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## Unemployment Rates Decrease in 83 of North Carolina’s 100 Counties in October

**RALEIGH** — Unemployment rates decreased in the majority of North Carolina’s counties in October. Rates decreased in 83 counties, increased in 12 and remained the same in five.

“October data showed a decrease in all of the state’s metropolitan areas,” said DES Assistant Secretary Lynn R. Holmes. “While unemployment rates dropped in most of the counties, there are counties with rates that are higher than ten percent. We continue to work with our workforce partners in assisting our customers in job search assistance in our DES offices and JobLink Career Centers across the state.”

North Carolina had 42 counties that were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent. Rates decreased in all 14 of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

The number of persons employed (not-seasonally adjusted) increased slightly in October to 4,070,801. The number of people unemployed decreased by 17,212. The number of people unemployed in October was 436,615 compared to 453,827 in September.

	<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>October</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>September (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>59</i>

Currituck County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in October, at 5.4 percent. Meanwhile, Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate, at 16.6 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.

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# NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

*Preliminary Statewide and County Data for  
OCTOBER 2011*

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,507,416	436,615	9.7				
ALAMANCE	69,428	6,929	10.0	JOHNSTON	78,271	7,080	9.0
ALEXANDER	16,892	1,708	10.1	JONES	4,574	451	9.9
ALLEGHANY	4,504	462	10.3	LEE	26,555	3,187	12.0
ANSON	9,742	1,191	12.2	LENOIR	27,301	2,744	10.1
ASHE	11,936	1,223	10.2	LINCOLN	37,669	3,991	10.6
AVERY	7,601	748	9.8	MCDOWELL	19,532	2,353	12.0
BEAUFORT	21,374	2,268	10.6	MACON	15,658	1,509	9.6
BERTIE	8,411	989	11.8	MADISON	9,810	849	8.7
BLADEN	14,916	1,782	11.9	MARTIN	11,249	1,218	10.8
BRUNSWICK	49,004	5,113	10.4	MECKLENBURG	460,049	46,065	10.0
BUNCOMBE	120,601	9,002	7.5	MITCHELL	6,713	687	10.2
BURKE	37,336	4,303	11.5	MONTGOMERY	10,855	1,305	12.0
CABARRUS	83,018	7,921	9.5	MOORE	37,206	3,277	8.8
CALDWELL	35,963	4,678	13.0	NASH	46,208	5,377	11.6
CAMDEN	4,332	324	7.5	NEW HANOVER	101,091	9,469	9.4
CARTERET	31,953	2,613	8.2	NORTHAMPTON	8,253	935	11.3
CASWELL	10,741	1,056	9.8	ONSLOW	65,413	5,868	9.0
CATAWBA	72,749	8,455	11.6	ORANGE	68,893	4,272	6.2
CHATHAM	34,060	2,861	8.4	PAMLICO	5,203	437	8.4
CHEROKEE	10,042	1,236	12.3	PASQUOTANK	17,475	1,774	10.2
CHOWAN	5,975	645	10.8	PENDER	23,924	2,778	11.6
CLAY	4,420	413	9.3	PERQUIMANS	5,011	468	9.3
CLEVELAND	47,807	5,215	10.9	PERSON	18,549	1,751	9.4
COLUMBUS	23,432	2,904	12.4	PITT	82,241	7,971	9.7
CRAVEN	42,115	4,179	9.9	POLK	9,138	695	7.6
CUMBERLAND	139,013	13,429	9.7	RANDOLPH	72,819	7,067	9.7
CURRITUCK	12,223	662	5.4	RICHMOND	19,566	2,529	12.9
DARE	21,406	2,076	9.7	ROBESON	55,956	7,155	12.8
DAVIDSON	76,964	8,173	10.6	ROCKINGHAM	43,065	4,818	11.2
DAVIE	20,527	2,161	10.5	ROWAN	68,608	7,351	10.7
DUPLIN	25,081	2,207	8.8	RUTHERFORD	26,416	3,532	13.4
DURHAM	141,651	10,859	7.7	SAMPSON	31,862	2,674	8.4
EDGECOMBE	23,913	3,761	15.7	SCOTLAND	13,575	2,259	16.6
FORSYTH	177,392	15,865	8.9	STANLY	29,886	3,105	10.4
FRANKLIN	27,648	2,686	9.7	STOKES	23,052	2,131	9.2
GASTON	95,892	10,321	10.8	SURRY	32,689	3,314	10.1
GATES	4,664	339	7.3	SWAIN	6,955	833	12.0
GRAHAM	3,896	548	14.1	TRANSYLVANIA	12,573	1,096	8.7
GRANVILLE	25,374	2,497	9.8	TYRRELL	2,242	202	9.0
GREENE	9,148	832	9.1	UNION	93,824	8,488	9.0
GUILFORD	247,271	24,695	10.0	VANCE	19,352	2,585	13.4
HALIFAX	23,075	3,051	13.2	WAKE	459,568	35,605	7.7
HARNETT	48,174	5,253	10.9	WARREN	7,582	1,001	13.2
HAYWOOD	27,458	2,348	8.6	WASHINGTON	6,473	783	12.1
HENDERSON	49,017	3,715	7.6	WATAUGA	23,932	1,756	7.3
HERTFORD	9,518	986	10.4	WAYNE	51,928	4,462	8.6
HOKE	21,303	2,051	9.6	WILKES	29,878	3,225	10.8
HYDE	2,915	236	8.1	WILSON	40,076	4,810	12.0
IREDELL	80,005	8,088	10.1	YADKIN	18,503	1,778	9.6
JACKSON	20,970	1,670	8.0	YANCEY	7,345	817	11.1

*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	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	9.7	10.0	9.4	-0.3	0.3						
ALAMANCE	10.0	10.7	9.9	-0.7	0.1	JOHNSTON	9.0	9.3	9.0	-0.3	0.0
ALEXANDER	10.1	10.6	11.4	-0.5	-1.3	JONES	9.9	10.0	10.2	-0.1	-0.3
ALLEGHANY	10.3	11.0	9.1	-0.7	1.2	LEE	12.0	12.2	11.7	-0.2	0.3
ANSON	12.2	12.1	11.6	0.1	0.6	LENOIR	10.1	10.4	10.0	-0.3	0.1
ASHE	10.2	10.5	10.2	-0.3	0.0	LINCOLN	10.6	11.0	11.1	-0.4	-0.5
AVERY	9.8	9.8	8.7	0.0	1.1	MCDOWELL	12.0	12.4	11.4	-0.4	0.6
BEAUFORT	10.6	11.3	10.0	-0.7	0.6	MACON	9.6	10.1	9.0	-0.5	0.6
BERTIE	11.8	12.6	10.9	-0.8	0.9	MADISON	8.7	8.9	7.7	-0.2	1.0
BLADEN	11.9	12.3	11.1	-0.4	0.8	MARTIN	10.8	11.9	10.0	-1.1	0.8
BRUNSWICK	10.4	10.6	9.8	-0.2	0.6	MECKLENBURG	10.0	10.4	10.1	-0.4	-0.1
BUNCOMBE	7.5	7.9	7.4	-0.4	0.1	MITCHELL	10.2	10.9	9.4	-0.7	0.8
BURKE	11.5	12.2	12.0	-0.7	-0.5	MONTGOMERY	12.0	12.7	11.3	-0.7	0.7
CABARRUS	9.5	9.7	9.9	-0.2	-0.4	MOORE	8.8	9.2	8.5	-0.4	0.3
CALDWELL	13.0	12.7	12.3	0.3	0.7	NASH	11.6	12.4	11.0	-0.8	0.6
CAMDEN	7.5	8.5	6.7	-1.0	0.8	NEW HANOVER	9.4	9.6	8.8	-0.2	0.6
CARTERET	8.2	8.3	7.6	-0.1	0.6	NORTHAMPTON	11.3	12.0	11.6	-0.7	-0.3
CASWELL	9.8	10.5	10.2	-0.7	-0.4	ONSLow	9.0	9.5	7.8	-0.5	1.2
CATAWBA	11.6	12.0	11.4	-0.4	0.2	ORANGE	6.2	6.8	5.7	-0.6	0.5
CHATHAM	8.4	7.4	6.7	1.0	1.7	PAMLICO	8.4	9.8	8.4	-1.4	0.0
CHEROKEE	12.3	13.1	12.1	-0.8	0.2	PASQUOTANK	10.2	9.9	9.1	0.3	1.1
CHOWAN	10.8	10.9	9.8	-0.1	1.0	PENDER	11.6	12.0	9.5	-0.4	2.1
CLAY	9.3	9.6	9.6	-0.3	-0.3	PERQUIMANS	9.3	9.3	8.4	0.0	0.9
CLEVELAND	10.9	11.4	11.9	-0.5	-1.0	PERSON	9.4	9.6	8.9	-0.2	0.5
COLUMBUS	12.4	12.8	11.2	-0.4	1.2	PITT	9.7	10.4	9.3	-0.7	0.4
CRAVEN	9.9	10.4	9.4	-0.5	0.5	POLK	7.6	7.8	7.4	-0.2	0.2
CUMBERLAND	9.7	10.1	8.8	-0.4	0.9	RANDOLPH	9.7	9.6	9.5	0.1	0.2
CURRITUCK	5.4	5.2	5.1	0.2	0.3	RICHMOND	12.9	13.2	12.4	-0.3	0.5
DARE	9.7	9.6	7.9	0.1	1.8	ROBESON	12.8	13.0	11.8	-0.2	1.0
DAVIDSON	10.6	10.9	10.9	-0.3	-0.3	ROCKINGHAM	11.2	11.6	11.1	-0.4	0.1
DAVIE	10.5	9.5	9.2	1.0	1.3	ROWAN	10.7	11.1	11.3	-0.4	-0.6
DUPLIN	8.8	9.4	7.8	-0.6	1.0	RUTHERFORD	13.4	14.3	14.0	-0.9	-0.6
DURHAM	7.7	8.2	7.3	-0.5	0.4	SAMPSON	8.4	9.0	7.8	-0.6	0.6
EDGECOMBE	15.7	15.3	14.2	0.4	1.5	SCOTLAND	16.6	17.4	15.3	-0.8	1.3
FORSYTH	8.9	9.6	8.9	-0.7	0.0	STANLY	10.4	10.9	10.9	-0.5	-0.5
FRANKLIN	9.7	10.1	8.9	-0.4	0.8	STOKES	9.2	9.3	9.5	-0.1	-0.3
GASTON	10.8	10.8	10.5	0.0	0.3	SURRY	10.1	10.4	10.4	-0.3	-0.3
GATES	7.3	7.9	6.8	-0.6	0.5	SWAIN	12.0	11.7	10.8	0.3	1.2
GRAHAM	14.1	14.3	12.8	-0.2	1.3	TRANSYLVANIA	8.7	9.1	8.2	-0.4	0.5
GRANVILLE	9.8	10.1	9.3	-0.3	0.5	TYRRELL	9.0	9.3	8.5	-0.3	0.5
GREENE	9.1	9.7	7.9	-0.6	1.2	UNION	9.0	9.0	8.7	0.0	0.3
GUILFORD	10.0	10.5	9.8	-0.5	0.2	VANCE	13.4	13.7	11.7	-0.3	1.7
HALIFAX	13.2	13.8	11.6	-0.6	1.6	WAKE	7.7	8.2	7.4	-0.5	0.3
HARNETT	10.9	11.3	10.1	-0.4	0.8	WARREN	13.2	13.7	11.4	-0.5	1.8
HAYWOOD	8.6	8.8	8.0	-0.2	0.6	WASHINGTON	12.1	11.8	9.8	0.3	2.3
HENDERSON	7.6	7.8	7.2	-0.2	0.4	WATAUGA	7.3	7.5	6.9	-0.2	0.4
HERTFORD	10.4	10.8	9.0	-0.4	1.4	WAYNE	8.6	9.1	8.1	-0.5	0.5
HOKE	9.6	9.6	8.8	0.0	0.8	WILKES	10.8	11.6	11.9	-0.8	-1.1
HYDE	8.1	8.5	6.0	-0.4	2.1	WILSON	12.0	12.8	11.4	-0.8	0.6
IREDELL	10.1	10.7	10.8	-0.6	-0.7	YADKIN	9.6	8.8	9.0	0.8	0.6
JACKSON	8.0	8.1	7.4	-0.1	0.6	YANCEY	11.1	11.4	10.0	-0.3	1.1

October 2011 data are preliminary, while September 2011 data are revised and October 2010 data are benchmarked.

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS  
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
*Preliminary Data for  
October 2011*

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ASHEVILLE	206,886	15,914	7.7
BURLINGTON	69,428	6,929	10.0
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC	854,811	87,596	10.2
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	263,154	19,744	7.5
FAYETTEVILLE	160,316	15,480	9.7
GOLDSBORO	51,928	4,462	8.6
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	363,155	36,580	10.1
GREENVILLE	91,389	8,803	9.6
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	162,940	19,144	11.7
JACKSONVILLE	65,413	5,868	9.0
RALEIGH-CARY	565,487	45,371	8.0
ROCKY MOUNT	70,121	9,138	13.0
WILMINGTON	174,019	17,360	10.0
WINSTON-SALEM	239,474	21,935	9.2

<b>Micropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ALBEMARLE	29,886	3,105	10.4
BOONE	23,932	1,756	7.3
BREVARD	12,573	1,096	8.7
DUNN	48,174	5,253	10.9
ELIZABETH CITY	26,818	2,566	9.6
FOREST CITY	26,416	3,532	13.4
HENDERSON	19,352	2,585	13.4
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,406	2,076	9.7
KINSTON	27,301	2,744	10.1
LAURINBURG	13,575	2,259	16.6
LINCOLNTON	37,669	3,991	10.6
LUMBERTON	55,956	7,155	12.8
MOREHEAD CITY	31,953	2,613	8.2
MOUNT AIRY	32,689	3,314	10.1
NEW BERN	51,892	5,067	9.8
NORTH WILKESBORO	29,878	3,225	10.8
ROANOKE RAPIDS	31,328	3,986	12.7
ROCKINGHAM	19,566	2,529	12.9
SALISBURY	68,608	7,351	10.7
SANFORD	26,555	3,187	12.0
SHELBY	47,807	5,215	10.9
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	37,206	3,277	8.8
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	80,005	8,088	10.1
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	76,964	8,173	10.6
WASHINGTON	21,374	2,268	10.6
WILSON	40,076	4,810	12.0

<b>Multicounty Small Labor Market Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Rate</b>
JACKSON-SWAIN	27,925	2,503	9.0

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
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<b>Combined Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	219,459	17,010	7.8
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	1,163,346	121,686	10.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	781,710	76,931	9.8
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	69,531	9,414	13.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	876,815	70,368	8.0

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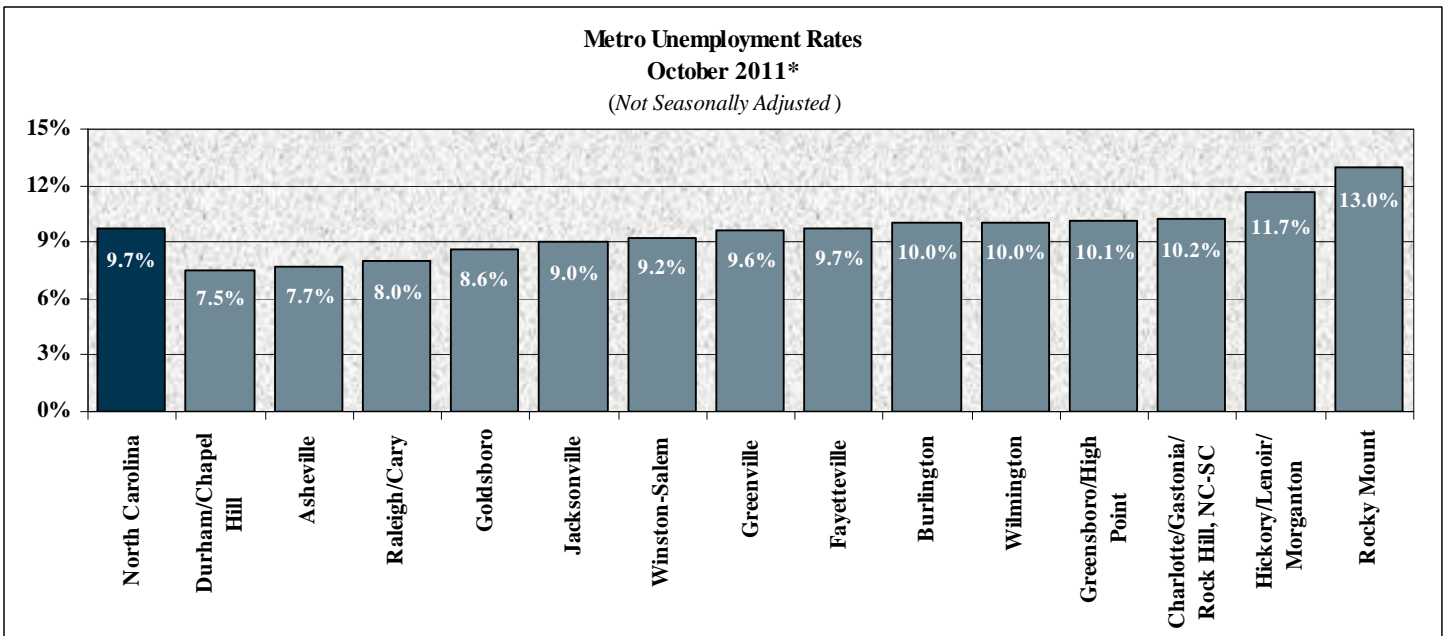
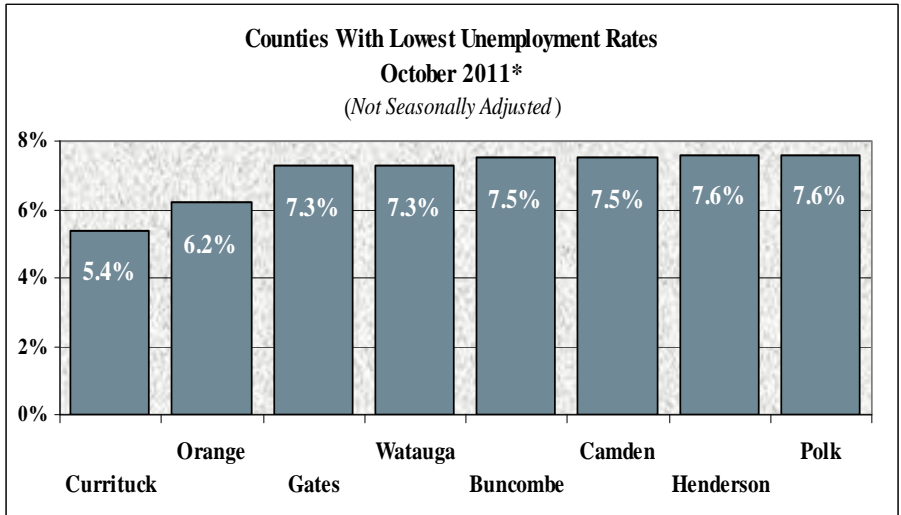
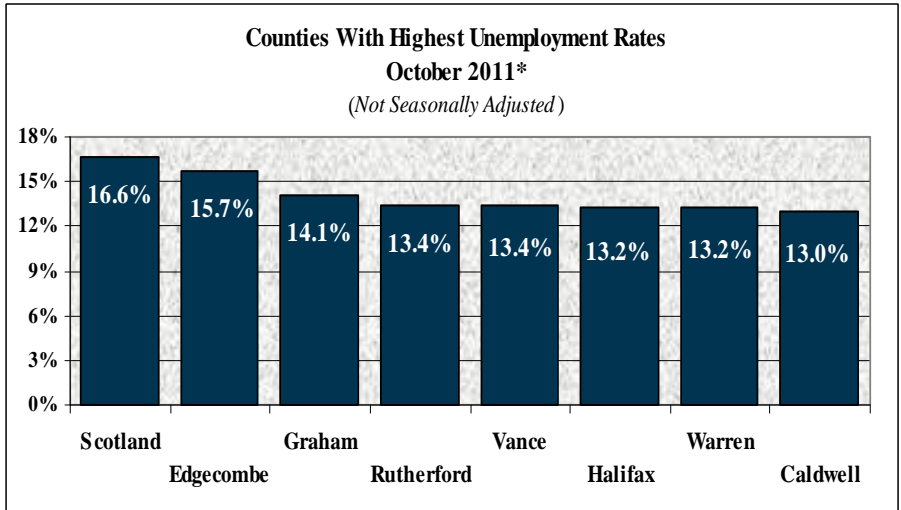
## NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS OCTOBER 2011

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.7 percent in October. This was a 0.3 of a percentage point decrease from September's revised rate of 10.0 percent and a 0.3 percentage-point increase over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 12 counties, decreased in 83, and was unchanged in five. Forty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 9.7 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded October's highest unemployment rate at 16.6 percent, 0.8 of a percentage point lower than last month. Edgecombe County had the second-highest rate at 15.7 percent. Currituck County had the lowest unemployment rate at 5.4 percent, followed by Orange, 6.2 percent; Gates & Watauga, 7.3 percent; and Buncombe & Camden, 7.5 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros) over the previous month. The Rocky Mount Metro had the highest unemployment rate in October at 13.0 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.5 percent, which decreased 0.3 of a percentage point from the previous month. Asheville followed at 7.7 percent.



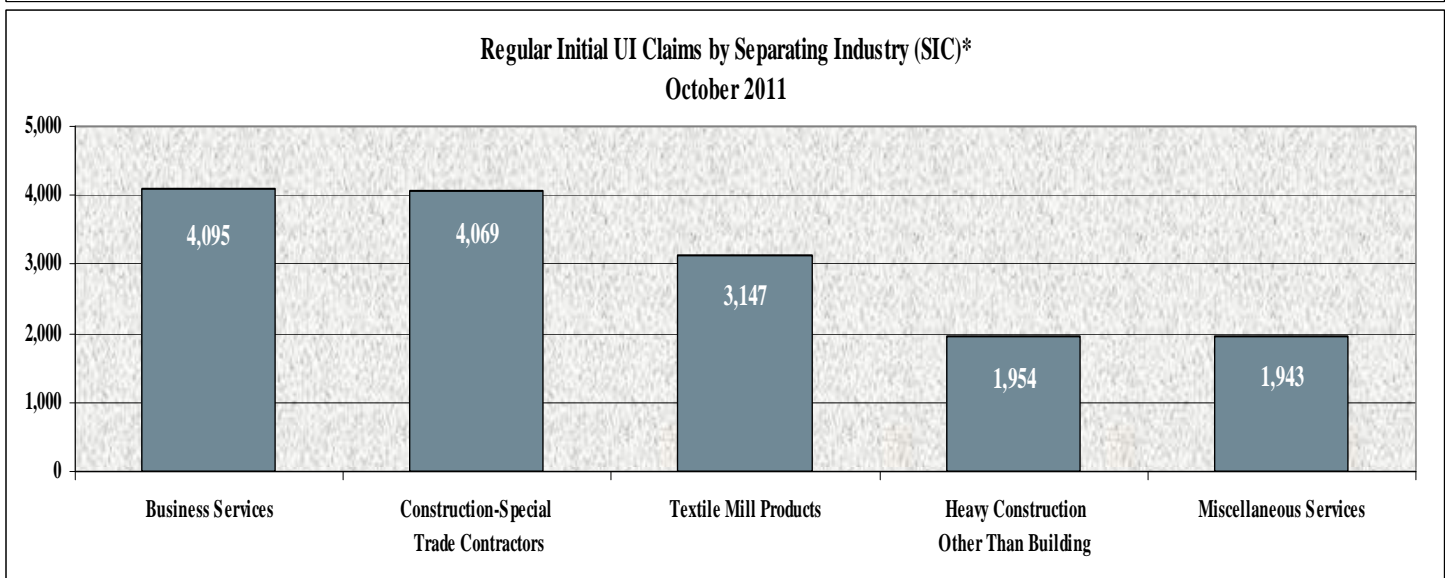
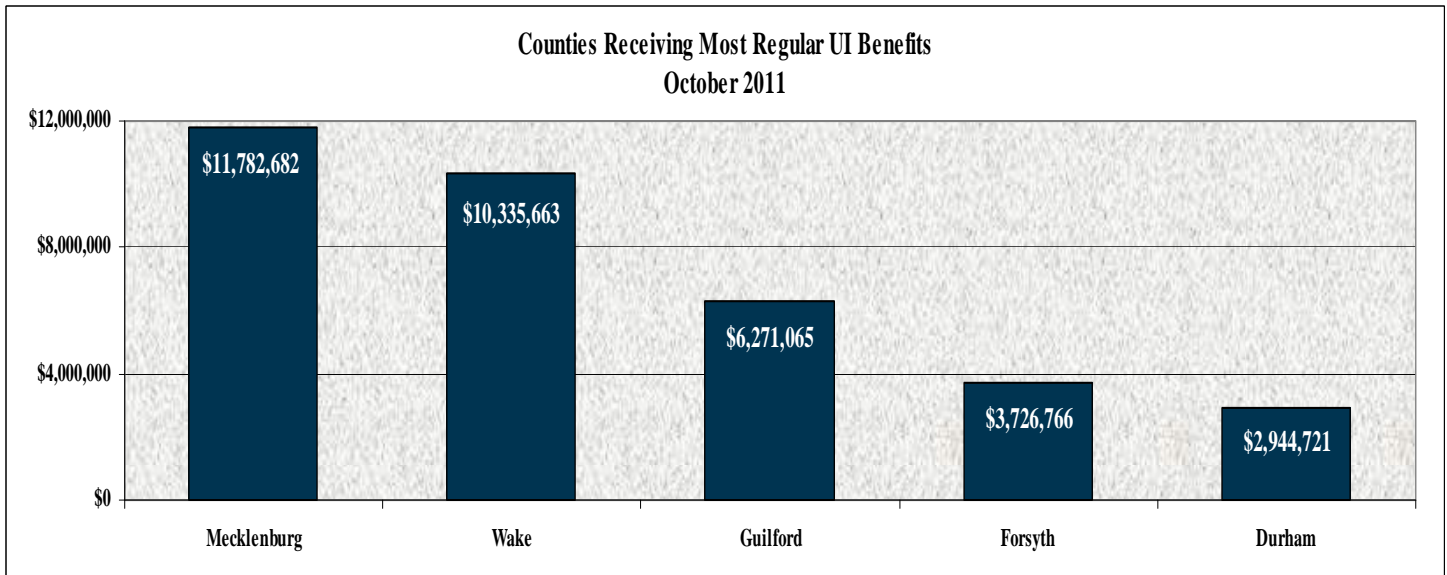
\*All October 2011 labor force data are preliminary.

In October 2011, there were 58,410 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, October 2011						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	4,198	953	1,802	1,995	1,431	1,494
Guilford	3,211	1,480	1,272	1,363	1,141	1,256
Wake	3,016	698	1,231	1,163	1,370	1,162
Catawba	1,758	1,167	623	150	1,154	733
Forsyth	1,735	637	656	645	793	681

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 36,000 for the month ending October 2011, increased 3,473 from the prior month. Twenty-two percent were Attached New Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 38,340, of which 24 percent were Attached. For the month ending October 2009, New Claims totaled 39,785, of which 20 percent were Attached Claims.



\*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

<b>Asheville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-100)</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-200)</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-5.1%	
	Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%	Manufacturing	200	1.1%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300	-0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	0.3%
	<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>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	200	1.4%	Professional & Business Services	-400	-2.7%
		Education & Health Services	-200	-0.6%	Education & Health Services	-400	-1.3%
	<b>168,600</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	600	2.6%
	Other Services	-100	-1.4%	Other Services	-100	-1.4%	
<b>Rate = 7.7</b>	Government	500	1.8%	Government	200	0.7%	
<b>Burlington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>1.1%</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	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	1.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-1.0%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	100	25.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	100	5.9%	Financial Activities	0	0.0%
	<b>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	100	1.5%	Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
		Education & Health Services	100	1.0%	Education & Health Services	100	1.0%
	<b>56,500</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	300	4.5%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	-100	-7.7%	
<b>Rate = 10.0</b>	Government	200	2.7%	Government	0	0.0%	
<b>Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(5,700)</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,100	-2.9%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-800	-2.1%	
	Manufacturing	-300	-0.5%	Manufacturing	700	1.1%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,000	0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	2,800	1.7%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	300	1.4%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	-400	-0.6%	Financial Activities	-200	-0.3%
	<b>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	1,500	1.1%	Professional & Business Services	600	0.4%
		Education & Health Services	1,900	2.3%	Education & Health Services	1,800	2.2%
	<b>811,200</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-2,500	-2.7%	Leisure & Hospitality	2,700	3.1%
	Other Services	600	2.0%	Other Services	900	3.0%	
<b>Rate = 10.2</b>	Government	700	0.6%	Government	-3,100	-2.7%	
<b>Durham/Chapel Hill Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,300)</b>	<b>0.5%</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	500	1.4%	Manufacturing	700	2.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700	-2.1%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	100	2.7%	Information	0	0.0%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	100	0.8%
	<b>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	-200	-0.6%	Professional & Business Services	300	0.8%
		Education & Health Services	500	0.9%	Education & Health Services	700	1.3%
	<b>281,800</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-3.1%	Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-2.7%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	-200	-1.0%	
<b>Rate = 7.5</b>	Government	1,100	1.9%	Government	1,000	1.7%	

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<b>Fayetteville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(900)</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(2,900)</b>	<b>2.3%</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	-100	-1.1%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0	0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-0.5%
	<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>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	100	0.7%	Professional & Business Services	100	0.7%
	<b>131,600</b>	Education & Health Services	100	0.7%	Education & Health Services	300	2.0%
	<b>Rate = 9.7</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
	Other Services	100	2.0%	Other Services	200	4.2%	
	Government	600	1.5%	Government	2,500	6.4%	
<b>Goldsboro Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>0.2%</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>Oct-11</b>	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*		<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*	
	<b>42,200</b>	<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*		<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*	
	<b>Rate = 8.6</b>	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*		<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*	
	<i>Other Services</i>	*		<i>Other Services</i>	*		
	Government	200	1.9%	Government	700	7.1%	
<b>Greensboro/High Point Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(3,700)</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(4,300)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-1.5%	
	Manufacturing	600	1.2%	Manufacturing	500	1.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	700	1.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	2,100	3.1%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	0	0.0%	Information	-100	-1.8%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	-200	-1.0%
	<b>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	300	0.6%	Professional & Business Services	1,000	2.2%
	<b>345,500</b>	Education & Health Services	700	1.5%	Education & Health Services	-700	-1.5%
	<b>Rate = 10.1</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.3%	Leisure & Hospitality	800	2.7%
	Other Services	100	0.7%	Other Services	0	0.0%	
	Government	1,200	2.6%	Government	1,100	2.4%	
<b>Greenville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,600)</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.3%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	1.8%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	1.8%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Information	100	11.1%	Information	100	11.1%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	100	3.7%	Financial Activities	100	3.7%
	<b>Oct-11</b>	Professional & Business Services	100	1.6%	Professional & Business Services	300	5.0%
	<b>76,100</b>	Education & Health Services	200	1.8%	Education & Health Services	400	3.7%
	<b>Rate = 9.6</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.2%
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	0	0.0%	
	Government	900	4.1%	Government	-700	-3.0%	

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<b>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0) 0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,200) -1.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -2.6%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -5.0%
	Manufacturing	-400 -1.1%	Manufacturing	-1,100 -2.9%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%
	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	Financial Activities	100 3.0%	Financial Activities	100 3.0%
	Professional & Business Services	100 0.9%	Professional & Business Services	100 0.9%
	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	200 1.1%
	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -2.7%
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Nonfarm</b>				
<b>Employment</b>				
<b>Oct-11</b>				
<b>141,500</b>				
<b>Other Services</b>	0 0.0%	Other Services	0 0.0%	
<b>Rate = 11.7</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>200 0.8%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-1,000 -4.0%</b>
<b>Jacksonville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(200) 0.4%</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>	*
	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*
	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*
	<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*	<i>Education &amp; Health Services</i>	*
	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Nonfarm</b>				
<b>Employment</b>				
<b>Oct-11</b>				
<b>47,400</b>				
<b>Other Services</b>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*	
<b>Rate = 9.0</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>400 2.7%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>400 2.7%</b>
<b>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(3,000) 0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(5,900) 1.2%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,700 -5.6%	Mining, Logging & Construction	300 1.0%
	Manufacturing	-200 -0.7%	Manufacturing	100 0.4%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.2%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 0.3%
	Information	100 0.6%	Information	-100 -0.6%
	Financial Activities	600 2.4%	Financial Activities	-700 -2.6%
	Professional & Business Services	1,000 1.1%	Professional & Business Services	3,200 3.7%
	Education & Health Services	1,200 1.9%	Education & Health Services	2,700 4.4%
	Leisure & Hospitality	300 0.6%	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Nonfarm</b>				
<b>Employment</b>				
<b>Oct-11</b>				
<b>507,700</b>				
<b>Other Services</b>	400 1.7%	Other Services	600 2.5%	
<b>Rate = 8.0</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>1,100 1.2%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-500 -0.6%</b>
<b>Rocky Mount Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(400) 0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-800) -1.3%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -4.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -4.0%
	Manufacturing	-200 -1.9%	Manufacturing	-100 -0.9%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100 -0.9%
	Information	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	Financial Activities	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	100 1.7%
	Education & Health Services	100 1.4%	Education & Health Services	100 1.4%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Nonfarm</b>				
<b>Employment</b>				
<b>Oct-11</b>				
<b>59,700</b>				
<b>Other Services</b>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*	
<b>Rate = 13.0</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>300 2.8%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-600 -5.1%</b>

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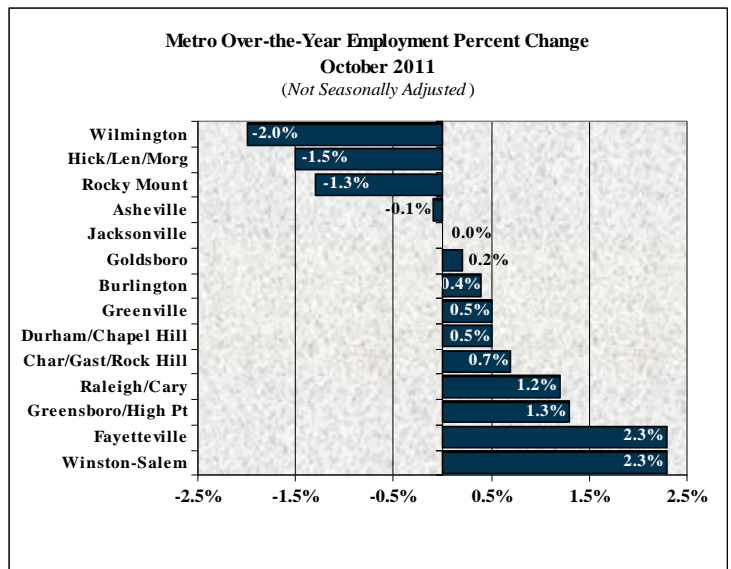
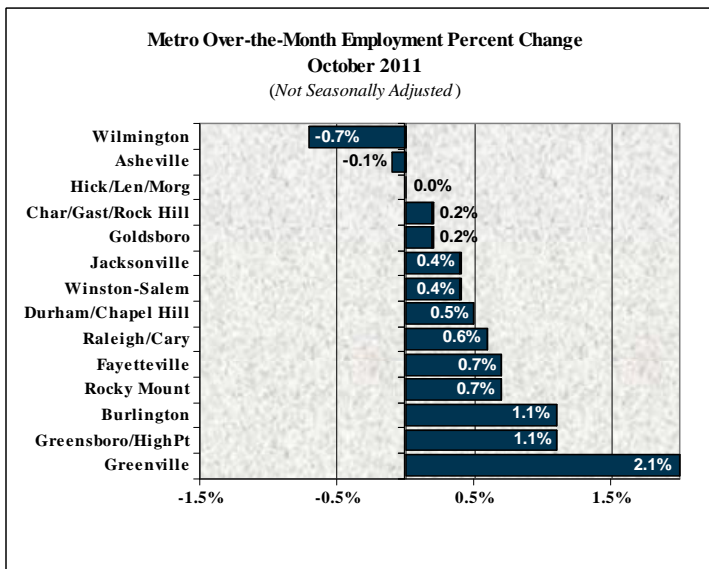
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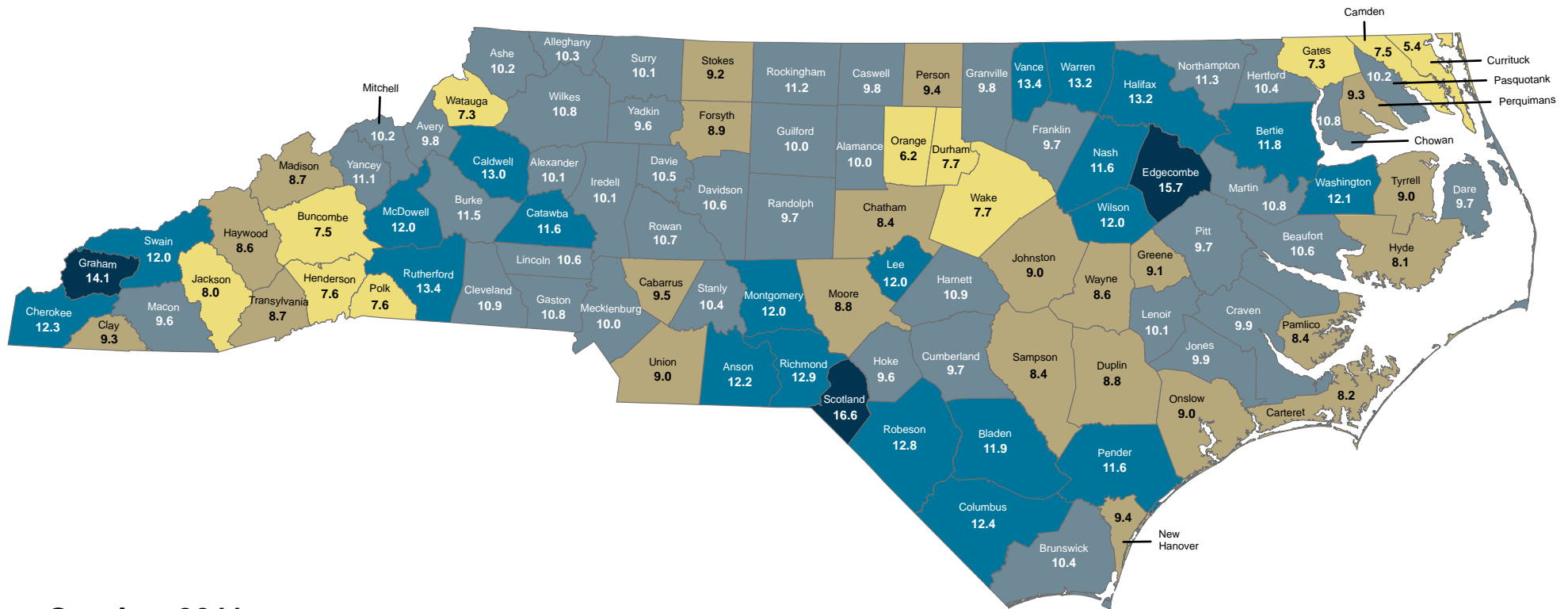
<b>Wilmington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,000)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,700)</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-600	-7.7%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,900	-20.9%
	Manufacturing	-500	-7.4%	Manufacturing	-1,300	-17.1%
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>					
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300	1.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.7%
	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	100	1.5%
	<b>Oct-11</b>					
	Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.3%	Professional & Business Services	800	5.7%
	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	Education & Health Services	500	2.9%
	<b>135,000</b>					
	Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-2.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-2.0%
	Other Services	100	1.6%	Other Services	100	1.6%
<b>Rate = 10.0</b>						
Government	400	1.6%	Government	-800	-3.0%	
<b>Winston-Salem Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(900)</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(4,700)</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.5%	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.6%
	Manufacturing	-200	-0.9%	Manufacturing	700	3.1%
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>					
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	0.3%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,300	3.7%
	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%
	Financial Activities	100	0.8%	Financial Activities	100	0.8%
	<b>Oct-11</b>					
	Professional & Business Services	800	3.3%	Professional & Business Services	300	1.2%
	Education & Health Services	300	0.6%	Education & Health Services	2,100	4.7%
	<b>209,600</b>					
	Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-1.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
	Other Services	100	1.1%	Other Services	-100	-1.1%
<b>Rate = 9.2</b>						
Government	200	0.8%	Government	100	0.4%	

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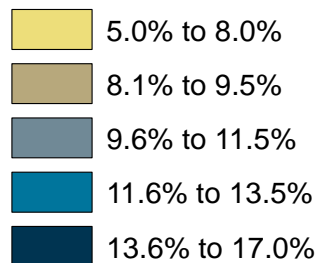
Over the month, net industry employment increased in 11 of 14 Metros. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns and therefore it is advisable to focus on the over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series. The Greensboro/High Point Metro had the largest net employment increase with 3,700, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 3,000. Greenville experienced the greatest percentage increase at 2.1 percent. Over the year, employment rose in nine Metros and decreased in four. The Raleigh/Cary Metro had the largest net employment increase with 5,900, followed by Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC/SC with 5,700, Winston-Salem with 4,700 and Greensboro/High Point with 4,300. Jacksonville showed no change over the year. Fayetteville and Winston-Salem had the greatest percentage increase at 2.3 percent.



# North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County October 2011



## October 2011



- ▲ 12 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- ▼ 83 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 5 Counties Same as Previous Month

**North Carolina Rate 9.7%**  
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## UI Benefits Paid by County

### November 2010-October 2011

### Total All Programs

