

# ESC Monthly Activity

## June 2007

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of North Carolina

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JUNE (Preliminary)	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month (Revised)
4.5%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	4.5%
4.9%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	4.8%
4,533,682	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,525,719
4,309,833	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,307,870
223,849	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	217,849

JUNE	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>	Prior Month <sup>2</sup>
<b>Unemployment</b> <b>Benefit Payments</b> <b>June 2007</b>		
<b>298,401</b>	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2006	<b>298,401</b>
<b>79,975</b>	Individuals receiving UI benefits - June 2007	<b>84,279</b>
<b>247,383</b>	Weeks of UI paid in June 2007	<b>278,312</b>
Mecklenburg \$6,824,223	<b>\$830.5 Million</b> Amount paid in UI - 2006	<b>\$830.5 Million</b>
Wake \$4,162,168	<b>\$70.5 Million</b> Amount paid in UI - June 2007 <sup>3</sup>	<b>\$77.5 Million</b>
Guilford \$3,562,913	<b>\$0</b> Amount paid in Federal Benefits - TEUC - June 2007	<b>\$168.00</b>
Rowan \$2,239,590	<b>\$256.13</b> Average UI Check - 2006 (per week)	<b>\$256.13</b>
Forsyth \$2,229,938	<b>\$267.13</b> Average UI Check - June 2007	<b>\$270.06</b>
Gaston \$2,227,104	<b>\$39 / \$457</b> Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	<b>\$39 / \$457</b>
Iredell \$1,455,639	<b>13.6 Weeks</b> Average Duration (Jan. 2007 - Mar. 2007)	<b>13.6 Weeks</b>
Cumberland \$1,400,415	<b>19<sup>th</sup> (Lowest)</b> Duration Ranking (Jan. 2007 - Mar. 2007) <i>tie: NC and WA</i>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> (Lowest)</b>
Davidson \$1,390,651	<b>\$1,081.6 Million</b> Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending June 2007	<b>\$1,085.8 Million</b>
Catawba \$1,360,178	<b>\$850.0 Million</b> Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending June 2007	<b>\$843.7 Million</b>
	<b>\$385.5 Million</b> Trust Fund Balance - June 30, 2007	<b>\$433.0 Million</b>
	<b>\$0</b> Federal Loan Balance - June 30, 2007	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>\$0</b> Tax Anticipation Bonds Payback Balance - June 30, 2007	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>\$0</b> Tax Anticipation Bonds on-hand - June 30, 2007	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>\$10.5 Million</b> State Reserve Balance - June 30, 2007	<b>\$24.6 Million</b>

Current Locations	JUNE	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	Prior Month <sup>2</sup>
93 local offices	<b>19,290</b>	New Job Applicants - June 2007	<b>18,475</b>
105 Job Link Career Centers	<b>230,376</b>	Total New Jobseekers for PY (July 2005 - June 2006)	<b>230,376</b>
60 ESC hosted	<b>231,780</b>	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (July 2006 - June 2007)	<b>212,490</b>
45 non-ESC hosted	<b>262,078</b>	Jobseekers available as of June 30, 2007	<b>267,715</b>
42 community colleges			
5 military bases	<b>33,960</b>	Jobseekers Provided Service - June 2007 <sup>4</sup>	<b>34,635</b>
4 universities	<b>24,186</b>	Jobseekers Referred to Jobs - June 2007 <sup>4</sup>	<b>24,863</b>
	<b>289,462</b>	Total Services Provided - June 2007	<b>300,339</b>
	<b>21,833</b>	Job Openings listed - June 2007	<b>23,634</b>
	<b>293,232</b>	Job Openings listed for PY (July 2005 - June 2006)	<b>293,232</b>
	<b>287,272</b>	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (July 2006 - June 2007)	<b>265,439</b>
	<b>3,075</b>	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - June 2007	<b>3,515</b>
	<b>41,687</b>	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (July 2006 - June 2007)	<b>39,521</b>
	<b>9,986</b>	Jobseekers entering employment - June 2007	<b>10,559</b>
	<b>158,835</b>	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (July 2006 - June 2007)	<b>145,427</b>

<sup>1</sup>Regular UI Benefits unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup>Data in this column represent prior month, prior quarter or prior year data as published in the previous month's report; i.e., prior year equals 2004 data.

<sup>3</sup>Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period April 30, 2007 - May 30, 2007.

<sup>4</sup>Totals for *Jobseekers Provided Service* and *Jobseekers Referred to Jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year.

*This information may be downloaded from ESC Online,  
the Employment Security Commission Web Page at:  
<http://www.ncesc.com>*

# Highlights



The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 294,140 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in June 2007, down 10.2 percent from May (327,512) and down 0.03 percent from June a year ago (294,239).

June's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 1.8 percent remained unchanged from the May's 1.8 percent, and the 1.8 percent of June a year ago.

There were 41,788 Initial Claims filed in June 2007, down 16.8 percent from the prior month's total of 50,231. Compared with June 2006 (48,586), Initial Claims' volume decreased 14.0 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lowest duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the first quarter of 2007, the average duration was 13.6 weeks for North Carolina and Washington while the national average was 15.1 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were North Dakota, 10.9 weeks; Georgia, 11.0 weeks; South Dakota, 11.1 weeks; Alabama and Idaho, 11.3 weeks; New Hampshire and Wyoming, 12.0 weeks; Iowa, 12.3 weeks; Nebraska and Virginia, 12.4 weeks; Indiana, 12.9 weeks; Kentucky and Wisconsin, 13.0 weeks; Colorado and West Virginia, 13.3 weeks; Hawaii and Tennessee, 13.4 weeks; and, South Carolina, 13.5 weeks.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at \$385,465,978 on June 30, 2007. Since January 1, 2007 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has increased \$198,848,066. In June, the Employment Security Commission collected \$7,427,084 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a zero balance, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$10,488,672 on June 30, 2007.

As of June 30, 2007, there were 198,576 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in June 2007 were paid \$70,515,677 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$274.29, a decrease of 1.3 percent from the prior month (\$277.81). This average increased 4.4 percent from June 2006 (\$262.78). Claimants receiving first payments in June totaled 15,916, a 17.8 percent decrease from May (19,359) and a 6.1 percent decrease from the June 2006 level (16,948). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 7,478, for a decrease of 6.4 percent from May's volume (7,989) and a decrease of 1.8 percent from the June 2006 volume (7,615).

New and renewed job applications taken in June by ESC local offices totaled 19,997, up 4.2 percent from May's volume (19,190) and down 5.5 percent from June 2006 (21,160).

Individuals placed in June by ESC local offices totaled 5,519, down 10.7 percent from May's volume (6,179) and down 21.9 percent from June 2006 (7,071).

A total of 6,065 non-farm placements occurred in June 2007. This represented a 5.7 percent decrease since May 2007 (6,431) and down 12.9 percent from June 2006 (6,965). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 43.7 percent; veteran, 13.0 percent; minority, 49.4 percent; UI claimants, 39.7 percent; applicants under 22, 11.8 percent; males over 21, 49.7 percent; and, disabled, 10.4 percent.

**ATTENTION:** Please be advised that due to technical difficulties, we are presently unable to report the Insured Unemployment data on the county level in the ESC Monthly Activity Report (also known as the Fact Sheet). This problem is anticipated to be of short duration and the reporting of the Insured Unemployment data should return to its normal schedule next month. We apologize for any inconvenience.