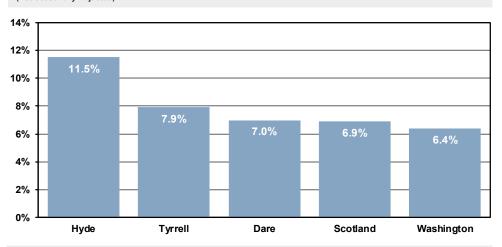
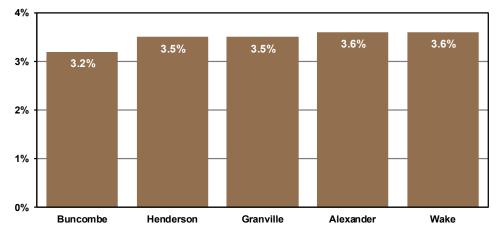
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#### Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates March 2019\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)







#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates March 2019\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

8% 6% 5.3% 5.2% 4.9% 4% 4.4% 4.4% 4.2% 4.3% 4.1% 3.9% 3.9% 3.9% 3.8% 3.7% 3.7% 3.6% 3.3% 2% 0% Hickory/Lenoir/ Morganton Asheville Raleigh Durham/ Chapel Hill Winston-Salem Wilmington Greensboro/ High Point Greenville lacksonville **Rocky Mount** North Carolina Burlington Goldsboro Charlotte/Concord/ Gastonia, NC-SC Fayetteville New Bern

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.1 percent in March. This decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from February's revised rate, and increased 0.1 of a percentage point over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 81 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Forty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 4.1 percent rate.

Hyde County recorded March's highest unemployment rate at 11.5 percent, followed by Tyrrell at 7.9 percent, Dare at 7.0 percent, and Scotland at 6.9 percent. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in 13 of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in March at 5.3 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 5.2 percent, Jacksonville at 4.9 percent, and Goldsboro & New Bern at 4.4 percent. Asheville reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Raleigh at 3.6 percent.

\*All March 2019 data are preliminary.

#### Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 3.3% Total Nonfarm | 199,700 Monthly Change | 2,000, 1.0% Yearly Change | 5,900, 3.0%

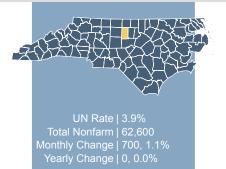
#### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.0%	
Manufacturing	300	1.3%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.1%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.5%	
Education & Health Services	500	1.3%	
Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.4%	
Other Services	100	1.2%	
Government	200	0.8%	

#### **Over-the-Year Employment Change**

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Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,000	11.0%	
Manufacturing	1,400	6.4%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.4%	
Information	100	5.3%	
Financial Activities	200	3.1%	
Professional & Business Services	700	3.9%	
Education & Health Services	1,300	3.4%	
Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.4%	
Other Services	200	2.4%	
Government	100	0.4%	

#### Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Char	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	3.7%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	400	8.2%	
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	100	1.4%	

Over-the-Year Employment Change	е		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	100	1.1%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-3.8%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	100	1.9%	
Education & Health Services	200	1.6%	
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
Other Services	100	5.0%	
Government	0	0.0%	

#### Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 3.7% Total Nonfarm | 1,224,000 Monthly Change | 12,700, 1.1% Yearly Change | 29,200, 2.4%

#### **Over-the-Month Employment Change** Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction 500 0.8% Manufacturing 900 0.8% 4,200 1.7% Trade, Transportation & Utilities Information 200 0.7% **Financial Activities** -0.4% -400 Professional & Business Services 3,100 1.5% Education & Health Services 200 0.2% Leisure & Hospitality 2,400 1.7% Other Services 1,100 2.6% Government 500 0.3%

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je	
Industry	Char	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	-900	-1.4%
Manufacturing	3,900	3.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,600	2.3%
Information	700	2.4%
Financial Activities	1,700	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	8,300	4.1%
Education & Health Services	4,100	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,400	3.9%
Other Services	2,400	5.9%
Government	-2.000	-1.3%

#### Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019

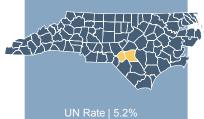
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	UN Rate   3.7% Total Nonfarm   316,700 Monthly Change   1,100, 0.4%	
	Yearly Change   2,600, 0.8%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change			
Industry	Char	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
Manufacturing	100	0.4%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-300	-0.7%	
Education & Health Services	300	0.4%	
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.5%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	200	0.3%	

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je		
Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.4%	
Manufacturing	200	0.7%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-400	-1.1%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	2,200	5.0%	
Education & Health Services	700	1.0%	
Leisure & Hospitality	500	1.8%	
Other Services	-300	-2.7%	
Government	-500	-0.7%	

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#### Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



Yearly Change | 800, 0.6%

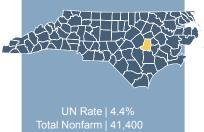
#### **Over-the-Month Employment Change**

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Industry	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.8%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%	
Information	100	9.1%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.8%	
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.7%	
Leisure & Hospitality	300	1.8%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	
Government	100	0.2%	

#### **Over-the-Year Employment Change**

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Industry	Cha	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	300	5.5%	
Manufacturing	-100	-1.2%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.4%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	-100	-2.6%	
Professional & Business Services	200	1.7%	
Education & Health Services	-400	-2.6%	
Leisure & Hospitality	500	3.1%	
Other Services	-100	-2.2%	
Government	600	1.5%	

#### Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



Total Nonfarm | 41,400 *I*onthly Change | 200, 0.5% Yearly Change | -300, -0.7%

#### **Over-the-Month Employment Change** Industry Change Mining, Logging & Construction

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Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	200	2.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Chan	ige
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	100	1.1%

#### Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



Monthly Change | 500, 0.1% Yearly Change | -1,500, -0.4%

#### **Over-the-Month Employment Change**

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.7%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-300	-0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-0.4%
Education & Health Services	200	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	1.4%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.2%

<b>Over-the-Year Employment Chang</b>	ge	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.7%
Manufacturing	-500	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	0.5%
Information	-100	-2.2%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-1,300	-2.7%
Education & Health Services	200	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-0.8%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

#### Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019

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	UN Rate   4.3%	
	Total Nonfarm   81,300	
	Monthly Change   300, 0.4%	
	Yearly Change   100, 0.1%	

Over-the-Month Employment Change				
Industry	Change			
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.9%		
Manufacturing	-100	-1.6%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.9%		
Information	0	0.0%		
Financial Activities	0	0.0%		
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%		
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.1%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	300	1.1%		

**Over-the-Year Employment Change** 

Industry	Cha	ange
Mining, Logging & Construction	400	12.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-300	-10.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.5%
Education & Health Services	-200	-2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.1%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	300	1.1%

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#### Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 3.9% Total Nonfarm | 154,900 Monthly Change | -300, -0.2% Yearly Change | 1,100, 0.7%

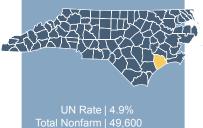
#### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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Industry	Change			
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%		
Manufacturing	-100	-0.2%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.3%		
Information	0	0.0%		
Financial Activities	0	0.0%		
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.4%		
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%		
Other Services	0	0.0%		
Government	100	0.4%		

#### **Over-the-Year Employment Change**

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Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.4%
Manufacturing	900	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-2.1%
Education & Health Services	400	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	100	2.2%
Government	0	0.0%

#### Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 4.9% Total Nonfarm | 49,600 Monthly Change | 400, 0.8% Yearly Change | -200, -0.4%

### Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Chan	ge
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	100	0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change				
Industry	Char	ige		
Mining, Logging & Construction	*			
Manufacturing				
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*			
Information				
Financial Activities	*			
Professional & Business Services	*			
Education & Health Services	*			
Leisure & Hospitality	*			
Other Services	*			
Government	200	1.4%		

#### New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 4.4% Total Nonfarm | 44,500 Monthly Change | 300, 0.7% Yearly Change | 0, 0.0%

#### Over-the-Month Employment Change

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100	0.7%
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Over-the-Year Employment Change					
Industry	Chan	ige			
Mining, Logging & Construction	*				
Manufacturing					
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*				
Information	*				
Financial Activities	*				
Professional & Business Services	*				
Education & Health Services	*				
Leisure & Hospitality	*				
Other Services	*				
Government	200	1.4%			

#### Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019

		Over-the-Month Employment Change Over			Over-the-Year Employment Change	3	
	Industry Change		nge	Industry	Cha	nge	
-		Mining, Logging & Construction	-500	-1.2%	Mining, Logging & Construction	800	2.1%
r K		Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	200	0.6%
		Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	0.4%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	0.5%
		Information	0	0.0%	Information	300	1.4%
		Financial Activities	-100	-0.3%	Financial Activities	800	2.5%
	UN Rate   3.6%	Professional & Business Services	1,200	1.0%	Professional & Business Services	1,700	1.5%
	Total Nonfarm   635,000	Education & Health Services	-200	-0.3%	Education & Health Services	600	0.8%
	Monthly Change   3,300, 0.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	2.6%	Leisure & Hospitality	900	1.3%
	Yearly Change   7,100, 1.1%	Other Services	300	1.2%	Other Services	300	1.2%
		Government	400	0.4%	Government	900	0.9%

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#### Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



UN Rate | 5.3% Total Nonfarm | 55,700 Monthly Change | -400, -0.7% Yearly Change | -800, -1.4%

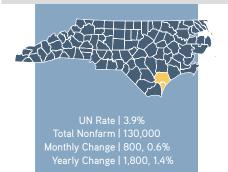
Over-the-Month Employment Change				
Industry	Chai	Change		
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%		
Manufacturing	-600	-6.0%		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.9%		
Information				
Financial Activities	*			
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%		
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.8%		
Other Services	*			
Government	100	0.9%		

Over the Month Employment Change

#### Over-the-Year Employment Change

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Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-400	-4.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-1.7%
Information		
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	300	6.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

#### Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019



Over-the-Month Employment Chan	ge		
Industry	Chai	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.2%	
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%	
Information	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	-400	-2.5%	
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%	
Leisure & Hospitality	800	4.0%	
Other Services	100	2.0%	
Government	100	0.4%	

Over-the-Year Employment Chang	je	
Industry	Cha	nge
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-3.3%
Manufacturing	300	5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0	0.0%
Information	300	10.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.7%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.6%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	8.3%
Other Services	-200	-3.8%
Government	200	0.8%

#### Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | March 2019

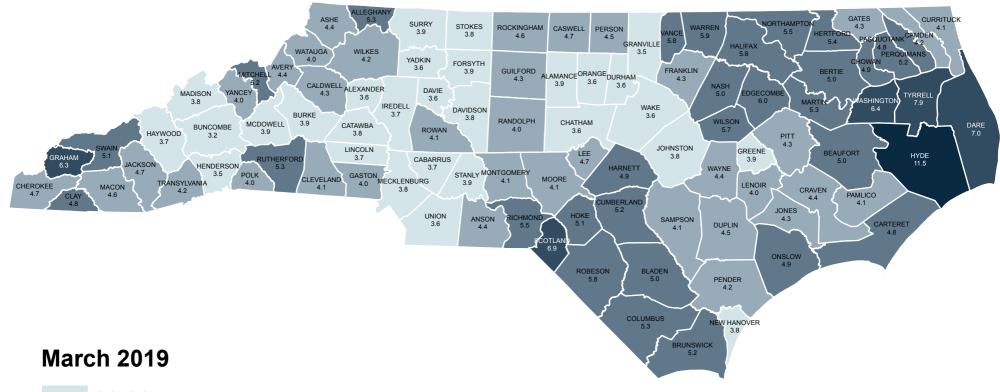
		Over-the-Month Employment Change		Over-the-Year Employment Change			
		Industry	Change		Industry	Change	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.9%	Mining, Logging & Construction	600	5.7%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	500	1.5%	
	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	0.6%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100	-0.2%	
		Information	0	0.0%	Information	-100	-5.3%
		Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	0	0.0%
	UN Rate   3.8% Total Nonfarm   270,800 Monthly Change   700, 0.3% Yearly Change   5,500, 2.1%	Professional & Business Services	-600	-1.6%	Professional & Business Services	1,200	3.4%
		Education & Health Services	300	0.5%	Education & Health Services	2,000	3.7%
		Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	6.5%
		Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	-100	-1.2%
		Government	200	0.6%	Government	-300	-0.9%

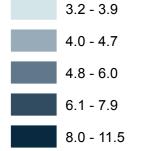
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 13 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 12,700, followed by Raleigh, 3,300; Asheville, 2,000; and Durham-Chapel Hill, 1,100. Burlington & Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.1 percent, followed by Asheville, 1.0 percent; Jacksonville, 0.8 percent; and New Bern, 0.7 percent. 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 9 of 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 29,200, followed by Raleigh, 7,100; Asheville, 5,900; Winston-Salem, 5,500; and Durham-Chapel Hill, 2,600. Asheville had the greatest percentage increase at 3.0 percent, followed by Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC, 2.4 percent; and Winston-Salem, 2.1 percent.

# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County March 2019





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- Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- 16 Counties Same as Previous Month

## North Carolina Rate 4.1% Not Seasonally Adjusted

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