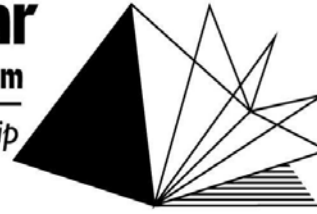


**Labor Market
Information
Update**

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Workforce Development Consortium
Success Through Partnership



May 2009

QUICK FACTS

Civilian Labor Force*
March 2009

Brunswick	48,279
Columbus	24,783
New Hanover	103,776
Pender	23,905
Cape Fear WDB	200,743
Statewide	4,526,737

*Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Gender of Individuals
Filing Initial Claims**

March 2009

	F	M
Brunswick	36%	64%
Columbus	32%	68%
New Hanover	39%	61%
Pender	33%	67%
Statewide	35%	65%

**NC Benefits Paid To
Unemployed Workers**

March 2009

\$268,598,802

**NC Average Weekly
Benefit Amount**

March 2009

\$293.57

**NC Maximum Weekly
Unemployment Insurance**

Benefit Amount

\$494

Unemployment Rates* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2009	February 2009	January 2009	March 2008
Brunswick	11.4	12.4	11.8	5.3
Columbus	13.3	14.2	13.4	6.3
New Hanover	9.3	9.7	8.8	4.4
Pender	11.4	12.1	11.2	4.8
Cape Fear WDB	10.5	11.2	10.4	4.9
Statewide	10.9	11.2	10.2	5.3

Source: Labor Area Unemployment Statistics

*March 2009 data is preliminary, while other 2009 data is revised and March 2008 data is benchmarked.

Unemployment Insurance Claims

March 2009

March 2008

	Total Initial Claims	Benefits Paid	Total Initial Claims	Benefits Paid
Brunswick	792	\$2,743,732	401	\$1,049,429
Columbus	629	\$1,636,878	265	\$571,060
New Hanover	1,262	\$5,022,372	559	\$1,905,491
Pender	514	\$1,435,165	265	\$417,931
Statewide	134,964	\$268,598,802	54,555	\$91,396,131

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

Duration of UI Benefits

March 2009 March 2008

Brunswick	15.1	14.8
Columbus	14.0	13.4
New Hanover	14.6	15.2
Pender	14.0	14.2
Statewide	13.3	13.7

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

**Age of Individuals Filing
Initial Claims**

March 2009

Cape Fear WDB North Carolina

16-19	1%	1%
20-24	10%	8%
25-34	24%	21%
35-44	23%	26%
45-54	24%	26%
55-64	14%	15%
65+	4%	3%

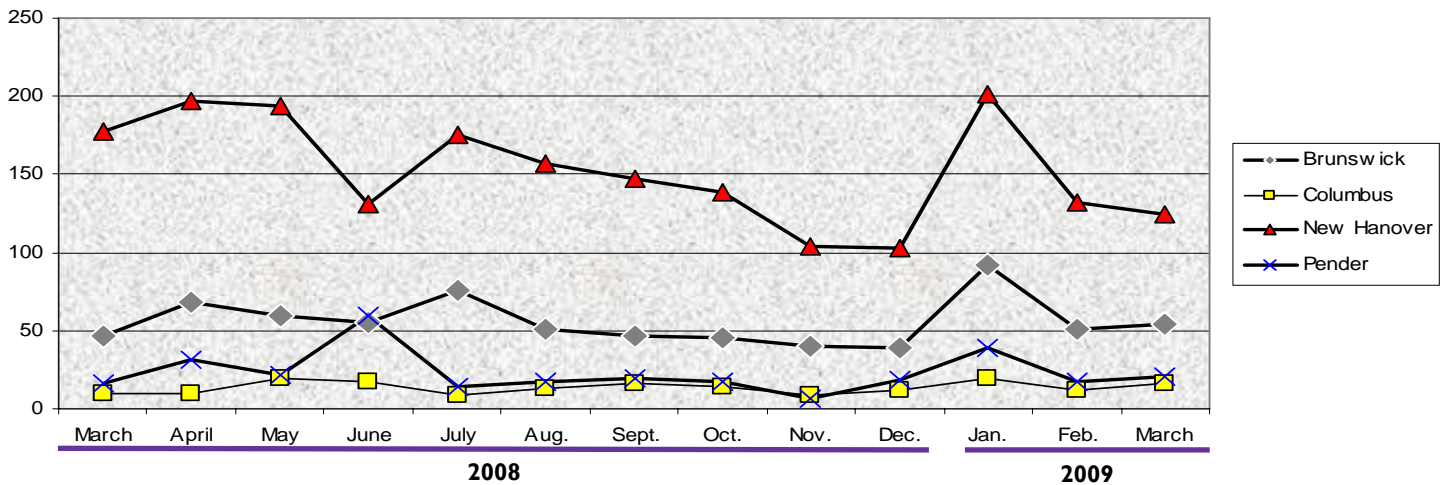
Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

Total Registered Applicants Active Anytime During July 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

	Brunswick	Columbus	New Hanover	Pender
Prof., Technical & Managerial	2,212	875	4,122	819
Clerical	1,645	855	2,089	669
Sales	749	291	1,354	281
Domestic Services	33	24	75	17
Other Services	1,853	1,314	2,884	592
Ag., Forestry & Fishery	222	128	200	104
Processing	119	204	213	122
Machine Trade	565	437	676	301
Benchwork	158	142	276	132
Structural Work	1,927	1,158	2,004	706
Motor Freight & Transportation	395	220	505	207
Packaging & Material Handling	413	550	646	314
Miscellaneous	97	22	322	37

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division Note: Program Year 7/1/2008—6/30/2009

New Corporations



Source: Department of the NC Secretary of State

Individuals Receiving Claims Checks

	March 2009	March 2008	Yearly Change
Brunswick	2,552	1,240	1,312
Columbus	1,417	611	806
New Hanover	4,095	1,783	2,312
Pender	1,334	548	786
Statewide	256,930	106,868	150,062

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

Announced Business Closings & Layoffs* March 2008 - March 2009

	Closings	Layoffs
Brunswick	2	4
Columbus	2	0
New Hanover	27	10
Pender	1	0

*Totals are comprehensive, representing only the totals as reported.

Source: Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS), Labor Market Information Division

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