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Labor Market Information Update

March 2009

Area Quick Facts

Civilian Labor Force January 2009

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Johnston	77,663
Wake	447,986
Capital Area	525,649
North Carolina	4,517,751

North Carolina Unemployment Rate January 2009

Seasonally Adjusted	9.7
Not Seasonally Adjusted	10.3

North Carolina Unemployment Rate January 2008

Seasonally Adjusted	5.0
Not Seasonally Adjusted	5.3

Individuals Receiving Unemployment Insurance Checks

	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008
Johnston	3,118	1,245
Wake	10,968	5,208
North Carolina	234,114	117,820

North Carolina Average Weekly Benefit Amount

January 2009	\$282.99
December 2008	\$278.00

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	January 2009	December 2008	November 2008	January 2008
Johnston	9.8	8.0	7.4	4.5
Wake	7.4	6.1	5.8	3.8
Capital Area	7.8	6.4	6.0	3.9
North Carolina	10.3	8.4	7.7	5.3

*January 2009 and December 2008 county data are preliminary, while other 2008 data are revised. January 2009 state data are preliminary, while 2008 data are benchmarked.

ESC Employment Service Registered Applicants* 7/1/2008 – 01/31/2008

	Johnston	Wake
Professional, Technical & Managerial	2,375	14,926
Clerical	1,714	6,810
Sales	693	3,507
Domestic Services	63	167
Other Services	1,436	4,735
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	185	283
Processing	228	479
Machine Trade	609	1,296
Benchwork	517	932
Structural Work	1,475	3,367
Motor Freight & Transportation	448	1,393
Packaging & Material Handling	730	1,860
Miscellaneous	71	341

*Active Applicants YTD for PY 7/1/08 - 6/30/09

New Corporations

	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008
Johnston	66	84
Wake	1,286	1,564

Source: NC Department of the Secretary of State



Gender & Age Range of Individuals Filing Initial Claims* January 2009

	Johnston	Wake	North Carolina
Male	70%	64%	65%
Female	30%	36%	35%
16-19	2%	1%	1%
20-24	8%	9%	8%
25-34	23%	26%	21%
35-44	27%	28%	26%
45-54	24%	23%	26%
55-64	14%	11%	15%
65 or Older	2%	2%	3%

*Percentages are rounded.

Capital Area Quarterly Workforce Indicators

4th Qtr 2007

Quarterly Workforce Indicators	Capital Area WDB (Q4)	Capital Area WDB (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs)	North Carolina (Q4)	North Carolina (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs)
Total Employment	497,195	489,628	4,010,533	3,967,343
Net Job Flows	-17,361	2,807	-141,877	22,550
Job Creation	27,422	35,230	202,931	280,386
New Hires	103,593	109,357	733,380	826,999
Separations	141,809	126,445	1,048,119	978,556
Turnover	12.10%	11.60%	11.80%	11.20%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$3,978.00	\$3,846.75	\$3,550.00	\$3,458.25
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$2,416.00	\$2,419.25	\$2,287.00	\$2,184.25

Industry	Hiring Growth (2006 Q4, 2007 Q4)	Hiring Growth (%) (2006 Q4, 2007 Q4)	Hiring (2007 Q4)	Hiring (2006 Q4)
General Merchandise Stores	498	44.2	1374	876
Food & Beverage Stores	396	38.7	1219	823
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional & Similar Organizations	178	46.4	472	294
Specialty Trade Contractors	131	14.7	953	822
Couriers & Messengers	101	25.2	451	350
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	100	34.0	344	244
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	83	36.6	268	185
Wholesale Electronic Markets, Agents & Brokers	75	13.1	608	533
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	65	50.5	161	96
Food Manufacturing	59	10.1	610	551

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

Unemployment Insurance Claims

	January 2009	
	Total Initial Claims	Total Benefits Paid
Johnston	1,790	\$3,141,632
Wake	6,022	\$12,912,828
North Carolina	158,659	\$201,536,951

Source: ESUI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

Duration of Benefits By County

12-Month Period Ending

	January 2009	January 2008
Johnston	13.5	14.3
Wake	14.6	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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