



# News Release

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## December County Unemployment Rates for North Carolina Released

**RALEIGH** — Unemployment rates increased in 93 of North Carolina’s 100 counties in December. Rates decreased in four counties and remained the same in three.

“Our focus is helping existing and new employers grow jobs in North Carolina,” said N.C. Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Dale Carroll. “Assisting our customers with finding work and helping them through programs at our DES offices and JobLink Career Centers statewide remains our priority.”

North Carolina had 37 counties that were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.8 percent. Rates increased in 13 of the 14 state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

The number of workers employed (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in December by 32,021 to 4,038,091. The number of people unemployed increased 12,412 in December to 440,022, compared to 427,610 in November.

	<i>Counties With Rates 5% Or Below</i>	<i>Counties With Rates Between 5% &amp; 10%</i>	<i>Counties With Rates 10% Or Above</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>November (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>53</i>

Orange County has the state’s lowest unemployment rate in December at 6.1 percent. Meanwhile, Graham County has the highest unemployment rate at 17.5 percent.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns and therefore it is advisable to focus on the over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series.

**(Editor’s Note: The state unemployment rate for January will be released on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.)**

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# NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

*Preliminary Statewide and County Data for  
DECEMBER 2011*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,478,113	440,022	9.8				
ALAMANCE	68,926	6,717	9.7	JOHNSTON	77,993	6,974	8.9
ALEXANDER	16,792	1,777	10.6	JONES	4,556	472	10.4
ALLEGHANY	4,367	532	12.2	LEE	26,458	3,243	12.3
ANSON	9,638	1,165	12.1	LENOIR	27,171	2,766	10.2
ASHE	11,703	1,357	11.6	LINCOLN	37,432	4,049	10.8
AVERY	7,567	920	12.2	MCDOWELL	19,417	2,443	12.6
BEAUFORT	21,098	2,294	10.9	MACON	15,257	1,723	11.3
BERTIE	8,363	979	11.7	MADISON	9,744	863	8.9
BLADEN	15,111	1,900	12.6	MARTIN	11,203	1,271	11.3
BRUNSWICK	48,592	5,804	11.9	MECKLENBURG	455,374	45,205	9.9
BUNCOMBE	119,667	9,058	7.6	MITCHELL	6,688	806	12.1
BURKE	37,105	4,441	12.0	MONTGOMERY	10,768	1,288	12.0
CABARRUS	82,526	8,121	9.8	MOORE	37,049	3,324	9.0
CALDWELL	35,606	4,671	13.1	NASH	46,561	5,302	11.4
CAMDEN	4,325	347	8.0	NEW HANOVER	98,864	9,545	9.7
CARTERET	31,547	2,992	9.5	NORTHAMPTON	8,259	976	11.8
CASWELL	10,659	1,060	9.9	ONSLOW	64,624	5,793	9.0
CATAWBA	71,925	8,349	11.6	ORANGE	68,661	4,211	6.1
CHATHAM	33,980	2,863	8.4	PAMLICO	5,239	519	9.9
CHEROKEE	9,999	1,286	12.9	PASQUOTANK	17,391	1,809	10.4
CHOWAN	5,991	644	10.7	PENDER	23,305	2,690	11.5
CLAY	4,355	446	10.2	PERQUIMANS	4,997	488	9.8
CLEVELAND	47,520	5,206	11.0	PERSON	18,658	1,905	10.2
COLUMBUS	23,348	3,023	12.9	PITT	81,785	7,750	9.5
CRAVEN	41,620	4,044	9.7	POLK	9,053	697	7.7
CUMBERLAND	139,141	13,591	9.8	RANDOLPH	72,668	6,964	9.6
CURRITUCK	12,671	1,204	9.5	RICHMOND	19,415	2,530	13.0
DARE	20,178	3,161	15.7	ROBESON	56,035	7,136	12.7
DAVIDSON	76,458	8,043	10.5	ROCKINGHAM	43,146	4,927	11.4
DAVIE	20,289	2,110	10.4	ROWAN	68,263	7,346	10.8
DUPLIN	24,962	2,334	9.4	RUTHERFORD	26,322	3,609	13.7
DURHAM	141,047	10,600	7.5	SAMPSON	31,881	2,744	8.6
EDGECOMBE	24,149	3,786	15.7	SCOTLAND	13,501	2,305	17.1
FORSYTH	175,823	15,936	9.1	STANLY	29,647	3,051	10.3
FRANKLIN	27,660	2,759	10.0	STOKES	22,616	1,907	8.4
GASTON	95,119	10,336	10.9	SURRY	32,465	3,244	10.0
GATES	4,652	326	7.0	SWAIN	6,898	1,081	15.7
GRAHAM	3,868	675	17.5	TRANSYLVANIA	12,268	1,183	9.6
GRANVILLE	25,224	2,473	9.8	TYRRELL	2,223	251	11.3
GREENE	9,095	805	8.9	UNION	92,798	8,248	8.9
GUILFORD	246,892	24,479	9.9	VANCE	19,185	2,546	13.3
HALIFAX	22,962	3,032	13.2	WAKE	458,276	35,339	7.7
HARNETT	47,864	5,285	11.0	WARREN	7,515	984	13.1
HAYWOOD	27,449	2,562	9.3	WASHINGTON	6,448	814	12.6
HENDERSON	48,609	3,709	7.6	WATAUGA	23,475	1,840	7.8
HERTFORD	9,477	998	10.5	WAYNE	51,847	4,511	8.7
Hoke	21,288	2,041	9.6	WILKES	29,700	3,273	11.0
HYDE	2,698	357	13.2	WILSON	39,803	4,773	12.0
IREDELL	79,647	8,266	10.4	YADKIN	18,201	1,646	9.0
JACKSON	20,251	1,912	9.4	YANCEY	7,213	885	12.3

*Not Seasonally Adjusted*

*Estimates subject to revision early in the next calendar year*

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## NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY & YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	9.8	9.5	9.7	0.3	0.1						
ALAMANCE	9.7	10.3	10.0	-0.6	-0.3	JOHNSTON	8.9	8.7	8.7	0.2	0.2
ALEXANDER	10.6	9.9	11.4	0.7	-0.8	JONES	10.4	10.1	9.8	0.3	0.6
ALLEGHANY	12.2	10.9	11.9	1.3	0.3	LEE	12.3	12.0	12.1	0.3	0.2
ANSON	12.1	11.5	12.6	0.6	-0.5	LENOIR	10.2	10.0	10.4	0.2	-0.2
ASHE	11.6	10.1	11.5	1.5	0.1	LINCOLN	10.8	10.4	11.3	0.4	-0.5
AVERY	12.2	11.1	10.8	1.1	1.4	MCDOWELL	12.6	11.9	12.0	0.7	0.6
BEAUFORT	10.9	10.5	10.5	0.4	0.4	MACON	11.3	10.5	10.5	0.8	0.8
BERTIE	11.7	11.5	11.5	0.2	0.2	MADISON	8.9	9.0	9.3	-0.1	-0.4
BLADEN	12.6	11.8	11.9	0.8	0.7	MARTIN	11.3	10.9	10.5	0.4	0.8
BRUNSWICK	11.9	10.5	11.3	1.4	0.6	MECKLENBURG	9.9	9.7	9.9	0.2	0.0
BUNCOMBE	7.6	7.3	7.4	0.3	0.2	MITCHELL	12.1	10.6	11.5	1.5	0.6
BURKE	12.0	11.7	12.1	0.3	-0.1	MONTGOMERY	12.0	11.7	11.8	0.3	0.2
CABARRUS	9.8	9.3	10.1	0.5	-0.3	MOORE	9.0	8.7	8.7	0.3	0.3
CALDWELL	13.1	13.1	12.4	0.0	0.7	NASH	11.4	11.2	11.2	0.2	0.2
CAMDEN	8.0	7.5	8.4	0.5	-0.4	NEW HANOVER	9.7	9.3	8.9	0.4	0.8
CARTERET	9.5	8.5	8.9	1.0	0.6	NORTHAMPTON	11.8	11.6	11.6	0.2	0.2
CASWELL	9.9	9.6	10.4	0.3	-0.5	ONSLow	9.0	8.6	8.1	0.4	0.9
CATAWBA	11.6	11.3	11.9	0.3	-0.3	ORANGE	6.1	5.8	5.9	0.3	0.2
CHATHAM	8.4	8.4	6.4	0.0	2.0	PAMLICO	9.9	8.8	9.1	1.1	0.8
CHEROKEE	12.9	12.0	12.7	0.9	0.2	PASQUOTANK	10.4	10.1	9.5	0.3	0.9
CHOWAN	10.7	10.6	10.5	0.1	0.2	PENDER	11.5	11.6	10.6	-0.1	0.9
CLAY	10.2	9.5	10.1	0.7	0.1	PERQUIMANS	9.8	9.2	9.0	0.6	0.8
CLEVELAND	11.0	10.6	12.0	0.4	-1.0	PERSON	10.2	9.5	10.0	0.7	0.2
COLUMBUS	12.9	12.1	12.4	0.8	0.5	PITT	9.5	9.2	9.4	0.3	0.1
Craven	9.7	9.6	10.1	0.1	-0.4	POLK	7.7	7.2	7.5	0.5	0.2
CUMBERLAND	9.8	9.5	8.9	0.3	0.9	RANDOLPH	9.6	9.4	9.6	0.2	0.0
CURRITUCK	9.5	7.2	8.2	2.3	1.3	RICHMOND	13.0	12.8	12.9	0.2	0.1
DARE	15.7	11.9	14.4	3.8	1.3	ROBESON	12.7	12.4	12.3	0.3	0.4
DAVIDSON	10.5	10.3	11.1	0.2	-0.6	ROCKINGHAM	11.4	11.1	12.1	0.3	-0.7
DAVIE	10.4	9.9	9.7	0.5	0.7	ROWAN	10.8	10.5	11.4	0.3	-0.6
DUPLIN	9.4	9.2	8.8	0.2	0.6	RUTHERFORD	13.7	13.0	14.3	0.7	-0.6
DURHAM	7.5	7.4	7.1	0.1	0.4	SAMPSON	8.6	8.3	8.5	0.3	0.1
EDGEcombe	15.7	15.6	14.4	0.1	1.3	SCOTLAND	17.1	16.6	15.9	0.5	1.2
FORSYTH	9.1	8.8	9.1	0.3	0.0	STANLY	10.3	10.2	11.1	0.1	-0.8
FRANKLIN	10.0	9.7	9.3	0.3	0.7	STOKES	8.4	8.5	9.5	-0.1	-1.1
GASTON	10.9	10.5	10.8	0.4	0.1	SURRY	10.0	9.8	10.7	0.2	-0.7
GATES	7.0	6.9	7.0	0.1	0.0	SWAIN	15.7	12.8	15.3	2.9	0.4
GRAHAM	17.5	15.2	16.3	2.3	1.2	TRANSYLVANIA	9.6	8.9	9.0	0.7	0.6
GRANVILLE	9.8	9.5	9.6	0.3	0.2	TYRRELL	11.3	9.5	11.9	1.8	-0.6
GREENE	8.9	8.9	9.1	0.0	-0.2	UNION	8.9	8.6	8.8	0.3	0.1
GUILFORD	9.9	9.8	9.9	0.1	0.0	VANCE	13.3	13.1	12.6	0.2	0.7
HALIFAX	13.2	12.9	12.4	0.3	0.8	WAKE	7.7	7.5	7.4	0.2	0.3
HARNETT	11.0	10.5	10.5	0.5	0.5	WARREN	13.1	12.8	12.1	0.3	1.0
HAYWOOD	9.3	8.5	9.2	0.8	0.1	WASHINGTON	12.6	12.1	11.2	0.5	1.4
HENDERSON	7.6	7.4	7.3	0.2	0.3	WATAUGA	7.8	7.3	7.9	0.5	-0.1
HERTFORD	10.5	10.2	9.3	0.3	1.2	WAYNE	8.7	8.4	8.2	0.3	0.5
HOKE	9.6	9.3	9.1	0.3	0.5	WILKES	11.0	10.6	12.3	0.4	-1.3
HYDE	13.2	10.0	11.5	3.2	1.7	WILSON	12.0	11.8	11.8	0.2	0.2
IREDELL	10.4	10.0	11.0	0.4	-0.6	YADKIN	9.0	8.8	9.4	0.2	-0.4
JACKSON	9.4	8.3	8.8	1.1	0.6	YANCEY	12.3	11.1	12.6	1.2	-0.3

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	7.9	7.6	7.7	0.3	0.2
BURLINGTON	9.7	10.3	10.0	-0.6	-0.3
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC	10.3	9.9	10.7	0.4	-0.4
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	7.5	7.3	6.9	0.2	0.6
FAYETTEVILLE	9.7	9.4	8.9	0.3	0.8
GOLDSBORO	8.7	8.4	8.2	0.3	0.5
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	10.0	9.8	10.1	0.2	-0.1
GREENVILLE	9.4	9.2	9.4	0.2	0.0
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	11.9	11.6	12.0	0.3	-0.1
JACKSONVILLE	9.0	8.6	8.1	0.4	0.9
RALEIGH-CARY	8.0	7.8	7.7	0.2	0.3
ROCKY MOUNT	12.9	12.7	12.3	0.2	0.6
WILMINGTON	10.6	10.0	9.8	0.6	0.8
WINSTON-SALEM	9.1	8.9	9.3	0.2	-0.2

Micropolitan Statistical Area	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	10.3	10.2	11.1	0.1	-0.8
BOONE	7.8	7.3	7.9	0.5	-0.1
BREVARD	9.6	8.9	9.0	0.7	0.6
DUNN	11.0	10.5	10.5	0.5	0.5
ELIZABETH CITY	9.9	9.5	9.2	0.4	0.7
FOREST CITY	13.7	13.0	14.3	0.7	-0.6
HENDERSON	13.3	13.1	12.6	0.2	0.7
KILL DEVIL HILLS	15.7	11.9	14.4	3.8	1.3
KINSTON	10.2	10.0	10.4	0.2	-0.2
LAURINBURG	17.1	16.6	15.9	0.5	1.2
LINCOLNTON	10.8	10.4	11.3	0.4	-0.5
LUMBERTON	12.7	12.4	12.3	0.3	0.4
MOREHEAD CITY	9.5	8.5	8.9	1.0	0.6
MOUNT AIRY	10.0	9.8	10.7	0.2	-0.7
NEW BERN	9.8	9.6	9.9	0.2	-0.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	11.0	10.6	12.3	0.4	-1.3
ROANOKE RAPIDS	12.8	12.5	12.2	0.3	0.6
ROCKINGHAM	13.0	12.8	12.9	0.2	0.1
SALISBURY	10.8	10.5	11.4	0.3	-0.6
SANFORD	12.3	12.0	12.1	0.3	0.2
SHELBY	11.0	10.6	12.0	0.4	-1.0
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	9.0	8.7	8.7	0.3	0.3
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	10.4	10.0	11.0	0.4	-0.6
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	10.5	10.3	11.1	0.2	-0.6
WASHINGTON	10.9	10.5	10.5	0.4	0.4
WILSON	12.0	11.8	11.8	0.2	0.2

Multicounty Small Labor Market Area	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
JACKSON-SWAIN	11.0	9.4	10.5	1.6	0.5

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

Combined Statistical Area	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	8.0	7.6	7.8	0.4	0.2
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	10.5	10.2	11.0	0.3	-0.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	9.8	9.6	10.0	0.2	-0.2
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	13.6	13.2	13.0	0.4	0.6
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	8.0	7.8	7.6	0.2	0.4

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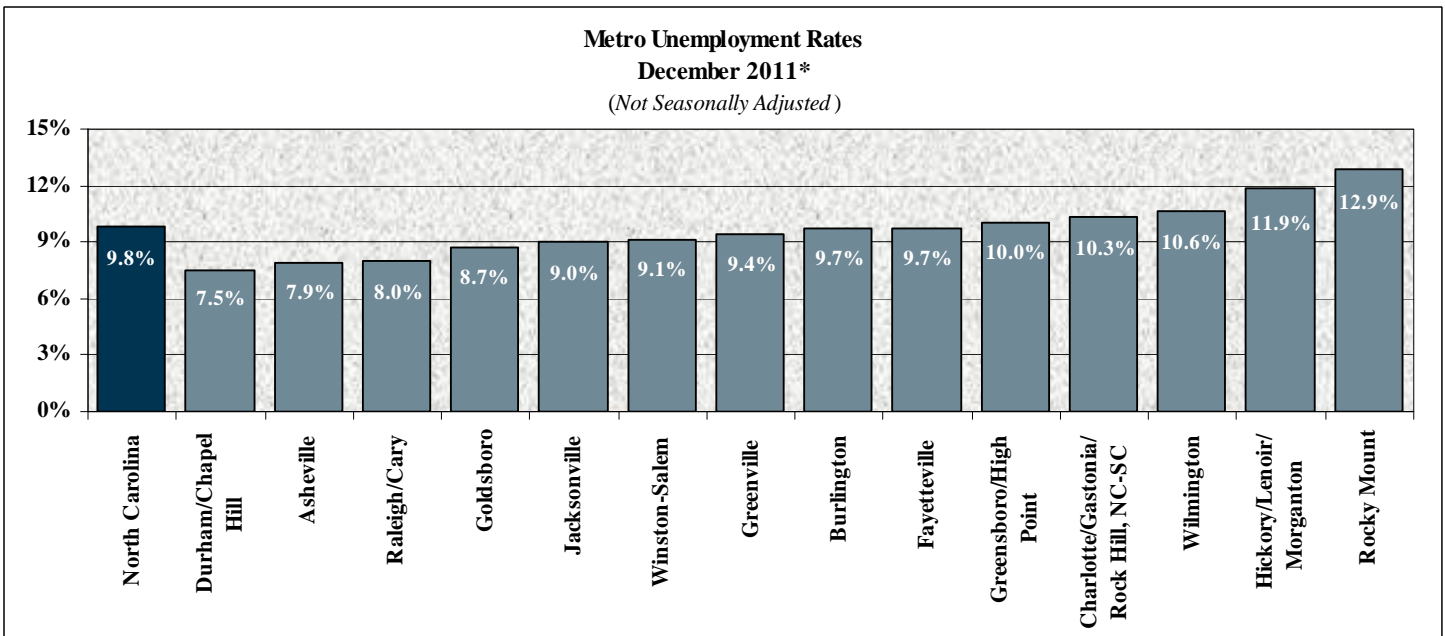
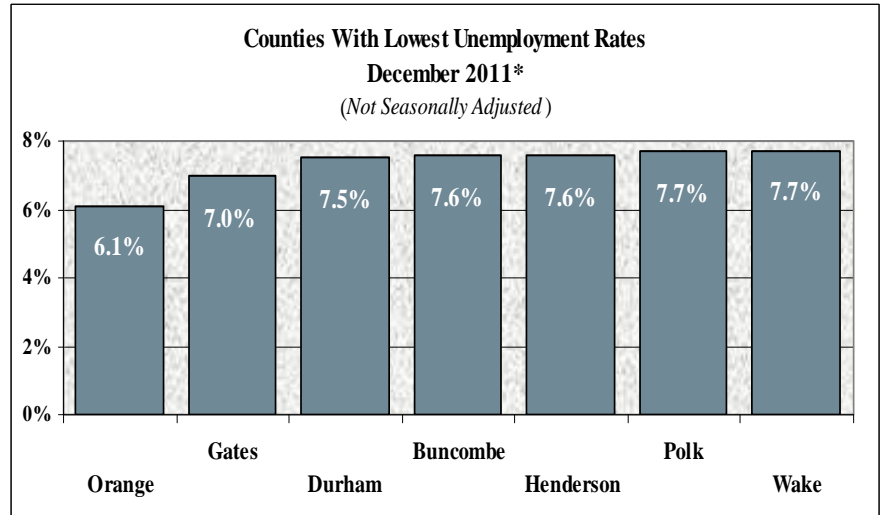
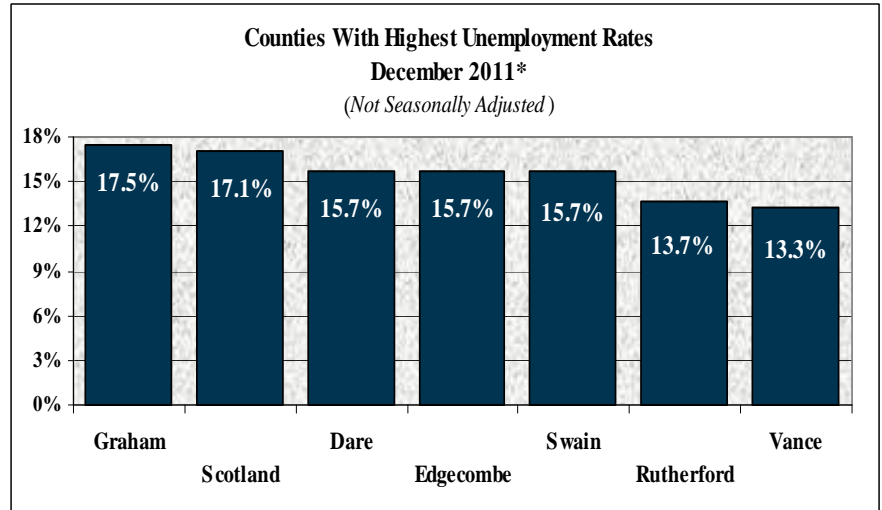
## NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS DECEMBER 2011

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.8 percent in December. This was a 0.3 of a percentage point increase from November's revised rate of 9.5 percent, and a 0.1 percentage-point increase over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 93 counties, decreased in four, and was unchanged in three. Thirty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 9.8 percent rate.

Graham County recorded December's highest unemployment rate at 17.5 percent, 2.3 percentage points higher than last month. Scotland County had the second-highest rate at 17.1 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.1 percent, followed by Gates, 7.0 percent; Durham, 7.5 percent; and Buncombe & Henderson, 7.6 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in 13 of the state's 14 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros) over the previous month. The Rocky Mount Metro had the highest unemployment rate in December at 12.9 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.5 percent, which increased 0.2 of a percentage point from the previous month. Asheville followed at 7.9 percent.



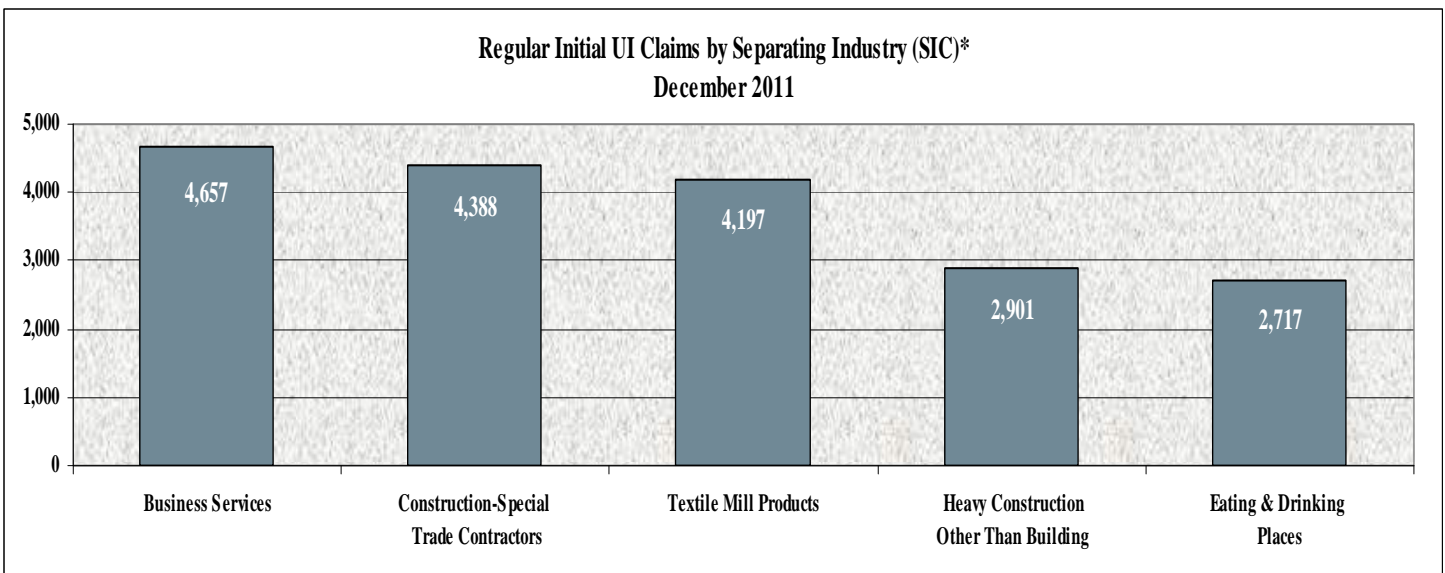
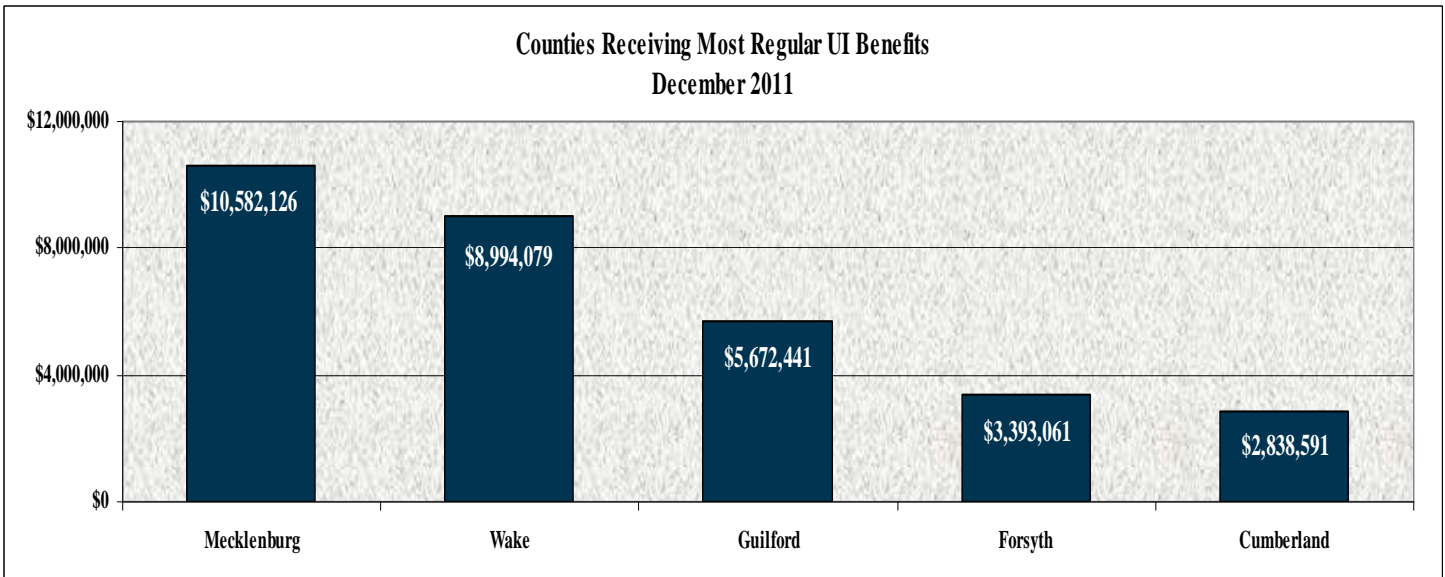
\*All December 2011 labor force data are preliminary.

In December 2011, there were 68,396 Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims filed in North Carolina. Counties with the largest number of claims filed and benefits received are shown in the graphs.

Total Regular Initial Claims are based on the number of transactions; demographic data are counts of individuals. Not all race/ethnicity and age breakouts are presented, but are available upon request.

Regular Initial UI Claims, December 2011						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
<b>Mecklenburg</b>	4,154	1,111	1,743	1,923	1,385	1,445
<b>Guilford</b>	3,637	2,053	1,446	1,729	1,225	1,519
<b>Wake</b>	3,141	901	1,255	1,177	1,355	1,215
<b>Forsyth</b>	2,142	1,144	724	734	849	851
<b>Randolph</b>	1,895	1,427	702	113	1,316	872

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 39,445 for the month ending December 2011, increased 1,368 from the prior month. Thirty-three percent were Attached New Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 47,056, of which 36 percent were Attached. For the month ending December 2009, New Claims totaled 54,989, of which 37 percent were Attached Claims.



\*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

<b>Asheville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,100)</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-4.1%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-5.3%	
	Manufacturing	-400	-2.2%	Manufacturing	-400	-2.2%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	-100	-1.8%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	200	1.4%	Professional & Business Services	300	2.1%
	<b>168,300</b>	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
	<b>Rate = 7.9</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	700	3.1%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	0	0.0%	
	Government	-600	-2.1%	Government	-200	-0.7%	
<b>Burlington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.8%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0	0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-1.0%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	0	0.0%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.5%
	<b>56,400</b>	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	Education & Health Services	100	1.0%
	<b>Rate = 9.7</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	400	6.3%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	-100	-7.7%	
	Government	100	1.4%	Government	0	0.0%	
<b>Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-400)</b>	<b>&gt;-0.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300	-3.6%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,000	-2.8%	
	Manufacturing	900	1.4%	Manufacturing	1,200	1.8%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	2,400	1.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	3,900	2.3%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	100	0.5%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	500	0.7%	Financial Activities	-800	-1.1%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	-500	-0.4%	Professional & Business Services	-1,000	-0.7%
	<b>809,900</b>	Education & Health Services	-600	-0.7%	Education & Health Services	1,400	1.7%
	<b>Rate = 10.3</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-2,200	-2.6%	Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	1.6%
	Other Services	400	1.3%	Other Services	300	1.0%	
	Government	0	0.0%	Government	-3,900	-3.3%	
<b>Durham/Chapel Hill Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.4%	
	Manufacturing	100	0.3%	Manufacturing	500	1.4%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	600	1.8%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700	-2.1%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	100	0.8%	Financial Activities	100	0.8%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	200	0.6%	Professional & Business Services	600	1.7%
	<b>283,400</b>	Education & Health Services	100	0.2%	Education & Health Services	400	0.7%
	<b>Rate = 7.5</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.8%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	-200	-1.0%	
	Government	-400	-0.7%	Government	1,100	1.9%	

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<b>Fayetteville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(600) 0.5%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(4,000) 3.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 3.9%	
	Manufacturing	100 1.1%	Manufacturing	-100 -1.1%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	0 0.0%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	100 0.7%
	<b>132,600</b>	Education & Health Services	-100 -0.6%	Education & Health Services	200 1.3%
	<b>Rate = 9.7</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	300 2.3%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	200 4.2%	
	Government	200 0.5%	Government	3,100 7.9%	
<b>Goldsboro Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-200) -0.5%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(0) 0.0%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	<i>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</i>	*	<i>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</i>	*	
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	
	<b>Total</b>	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	<b>Employment</b>	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	<b>Dec-11</b>	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*
	<b>42,400</b>	<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*	<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*
	<b>Rate = 8.7</b>	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*
	<i>Other Services</i>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*	
	Government	0 0.0%	Government	700 7.1%	
<b>Greensboro/High Point Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,100) 0.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(8,300) 2.4%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	300 2.3%	Mining, Logging & Construction	600 4.7%	
	Manufacturing	900 1.7%	Manufacturing	1,300 2.5%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	600 0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,500 2.2%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0 0.0%	Information	-200 -3.6%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-300 -1.4%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	200 0.4%	Professional & Business Services	1,900 4.1%
	<b>348,200</b>	Education & Health Services	-200 -0.4%	Education & Health Services	-300 -0.6%
	<b>Rate = 10.0</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -1.6%	Leisure & Hospitality	1,600 5.5%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	-100 -0.7%	
	Government	-200 -0.4%	Government	2,300 5.1%	
<b>Greenville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0) 0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,100) 1.5%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 2.6%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	100 3.7%
	<b>Dec-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	200 3.3%
	<b>76,600</b>	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	500 4.6%
	<b>Rate = 9.4</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	200 2.5%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	100 4.0%	
	Government	-100 -0.4%	Government	-300 -1.3%	

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<b>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-900) -0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,600) -1.8%</b>
	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.6%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -5.1%
	Manufacturing	-600 -1.7%	Manufacturing	-1,900 -5.1%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100 -0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200 -0.7%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>100 3.0%</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>-100 -0.9%</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>
	<b>Dec-11</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>300 1.6%</b>
	<b>140,900</b>	<b>200 1.8%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>200 1.8%</b>
	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	
<b>Rate = 11.9</b>	<b>-200 -0.8%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-900 -3.6%</b>	
<b>Jacksonville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0) 0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-300) -0.6%</b>
	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
	<i>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</i>	<i>*</i>
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>*</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>Dec-11</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>47,100</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>*</b>
		<b>*</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>*</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>*</b>	
<b>Rate = 9.0</b>	<b>-100 -0.7%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>100 0.7%</b>	
<b>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-300) -0.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(7,700) 1.5%</b>
	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -1.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	900 3.3%
	Manufacturing	300 1.1%	Manufacturing	0 0.0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>700 0.8%</b>	<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>2,200 2.5%</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>-300 -1.8%</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>300 1.2%</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>-1,000 -3.7%</b>
	<b>Dec-11</b>	<b>800 0.9%</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>4,500 5.2%</b>
	<b>510,600</b>	<b>-300 -0.5%</b>	<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>3,000 4.8%</b>
		<b>400 0.8%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>400 0.8%</b>
	<b>-200 -0.8%</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>700 3.0%</b>	
<b>Rate = 8.0</b>	<b>-1,900 -2.1%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-2,700 -3.0%</b>	
<b>Rocky Mount Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(200) 0.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-300) -0.5%</b>
	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Industry</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-100 -0.9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 0.8%</b>	<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>300 2.5%</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>*</b>
	<b>Dec-11</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>100 1.7%</b>
	<b>60,900</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>100 1.4%</b>
		<b>0 0.0%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>0 0.0%</b>
	<b>*</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>*</b>	
<b>Rate = 12.9</b>	<b>-300 -2.7%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-900 -7.7%</b>	

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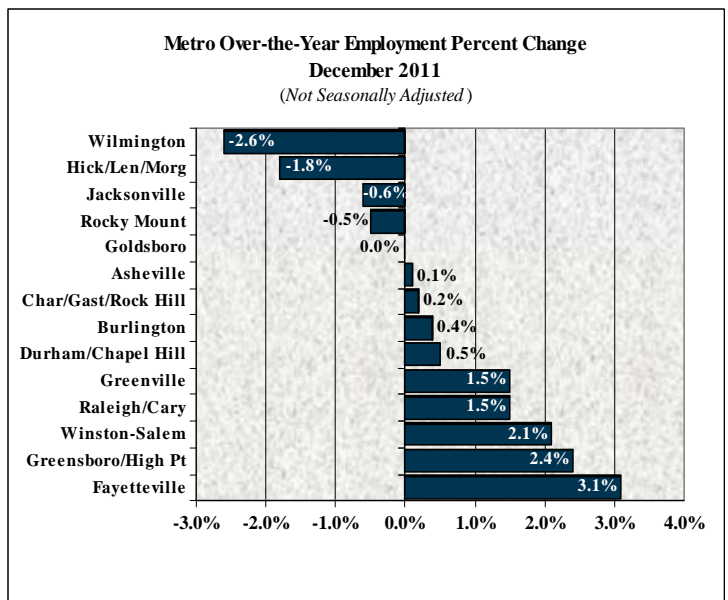
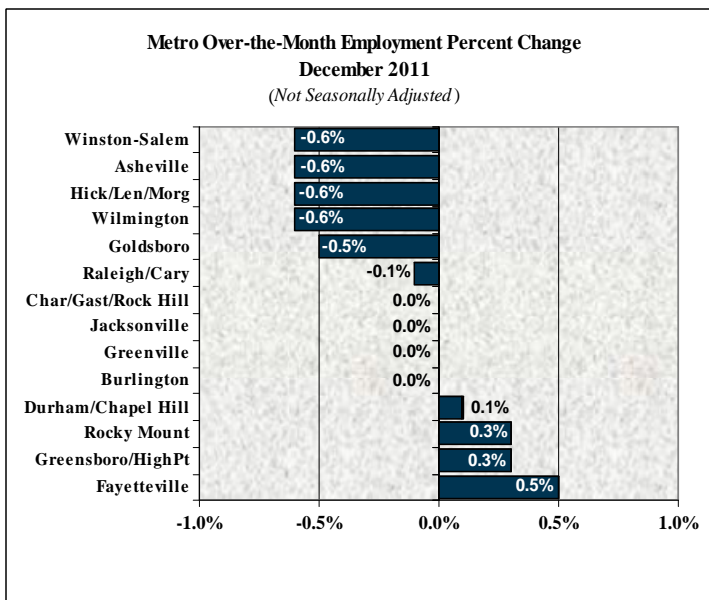
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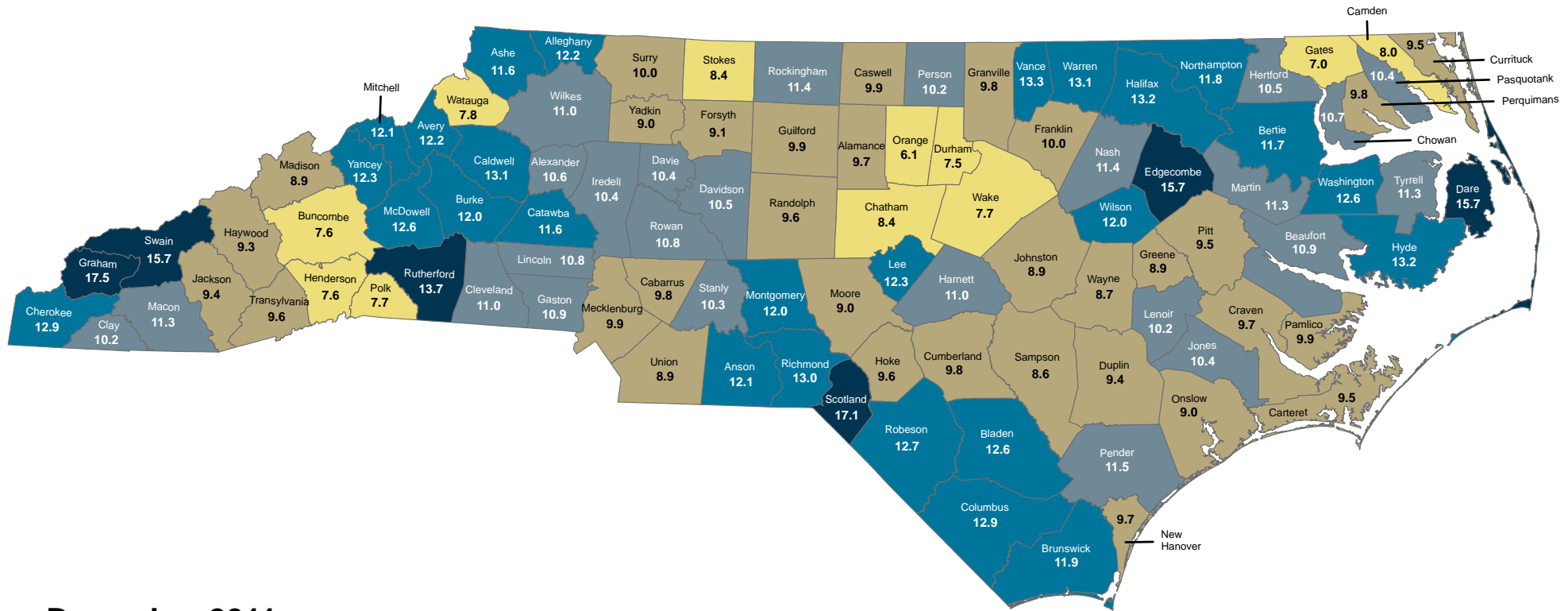
<b>Wilmington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-800) -0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-3,500) -2.6%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,800 -20.5%
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-1,300 -17.1%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%
	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	100 1.5%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	700 5.0%
	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	500 2.9%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -3.3%	Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -3.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	0 0.0%	
Government	-200 -0.8%	Government	-1,000 -3.7%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Dec-11</b>				
<b>132,700</b>				
<b>Rate = 10.6</b>				
<b>Winston-Salem Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,300) -0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(4,300) 2.1%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -2.5%	Mining, Logging & Construction	300 4.1%
	Manufacturing	-300 -1.3%	Manufacturing	400 1.8%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600 -1.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,200 3.3%
	Information	0 0.0%	Information	-100 -5.0%
	Financial Activities	100 0.8%	Financial Activities	100 0.8%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	300 1.2%
	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	1,800 4.0%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	0 0.0%	
Government	-100 -0.4%	Government	300 1.2%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Dec-11</b>				
<b>208,700</b>				
<b>Rate = 9.1</b>				

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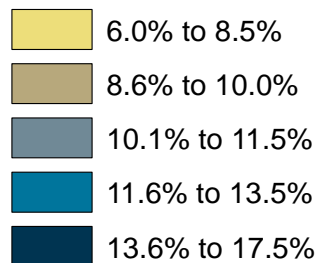
Over the month, net industry employment increased in four of 14 Metros. The Greensboro/High Point Metro had the largest net employment increase with 1,100, followed by Fayetteville with 600. Fayetteville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 0.5 percent. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns and, therefore, it is advisable to focus on the over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series. Over the year, employment rose in nine Metros and decreased in four. The Greensboro/High Point Metro had the largest net employment increase with 8,300, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 7,700, Winston-Salem, 4,300, and Fayetteville, 4,000. Fayetteville had the greatest percentage increase at 3.1 percent.



# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County December 2011



## December 2011



- ▲ 93 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- ▼ 4 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- ▬ 3 Counties Same as Previous Month

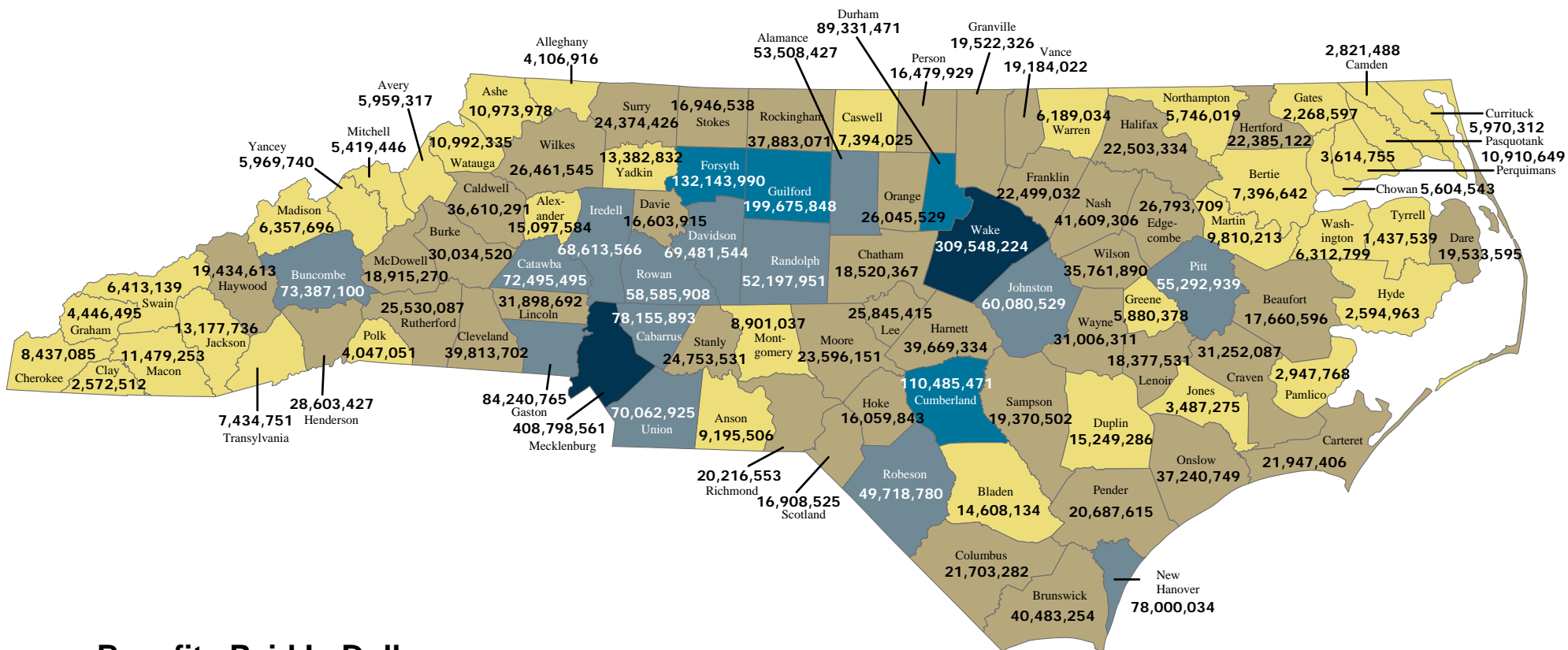
**North Carolina Rate 9.8%**  
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# North Carolina

## UI Benefits Paid by County

### January 2011-December 2011

### Total All Programs



#### Benefits Paid In Dollars



**Statewide \$3,730,803,320**

Note: All programs include Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier I (EUCI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier II (EUCII), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier III (EUCIII), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier IV (EUCIV), Extended Benefits (EB) and Federal Additional Compensation (FAC). County data does not sum to statewide total.

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