North Carolina's November County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 92 of North Carolina's counties in November, increased in four, and remained unchanged in four. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.3 percent while Buncombe and Orange Counties each had the lowest at 3.0 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.9 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 3.1 percent. The November not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.8 percent.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
November	84	16	0
October (Revised)	82	18	0

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 66 counties, decreased in 20 counties, and remained unchanged in 14. Eleven of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases over the year, three decreased, and one remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in November by 26,268 to 4,922,940, while those unemployed decreased by 9,287 to 193,189. Since November 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 100,977, while those unemployed increased 6,359.

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 Tuesday, January 24, 2023 when the state unemployment rate for December 2022 will be released.

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

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
November 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	5,116,129	193,189	3.8				
ALAMANCE	82,872	3,113	3.8	JOHNSTON	107,290	3,629	3.4
ALEXANDER	17,696	580	3.3	JONES	4,235	159	3.8
ALLEGHANY	4,320	168	3.9	LEE	26,447	1,145	4.3
ANSON	10,196	465	4.6	LENOIR	26,931	1,016	3.8
ASHE	13,102	433	3.3	LINCOLN	45,977	1,487	3.2
AVERY	7,491	242	3.2	MCDOWELL	19,551	734	3.8
BEAUFORT	19,771	780	3.9	MACON	15,611	544	3.5
BERTIE	7,301	355	4.9	MADISON	9,878	346	3.5
BLADEN	13,854	686	5.0	MARTIN	8,639	394	4.6
BRUNSWICK	54,935	2,727	5.0	MECKLENBURG	647,068	23,653	3.7
BUNCOMBE	139,023	4,163	3.0	MITCHELL	5,979	253	4.2
BURKE	40,153	1,435	3.6	MONTGOMERY	11,403	421	3.7
CABARRUS	115,172	4,069	3.5	MOORE	40,998	1,540	3.8
CALDWELL	35,755	1,320	3.7	NASH	41,616	2,210	5.3
CAMDEN	4,597	163	3.5	NEW HANOVER	126,974	4,306	3.4
CARTERET	31,400	1,119	3.6	NORTHAMPTON	7,072	338	4.8
CASWELL	9,761	389	4.0	ONSLOW	66,902	2,975	4.4
CATAWBA	78,086	2,786	3.6	ORANGE	82,526	2,501	3.0
CHATHAM	37,854	1,179	3.1	PAMLICO	5,374	196	3.6
CHEROKEE	10,803	461	4.3	PASQUOTANK	16,466	742	4.5
CHOWAN	5,801	247	4.3	PENDER	30,168	1,089	3.6
CLAY	4,026	170	4.2	PERQUIMANS	4,898	226	4.6
CLEVELAND	48,648	1,967	4.0	PERSON	19,093	742	3.9
COLUMBUS	22,949	1,050	4.6	PITT	88,677	3,654	4.1
CRAVEN	41,156	1,589	3.9	POLK	9,332	343	3.7
CUMBERLAND	128,014	7,095	5.5	RANDOLPH	65,625	2,408	3.7
CURRITUCK	14,467	483	3.3	RICHMOND	16,270	937	5.8
DARE	18,948	765	4.0	ROBESON	47,770	2,910	6.1
DAVIDSON	80,920	2,895	3.6	ROCKINGHAM	39,691	1,706	4.3
DAVIE	20,636	712	3.5	ROWAN	67,151	2,491	3.7
DUPLIN	24,178	912	3.8	RUTHERFORD	24,104	1,252	5.2
DURHAM	181,388	5,771	3.2	SAMPSON	28,102	1,039	3.7
EDGECOMBE	20,013	1,453	7.3	SCOTLAND	11,165	806	7.2
FORSYTH	187,471	7,102	3.8	STANLY	30,220	1,013	3.4
FRANKLIN	33,755	1,248	3.7	STOKES	21,494	721	3.4
GASTON	113,801	4,368	3.8	SURRY	31,600	1,115	3.5
GATES	5,060	179	3.5	SWAIN	7,202	223	3.1
GRAHAM	2,960	156	5.3	TRANSYLVANIA	14,568	520	3.6
GRANVILLE	30,309	960	3.2	TYRRELL	1,256	67	5.3
GREENE	9,479	297	3.1	UNION	129,189	4,181	3.2
GUILFORD	261,670	11,094	4.2	VANCE	16,639	1,092	6.6
HALIFAX	18,881	1,154	6.1	WAKE	626,617	19,591	3.1
HARNETT	55,090	2,340	4.2	WARREN	6,458	430	6.7
HAYWOOD	29,563	946	3.2	WASHINGTON	4,293	255	5.9
HENDERSON	54,392	1,752	3.2	WATAUGA	29,357	951	3.2
HERTFORD	8,547	467	5.5	WAYNE	50,901	2,065	4.1
HOKE	20,318	1,077	5.3	WILKES	26,791	1,059	4.0
HYDE	1,750	88	5.0	WILSON	32,650	1,819	5.6
IREDELL	93,836	3,281	3.5	YADKIN	17,548	620	3.5
JACKSON	19,991	739	3.7	YANCEY	8,207	286	3.5

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	0.1						
ALAMANCE	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	0.1	JOHNSTON	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
ALEXANDER	3.3	3.5	3.2	-0.2	0.1	JONES	3.8	3.7	3.4	0.1	0.4
ALLEGHANY	3.9	4.0	3.5	-0.1	0.4	LEE	4.3	4.6	4.3	-0.3	0.0
ANSON	4.6	4.9	5.3	-0.3	-0.7	LENOIR	3.8	3.9	4.0	-0.1	-0.2
ASHE	3.3	3.5	2.9	-0.2	0.4	LINCOLN	3.2	3.4	3.1	-0.2	0.1
AVERY	3.2	3.4	2.9	-0.2	0.3	MCDOWELL	3.8	3.9	3.4	-0.1	0.4
BEAUFORT	3.9	4.2	3.8	-0.3	0.1	MACON	3.5	3.7	3.0	-0.2	0.5
BERTIE	4.9	5.0	4.8	-0.1	0.1	MADISON	3.5	3.6	3.1	-0.1	0.4
BLADEN	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2	MARTIN	4.6	4.8	4.2	-0.2	0.4
BRUNSWICK	5.0	5.1	4.8	-0.1	0.2	MECKLENBURG	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1	-0.1
BUNCOMBE	3.0	3.2	3.0	-0.2	0.0	MITCHELL	4.2	4.6	4.0	-0.4	0.2
BURKE	3.6	3.8	3.4	-0.2	0.2	MONTGOMERY	3.7	3.8	3.6	-0.1	0.1
CABARRUS	3.5	3.6	3.4	-0.1	0.1	MOORE	3.8	4.0	3.5	-0.2	0.3
CALDWELL	3.7	3.9	3.7	-0.2	0.0	NASH	5.3	5.6	5.0	-0.3	0.3
CAMDEN	3.5	3.8	3.1	-0.3	0.4	NEW HANOVER	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
CARTERET	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4	NORTHAMPTON	4.8	5.1	5.0	-0.3	-0.2
CASWELL	4.0	4.2	4.0	-0.2	0.0	ONSLOW	4.4	4.6	3.9	-0.2	0.5
CATAWBA	3.6	3.8	3.5	-0.2	0.1	ORANGE	3.0	3.1	2.6	-0.1	0.4
CHATHAM	3.1	3.3	2.7	-0.2	0.4	PAMLICO	3.6	3.9	3.4	-0.3	0.2
CHEROKEE	4.3	4.4	3.8	-0.1	0.5	PASQUOTANK	4.5	4.6	4.1	-0.1	0.4
CHOWAN	4.3	4.4	3.8	-0.1	0.5	PENDER	3.6	3.8	3.2	-0.2	0.4
CLAY	4.2	4.5	3.7	-0.3	0.5	PERQUIMANS	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	0.3
CLEVELAND	4.0	4.2	4.2	-0.2	-0.2	PERSON	3.9	4.0	3.8	-0.1	0.1
COLUMBUS	4.6	4.7	5.1	-0.1	-0.5	PITT	4.1	4.2	3.9	-0.1	0.2
CRAVEN	3.9	4.1	3.6	-0.2	0.3	POLK	3.7	4.0	4.0	-0.3	-0.3
CUMBERLAND	5.5	5.7	5.6	-0.2	-0.1	RANDOLPH	3.7	3.9	3.5	-0.2	0.2
CURRITUCK	3.3	3.5	3.0	-0.2	0.3	RICHMOND	5.8	6.0	6.0	-0.2	-0.2
DARE	4.0	3.7	4.2	0.3	-0.2	ROBESON	6.1	6.3	6.3	-0.2	-0.2
DAVIDSON	3.6	3.8	3.5	-0.2	0.1	ROCKINGHAM	4.3	4.5	4.3	-0.2	0.0
DAVIE	3.5	3.7	3.3	-0.2	0.2	ROWAN	3.7	3.9	3.7	-0.2	0.0
DUPLIN	3.8	3.9	3.5	-0.1	0.3	RUTHERFORD	5.2	5.4	5.2	-0.2	0.0
DURHAM	3.2	3.3	3.1	-0.1	0.1	SAMPSON	3.7	3.8	3.5	-0.1	0.2
EDGECOMBE	7.3	7.5	7.3	-0.2	0.0	SCOTLAND	7.2	7.4	7.7	-0.2	-0.5
FORSYTH	3.8	4.0	3.8	-0.2	0.0	STANLY	3.4	3.6	3.4	-0.2	0.0
FRANKLIN	3.7	3.9	3.7	-0.2	0.0	STOKES	3.4	3.6	3.2	-0.2	0.2
GASTON	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3	SURRY	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
GATES	3.5	4.0	3.2	-0.5	0.3	SWAIN	3.1	3.2	3.3	-0.1	-0.2
GRAHAM	5.3	5.3	5.6	0.0	-0.3	TRANSYLVANIA	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
GRANVILLE	3.2	3.4	3.1	-0.2	0.1	TYRRELL	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
GREENE	3.1	3.4	3.2	-0.3	-0.1	UNION	3.2	3.3	3.0	-0.1	0.2
GUILFORD	4.2	4.4	4.4	-0.2	-0.2	VANCE	6.6	6.7	6.5	-0.1	0.1
HALIFAX	6.1	6.3	6.2	-0.2	-0.1	WAKE	3.1	3.3	3.0	-0.2	0.1
HARNETT	4.2	4.4	4.2	-0.2	0.0	WARREN	6.7	7.0	6.5	-0.3	0.2
HAYWOOD	3.2	3.4	3.2	-0.2	0.0	WASHINGTON	5.9	5.7	5.6	0.2	0.3
HENDERSON	3.2	3.4	3.0	-0.2	0.2	WATAUGA	3.2	3.4	2.7	-0.2	0.5
HERTFORD	5.5	5.6	5.4	-0.1	0.1	WAYNE	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1
HOKE	5.3	5.5	5.2	-0.2	0.1	WILKES	4.0	4.1	3.7	-0.1	0.3
HYDE	5.0	4.7	5.3	0.3	-0.3	WILSON	5.6	5.7	5.5	-0.1	0.1
IREDELL	3.5	3.7	3.5	-0.2	0.0	YADKIN	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.3
JACKSON	3.7	3.8	3.4	-0.1	0.3	YANCEY	3.5	3.8	3.2	-0.3	0.3

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
November 2022

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE	232,856	7,207	3.1
BURLINGTON	82,872	3,113	3.8
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	1,417,899	49,229	3.5
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	320,861	10,193	3.2
FAYETTEVILLE	148,332	8,172	5.5
GOLDSBORO	50,901	2,065	4.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	366,986	15,208	4.1
GREENVILLE	88,677	3,654	4.1
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	171,690	6,121	3.6
JACKSONVILLE	66,902	2,975	4.4
NEW BERN	50,765	1,944	3.8
RALEIGH	767,662	24,468	3.2
ROCKY MOUNT	61,629	3,663	5.9
WILMINGTON	157,142	5,395	3.4
WINSTON-SALEM	328,069	12,050	3.7

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,220	1,013	3.4
BOONE	29,357	951	3.2
BREVARD	14,568	520	3.6
CULLOWHEE	19,991	739	3.7
DUNN	55,090	2,340	4.2
ELIZABETH CITY	25,961	1,131	4.4
FOREST CITY	24,104	1,252	5.2
HENDERSON	16,639	1,092	6.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	20,204	832	4.1
KINSTON	26,931	1,016	3.8
LAURINBURG	11,165	806	7.2
LUMBERTON	47,770	2,910	6.1
MARION	19,551	734	3.8
MOREHEAD CITY	31,400	1,119	3.6
MOUNT AIRY	31,600	1,115	3.5
NORTH WILKESBORO	26,791	1,059	4.0
OXFORD	30,309	960	3.2
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	40,998	1,540	3.8
ROANOKE RAPIDS	25,953	1,492	5.7
ROCKINGHAM	16,270	937	5.8
SANFORD	26,447	1,145	4.3
SHELBY	48,648	1,967	4.0
WASHINGTON	19,771	780	3.9
WILSON	32,650	1,819	5.6

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
November 2022

Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	247,424	7,727	3.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	1,496,767	52,209	3.5
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	207,267	11,888	5.7
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	809,527	31,486	3.9
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	108,448	4,434	4.1
HICKORY-LENOIR	191,241	6,855	3.6
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	82,165	3,063	3.7
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	1,217,008	40,198	3.3
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	120,232	6,974	5.8

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	3.1	3.3	3.1	-0.2	0.0
BURLINGTON	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	0.1
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD-GASTONIA	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.2	3.3	3.0	-0.1	0.2
FAYETTEVILLE	5.5	5.7	5.6	-0.2	-0.1
GOLDSBORO	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	4.1	4.3	4.2	-0.2	-0.1
GREENVILLE	4.1	4.2	3.9	-0.1	0.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	3.6	3.8	3.5	-0.2	0.1
JACKSONVILLE	4.4	4.6	3.9	-0.2	0.5
NEW BERN	3.8	4.0	3.6	-0.2	0.2
RALEIGH	3.2	3.3	3.1	-0.1	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT	5.9	6.2	5.8	-0.3	0.1
WILMINGTON	3.4	3.6	3.2	-0.2	0.2
WINSTON-SALEM	3.7	3.8	3.6	-0.1	0.1

Micropolitan Statistical Area	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	3.4	3.6	3.4	-0.2	0.0
BOONE	3.2	3.4	2.7	-0.2	0.5
BREVARD	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
CULLOWHEE	3.7	3.8	3.4	-0.1	0.3
DUNN	4.2	4.4	4.2	-0.2	0.0
ELIZABETH CITY	4.4	4.5	4.0	-0.1	0.4
FOREST CITY	5.2	5.4	5.2	-0.2	0.0
HENDERSON	6.6	6.7	6.5	-0.1	0.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	4.1	3.9	4.3	0.2	-0.2
KINSTON	3.8	3.9	4.0	-0.1	-0.2
LAURINBURG	7.2	7.4	7.7	-0.2	-0.5
LUMBERTON	6.1	6.3	6.3	-0.2	-0.2
MARION	3.8	3.9	3.4	-0.1	0.4
MOREHEAD CITY	3.6	3.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
MOUNT AIRY	3.5	3.8	3.3	-0.3	0.2
NORTH WILKESBORO	4.0	4.1	3.7	-0.1	0.3
OXFORD	3.2	3.4	3.1	-0.2	0.1
PINEHURST-SOUTHERN PINES	3.8	4.0	3.5	-0.2	0.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.7	6.0	5.9	-0.3	-0.2
ROCKINGHAM	5.8	6.0	6.0	-0.2	-0.2
SANFORD	4.3	4.6	4.3	-0.3	0.0
SHELBY	4.0	4.2	4.2	-0.2	-0.2
WASHINGTON	3.9	4.2	3.8	-0.3	0.1
WILSON	5.6	5.7	5.5	-0.1	0.1

COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

Combined Statistical Area	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	3.1	3.3	3.1	-0.2	0.0
CHARLOTTE-CONCORD	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1
FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	5.7	5.9	5.9	-0.2	-0.2
GREENSBORO-WINSTON-SALEM-HIGH POINT	3.9	4.1	3.9	-0.2	0.0
GREENVILLE-WASHINGTON	4.1	4.2	3.9	-0.1	0.2
HICKORY-LENOIR	3.6	3.8	3.5	-0.2	0.1
NEW BERN-MOREHEAD CITY	3.7	3.9	3.4	-0.2	0.3
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	3.3	3.5	3.2	-0.2	0.1
ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON-ROANOKE RAPIDS	5.8	6.0	5.7	-0.2	0.1

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for November 2022

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
BUNCOMBE	139,023	4,163	3.0%	1	ALAMANCE	82,872	3,113	3.8%	51
ORANGE	82,526	2,501	3.0%	2	DUPLIN	24,178	912	3.8%	52
SWAIN	7,202	223	3.1%	3	LENOIR	26,931	1,016	3.8%	53
CHATHAM	37,854	1,179	3.1%	4	FORSYTH	187,471	7,102	3.8%	54
WAKE	626,617	19,591	3.1%	5	GASTON	113,801	4,368	3.8%	55
GREENE	9,479	297	3.1%	6	CRAVEN	41,156	1,589	3.9%	56
GRANVILLE	30,309	960	3.2%	7	PERSON	19,093	742	3.9%	57
DURHAM	181,388	5,771	3.2%	8	ALLEGHANY	4,320	168	3.9%	58
HAYWOOD	29,563	946	3.2%	9	BEAUFORT	19,771	780	3.9%	59
HENDERSON	54,392	1,752	3.2%	10	WILKES	26,791	1,059	4.0%	60
AVERY	7,491	242	3.2%	11	CASWELL	9,761	389	4.0%	61
LINCOLN	45,977	1,487	3.2%	12	DARE	18,948	765	4.0%	62
UNION	129,189	4,181	3.2%	13	CLEVELAND	48,648	1,967	4.0%	63
WATAUGA	29,357	951	3.2%	14	WAYNE	50,901	2,065	4.1%	64
ALEXANDER	17,696	580	3.3%	15	PITT	88,677	3,654	4.1%	65
ASHE	13,102	433	3.3%	16	CLAY	4,026	170	4.2%	66
CURRITUCK	14,467	483	3.3%	17	MITCHELL	5,979	253	4.2%	67
STANLY	30,220	1,013	3.4%	18	GUILFORD	261,670	11,094	4.2%	68
STOKES	21,494	721	3.4%	19	HARNETT	55,090	2,340	4.2%	69
JOHNSTON	107,290	3,629	3.4%	20	CHOWAN	5,801	247	4.3%	70
NEW HANOVER	126,974	4,306	3.4%	21	CHEROKEE	10,803	461	4.3%	71
DAVIE	20,636	712	3.5%	22	ROCKINGHAM	39,691	1,706	4.3%	72
MACON	15,611	544	3.5%	23	LEE	26,447	1,145	4.3%	73
YANCEY	8,207	286	3.5%	24	ONSLOW	66,902	2,975	4.4%	74
IREDELL	93,836	3,281	3.5%	25	PASQUOTANK	16,466	742	4.5%	75
MADISON	9,878	346	3.5%	26	ANSON	10,196	465	4.6%	76
SURRY	31,600	1,115	3.5%	27	MARTIN	8,639	394	4.6%	77
CABARRUS	115,172	4,069	3.5%	28	COLUMBUS	22,949	1,050	4.6%	78
YADKIN	17,548	620	3.5%	29	PERQUIMANS	4,898	226	4.6%	79
GATES	5,060	179	3.5%	30	NORTHAMPTON	7,072	338	4.8%	80
CAMDEN	4,597	163	3.5%	31	BERTIE	7,301	355	4.9%	81
CARTERET	31,400	1,119	3.6%	32	BLADEN	13,854	686	5.0%	82
CATAWBA	78,086	2,786	3.6%	33	BRUNSWICK	54,935	2,727	5.0%	83
TRANSYLVANIA	14,568	520	3.6%	34	HYDE	1,750	88	5.0%	84
BURKE	40,153	1,435	3.6%	35	RUTHERFORD	24,104	1,252	5.2%	85
DAVIDSON	80,920	2,895	3.6%	36	GRAHAM	2,960	156	5.3%	86
PENDER	30,168	1,089	3.6%	37	HOKE	20,318	1,077	5.3%	87
PAMLICO	5,374	196	3.6%	38	NASH	41,616	2,210	5.3%	88
MECKLENBURG	647,068	23,653	3.7%	39	TYRRELL	1,256	67	5.3%	89
RANDOLPH	65,625	2,408	3.7%	40	HERTFORD	8,547	467	5.5%	90
POLK	9,332	343	3.7%	41	CUMBERLAND	128,014	7,095	5.5%	91
CALDWELL	35,755	1,320	3.7%	42	WILSON	32,650	1,819	5.6%	92
MONTGOMERY	11,403	421	3.7%	43	RICHMOND	16,270	937	5.8%	93
JACKSON	19,991	739	3.7%	44	WASHINGTON	4,293	255	5.9%	94
FRANKLIN	33,755	1,248	3.7%	45	ROBESON	47,770	2,910	6.1%	95
SAMPSON	28,102	1,039	3.7%	46	HALIFAX	18,881	1,154	6.1%	96
ROWAN	67,151	2,491	3.7%	47	VANCE	16,639	1,092	6.6%	97
MCDOWELL	19,551	734	3.8%	48	WARREN	6,458	430	6.7%	98
JONES	4,235	159	3.8%	49	SCOTLAND	11,165	806	7.2%	99
MOORE	40,998	1,540	3.8%	50	EDGECOMBE	20,013	1,453	7.3%	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 Tuesday, January 24, 2023 when the state unemployment rate for December 2022 will be released.

The complete 2022 data release schedule can be accessed at:

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