA	78,915	3,225	4.1	51
CURRITUCK	15,146	496	3.3	2	CALDWELL	36,167	1,479	4.1	52
ASHE	13,012	428	3.3	3	FRANKLIN	35,652	1,458	4.1	53
DARE	22,774	756	3.3	4	MITCHELL	6,156	253	4.1	54
HENDERSON	56,431	1,933	3.4	5	ALAMANCE	86,753	3,573	4.1	55
SWAIN	7,174	246	3.4	6	CLAY	4,245	175	4.1	56
CHATHAM	39,026	1,348	3.5	7	DAVIDSON	81,367	3,358	4.1	57
HAYWOOD	30,647	1,066	3.5	8	SAMPSON	28,283	1,195	4.2	58
GREENE	9,822	344	3.5	9	LENOIR	27,741	1,173	4.2	59
LINCOLN	48,113	1,687	3.5	10	FORSYTH	188,023	7,987	4.2	60
AVERY	8,140	286	3.5	11	RANDOLPH	65,308	2,789	4.3	61
NEW HANOVER	134,272	4,728	3.5	12	WAYNE	52,651	2,268	4.3	62
ORANGE	84,814	2,992	3.5	13	TYRRELL	1,513	66	4.4	63
GRANVILLE	30,684	1,088	3.5	14	BEAUFORT	19,714	862	4.4	64
WAKE	661,380	23,589	3.6	15	JACKSON	19,418	853	4.4	65
MADISON	10,229	366	3.6	16	MONTGOMERY	11,231	494	4.4	66
JONES	4,509	162	3.6	17	ROCKINGHAM	39,303	1,751	4.5	67
UNION	135,352	4,872	3.6	18	CASWELL	9,862	443	4.5	68
DURHAM	186,017	6,707	3.6	19	PASQUOTANK	17,225	774	4.5	69
CARTERET	33,866	1,226	3.6	20	LEE	25,448	1,150	4.5	70
YANCEY	8,291	302	3.6	21	WILKES	25,679	1,168	4.5	71
GATES	5,331	195	3.7	22	ALLEGHANY	4,372	200	4.6	72
WATAUGA	29,663	1,086	3.7	23	BRUNSWICK	62,177	2,846	4.6	73
PAMLICO	5,675	208	3.7	24	CHEROKEE	10,884	503	4.6	74
MACON	16,586	612	3.7	25	HARNETT	56,025	2,604	4.6	75
DAVIE	20,716	765	3.7	26	PITT	90,493	4,221	4.7	76
JOHNSTON	113,405	4,189	3.7	27	PERQUIMANS	5,180	242	4.7	77
YADKIN	17,667	656	3.7	28	ONSLOW	70,263	3,309	4.7	78
STANLY	31,863	1,184	3.7	29	ANSON	10,217	485	4.7	79
CAMDEN	4,844	180	3.7	30	BLADEN	14,722	700	4.8	80
PENDER	32,028	1,195	3.7	31	WASHINGTON	4,386	210	4.8	81
STOKES	21,615	809	3.7	32	GUILFORD	259,622	12,681	4.9	82
DUPLIN	26,315	986	3.7	33	GRAHAM	2,980	146	4.9	83
POLK	9,570	359	3.8	34	COLUMBUS	22,266	1,095	4.9	84
TRANSYLVANIA	15,270	581	3.8	35	MARTIN	8,717	430	4.9	85
SURRY	33,085	1,268	3.8	36	NORTHAMPTON	7,337	366	5.0	86
CABARRUS	120,439	4,631	3.8	37	HOKE	20,839	1,068	5.1	87
IREDELL	98,213	3,788	3.9	38	NASH	42,271	2,206	5.2	88
MCDOWELL	20,179	780	3.9	39	RICHMOND	17,212	904	5.3	89
ALEXANDER	17,989	700	3.9	40	CUMBERLAND	131,020	7,136	5.4	90
MECKLENBURG	675,746	26,496	3.9	41	BERTIE	6,956	381	5.5	91
ROWAN	70,228	2,762	3.9	42	RUTHERFORD	24,011	1,319	5.5	92
CHOWAN	6,013	239	4.0	43	HALIFAX	19,368	1,108	5.7	93
GASTON	118,738	4,755	4.0	44	ROBESON	48,148	2,793	5.8	94
BURKE	40,665	1,631	4.0	45	HERTFORD	8,270	483	5.8	95
Craven	43,339	1,740	4.0	46	VANCE	16,651	991	6.0	96
CLEVELAND	49,863	2,002	4.0	47	WILSON	33,910	2,073	6.1	97
MOORE	43,408	1,755	4.0	48	EDGECOMBE	20,144	1,235	6.1	98
HYDE	1,968	80	4.1	49	WARREN	6,431	399	6.2	99
PERSON	19,593	800	4.1	50	SCOTLAND	11,268	794	7.0	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, August 16, 2024 when the statewide unemployment rate for July 2024 will be released.

The complete data release schedule through 2024 can be accessed here:

<https://www.commerce.nc.gov/documents/release-dates-unemployment-rates>