



Capital Area

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION UPDATE

October 2007

Area Quick Facts

Civilian Labor Force	
August 2007	
Not Seasonally Adjusted	
Johnston	76,970
Wake	437,606
Capital Area	514,576
North Carolina	4,540,490
North Carolina Unemployment Rate August 2007	
Seasonally Adjusted	4.8
Not Seasonally Adjusted	4.7
August 2006	
Seasonally Adjusted	4.9
Not Seasonally Adjusted	5.0
Individuals Receiving Unemployment Insurance Checks – August	
	2007 2006
Johnston	949 827
Wake	4,382 4,512
North Carolina	81,686 79,804
North Carolina Average Weekly Benefit Amount	
August 2007	\$272.97
July 2007	\$269.49

Unemployment Rates* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2007	July 2007	June 2007	August 2006
Johnston	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.0
Wake	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.7
Capital Area	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.8
North Carolina	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.0

*The September 2007 state and county rates will be released on October 19 and 26, respectively.

Note: When comparing area/state rates, use not seasonally adjusted state data.

ESC Employment Service Registered Applicants* 7/1/2007 – 08/31/2007

	Johnston	Wake
Professional, Technical & Managerial	1,083	6,056
Clerical	1,025	3,378
Sales	320	1,467
Domestic Services	26	77
Other Services	769	2,588
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	57	101
Processing	132	234
Machine Trade	259	513
Benchwork	345	487
Structural Work	486	1,154
Motor Freight & Transportation	161	593
Packaging & Material Handling	404	859
Miscellaneous	32	145

*Active Applicants YTD for PY 7/1/07 - 6/30/08

New Corporations

	August 2007	August 2006
Johnston	63	61
Wake	1,624	1,420

Source: NC Department of the Secretary of State



Gender & Age Range of Individuals Filing Initial Claims*

August 2007

	Johnston	Wake	North Carolina
Male	51%	49%	45%
Female	49%	51%	55%
16-19	2%	1%	2%
20-24	9%	10%	9%
25-34	29%	29%	23%
35-44	29%	27%	26%
45-54	21%	21%	24%
55-64	9%	10%	13%
65 or Older	1%	2%	3%

*Percentages are rounded.

Capital Area Quarterly Workforce Indicators 2nd Qtr 2006

Quarterly Workforce Indicators	Capital Area WDB (Q2)	Capital Area WDB (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs)	North Carolina (Q2)	North Carolina (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs)
Total Employment	469,984	459,075	3,898,370	3,833,180
Net Job Flows	8,336	9,084	32,725	26,926
Job Creation	34,873	33,874	275,313	248,045
New Hires	117,690	102,758	916,902	793,296
Separations	125,039	112,266	1,023,127	908,305
Turnover	11.9%	11.7%	12.0%	11.4%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$3,661.00	\$3,643.25	\$3,301.00	\$3,294.00
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$2,751.00	\$2,439.25	\$2,357.00	\$2,124.00

Industry	Hiring Growth (2005 Q2, 2006 Q2)	Hiring Growth (%) (2005 Q2, 2006 Q2)	Hiring (2006 Q2)	Hiring (2005 Q2)
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, and Prof. Organizations	436	76.6%	787	351
Food Services and Drinking Places	311	7.0%	4,563	4,252
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	158	45.1%	429	271
Printing and Related Support Activities	151	96.4%	232	81
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	150	23.8%	705	555
Real Estate	141	18.6%	828	687
Repair and Maintenance	118	24.3%	543	425
Support Activities for Transportation	81	58.0%	180	99
Accommodation	76	15.7%	522	446
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	74	19.1%	423	349

Source: Local Employment Dynamics (LED), <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/index.html>

Unemployment Insurance Claims

August 2007

	Total Initial Claims	Total Benefits Paid
Johnston	461	\$899,855
Wake	1,890	\$4,505,806
North Carolina	45,724	\$73,818,682

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

Duration of Benefits By County

12-Month Period Ending

	August 2007	August 2006
Johnston	13.1	12.9
Wake	15.0	15.1

Duration is defined as the number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments.

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