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April Unemployment Rates Decrease In Nearly All Of North Carolina’s 100 Counties

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates decreased in 99 of North Carolina’s 100 counties in April, according to statistics released today by the state’s Employment Security Commission.

“The positive news in the April county data is that there has been an increase in the number of workers employed throughout the state,” said ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes. “At the same time, the news is tempered by the fact that more than half of the counties still have unemployment rates over the unadjusted rate of 10%. We continue to provide a variety of services in our 89 offices statewide to assist those seeking work.”

North Carolina had 41 counties that were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 10 percent. Rates decreased in all 14 of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas for the second consecutive month.

The number of workers employed (not-seasonally adjusted) increased in April by 30,780 workers, to 4,089,754. The number of people unemployed decreased, by 42,446. The number of unemployed people in April was 455,013 workers, compared with 497,459 in March.

| | <i>Counties With Rates 5% Or Below</i> | <i>Counties With Rates Between 5% & 10%</i> | <i>Counties With Rates 10% Or Above</i> |
|------------------------|--|---|---|
| <i>April</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>37</i> | <i>63</i> |
| <i>March (Revised)</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>75</i> |

Currituck County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in April, at 5.8 percent. Meanwhile, Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate, at 15.8 percent.

The five counties receiving the highest amount in regular unemployment insurance benefits in April were: Mecklenburg, \$20.2 million; Wake, \$16.3 million; Guilford, \$9.8 million; Forsyth, \$6.3 million; and Gaston, \$4.9 million. In April, \$189.3 million in regular UI benefits was paid to 190,311 individuals statewide, compared to \$227.2 million to 213,786 individuals in March.

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Unemployment rates in the metropolitan statistical areas for April were:

Asheville — 8.5 percent, down from 9.4 percent in March.

Burlington — 11 percent, down from 12.1 percent.

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC — 11.1 percent, down from 12.1 percent.

Durham-Chapel Hill — 7.2 percent, down from 7.8 percent.

Fayetteville — 8.6 percent, down from 9.1 percent.

Goldsboro — 8.6 percent, down from 9.2 percent.

Greensboro-High Point — 10.7 percent, down from 11.6 percent.

Greenville — 9.6 percent, down from 10.3 percent.

Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton — 13.3 percent, down from 14.5 percent.

Jacksonville — 7.5 percent, down from 8 percent.

Raleigh-Cary — 8.3 percent, down from 8.9 percent.

Rocky Mount — 13 percent, down from 13.6 percent..

Wilmington — 9.7 percent, down from 10.6 percent.

Winston-Salem — 9.4 percent, down from 10.2 percent.

(Micropolitan statistical areas can be found on attached pages.)

Not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates show employment and unemployment conditions at the time the data were collected. The rates are not adjusted to remove seasonal fluctuations and generally are not used in determining the significance of economic trends.

(Editor's Note: *The state unemployment rate for May will be released on Friday, June 18, 2010.*)

Per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics instructions, the ESC revises the previous month's data.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Statewide and County Data for
APRIL 2010

| County | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate | County | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------|
| STATEWIDE | 4,544,767 | 4,089,754 | 455,013 | 10.0 | | | | | |
| ALAMANCE | 70,058 | 62,318 | 7,740 | 11.0 | JOHNSTON | 77,727 | 70,556 | 7,171 | 9.2 |
| ALEXANDER | 17,608 | 15,371 | 2,237 | 12.7 | JONES | 4,803 | 4,297 | 506 | 10.5 |
| ALLEGHANY | 4,804 | 4,297 | 507 | 10.6 | LEE | 26,000 | 22,797 | 3,203 | 12.3 |
| ANSON | 10,246 | 8,829 | 1,417 | 13.8 | LENOIR | 27,387 | 24,468 | 2,919 | 10.7 |
| ASHE | 12,699 | 11,263 | 1,436 | 11.3 | LINCOLN | 37,986 | 33,258 | 4,728 | 12.4 |
| AVERY | 9,225 | 8,389 | 836 | 9.1 | MCDOWELL | 20,421 | 17,846 | 2,575 | 12.6 |
| BEAUFORT | 21,206 | 18,938 | 2,268 | 10.7 | MACON | 16,103 | 14,448 | 1,655 | 10.3 |
| BERTIE | 9,353 | 8,398 | 955 | 10.2 | MADISON | 9,796 | 8,898 | 898 | 9.2 |
| BLADEN | 15,538 | 13,771 | 1,767 | 11.4 | MARTIN | 12,071 | 10,868 | 1,203 | 10.0 |
| BRUNSWICK | 49,243 | 44,169 | 5,074 | 10.3 | MECKLENBURG | 461,405 | 414,804 | 46,601 | 10.1 |
| BUNCOMBE | 119,575 | 109,730 | 9,845 | 8.2 | MITCHELL | 7,135 | 6,367 | 768 | 10.8 |
| BURKE | 38,751 | 33,589 | 5,162 | 13.3 | MONTGOMERY | 10,741 | 9,463 | 1,278 | 11.9 |
| CABARRUS | 84,719 | 75,638 | 9,081 | 10.7 | MOORE | 36,950 | 33,549 | 3,401 | 9.2 |
| CALDWELL | 37,349 | 31,936 | 5,413 | 14.5 | NASH | 46,644 | 41,048 | 5,596 | 12.0 |
| CAMDEN | 4,490 | 4,162 | 328 | 7.3 | NEW HANOVER | 103,975 | 94,441 | 9,534 | 9.2 |
| CARTERET | 33,759 | 31,068 | 2,691 | 8.0 | NORTHAMPTON | 8,786 | 7,897 | 889 | 10.1 |
| CASWELL | 10,817 | 9,562 | 1,255 | 11.6 | ONSLow | 67,515 | 62,469 | 5,046 | 7.5 |
| CATAWBA | 74,130 | 64,671 | 9,459 | 12.8 | ORANGE | 69,915 | 65,771 | 4,144 | 5.9 |
| CHATAM | 33,954 | 31,548 | 2,406 | 7.1 | PAMLICO | 5,482 | 4,977 | 505 | 9.2 |
| CHEROKEE | 10,062 | 8,692 | 1,370 | 13.6 | PASQUOTANK | 17,836 | 16,203 | 1,633 | 9.2 |
| CHOWAN | 6,583 | 5,922 | 661 | 10.0 | PENDER | 24,194 | 21,636 | 2,558 | 10.6 |
| CLAY | 4,726 | 4,236 | 490 | 10.4 | PERQUIMANS | 5,280 | 4,787 | 493 | 9.3 |
| CLEVELAND | 48,644 | 42,216 | 6,428 | 13.2 | PERSON | 19,398 | 17,336 | 2,062 | 10.6 |
| COLUMBUS | 24,895 | 21,978 | 2,917 | 11.7 | PITT | 81,347 | 73,601 | 7,746 | 9.5 |
| CRAVEN | 42,866 | 38,710 | 4,156 | 9.7 | POLK | 9,636 | 8,829 | 807 | 8.4 |
| CUMBERLAND | 137,689 | 125,805 | 11,884 | 8.6 | RANDOLPH | 72,975 | 65,279 | 7,696 | 10.5 |
| CURRITUCK | 12,542 | 11,809 | 733 | 5.8 | RICHMOND | 20,345 | 17,725 | 2,620 | 12.9 |
| DARE | 21,592 | 19,558 | 2,034 | 9.4 | ROBESON | 56,506 | 49,990 | 6,516 | 11.5 |
| DAVIDSON | 76,506 | 67,286 | 9,220 | 12.1 | ROCKINGHAM | 43,939 | 38,244 | 5,695 | 13.0 |
| DAVIE | 20,943 | 18,739 | 2,204 | 10.5 | ROWAN | 71,833 | 63,306 | 8,527 | 11.9 |
| DUPLIN | 25,261 | 23,103 | 2,158 | 8.5 | RUTHERFORD | 27,884 | 23,651 | 4,233 | 15.2 |
| DURHAM | 142,863 | 132,285 | 10,578 | 7.4 | SAMPSON | 31,959 | 29,300 | 2,659 | 8.3 |
| EDGECOMBE | 24,425 | 20,817 | 3,608 | 14.8 | SCOTLAND | 13,667 | 11,510 | 2,157 | 15.8 |
| FORSYTH | 175,012 | 158,925 | 16,087 | 9.2 | STANLY | 30,699 | 27,117 | 3,582 | 11.7 |
| FRANKLIN | 27,793 | 25,017 | 2,776 | 10.0 | STOKES | 24,026 | 21,590 | 2,436 | 10.1 |
| GASTON | 98,745 | 87,008 | 11,737 | 11.9 | SURRY | 33,772 | 29,940 | 3,832 | 11.3 |
| GATES | 4,899 | 4,549 | 350 | 7.1 | SWAIN | 6,713 | 5,912 | 801 | 11.9 |
| GRAHAM | 3,804 | 3,267 | 537 | 14.1 | TRANSYLVANIA | 13,470 | 12,270 | 1,200 | 8.9 |
| GRANVILLE | 26,067 | 23,449 | 2,618 | 10.0 | TYRRELL | 2,222 | 1,984 | 238 | 10.7 |
| GREENE | 9,376 | 8,405 | 971 | 10.4 | UNION | 94,497 | 85,345 | 9,152 | 9.7 |
| GUILFORD | 244,008 | 218,711 | 25,297 | 10.4 | VANCE | 19,685 | 17,300 | 2,385 | 12.1 |
| HALIFAX | 24,452 | 21,396 | 3,056 | 12.5 | WAKE | 454,772 | 418,409 | 36,363 | 8.0 |
| HARNETT | 48,238 | 43,193 | 5,045 | 10.5 | WARREN | 8,035 | 7,076 | 959 | 11.9 |
| HAYWOOD | 27,298 | 24,723 | 2,575 | 9.4 | WASHINGTON | 6,518 | 5,791 | 727 | 11.2 |
| HENDERSON | 48,547 | 44,446 | 4,101 | 8.4 | WATAUGA | 23,128 | 21,359 | 1,769 | 7.6 |
| HERTFORD | 10,385 | 9,487 | 898 | 8.6 | WAYNE | 53,261 | 48,693 | 4,568 | 8.6 |
| HOKE | 20,327 | 18,693 | 1,634 | 8.0 | WILKES | 30,792 | 26,865 | 3,927 | 12.8 |
| HYDE | 2,651 | 2,437 | 214 | 8.1 | WILSON | 40,291 | 35,370 | 4,921 | 12.2 |
| IREDELL | 79,183 | 69,726 | 9,457 | 11.9 | YADKIN | 19,231 | 17,362 | 1,869 | 9.7 |
| JACKSON | 20,150 | 18,413 | 1,737 | 8.6 | YANCEY | 7,955 | 7,104 | 851 | 10.7 |

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
APRIL 2010*

| Metropolitan Statistical Area | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ASHEVILLE | 205,215 | 187,797 | 17,418 | 8.5 |
| BURLINGTON | 70,058 | 62,318 | 7,740 | 11.0 |
| CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC | 863,858 | 767,767 | 96,091 | 11.1 |
| DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL | 266,130 | 246,940 | 19,190 | 7.2 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 158,016 | 144,498 | 13,518 | 8.6 |
| GOLDSBORO | 53,261 | 48,693 | 4,568 | 8.6 |
| GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT | 360,922 | 322,234 | 38,688 | 10.7 |
| GREENVILLE | 90,723 | 82,006 | 8,717 | 9.6 |
| HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON | 167,839 | 145,568 | 22,271 | 13.3 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 67,515 | 62,469 | 5,046 | 7.5 |
| RALEIGH-CARY | 560,292 | 513,982 | 46,310 | 8.3 |
| ROCKY MOUNT | 71,069 | 61,865 | 9,204 | 13.0 |
| WILMINGTON | 177,412 | 160,246 | 17,166 | 9.7 |
| WINSTON-SALEM | 239,212 | 216,616 | 22,596 | 9.4 |

| Micropolitan Statistical Area | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ALBEMARLE | 30,699 | 27,117 | 3,582 | 11.7 |
| BOONE | 23,128 | 21,359 | 1,769 | 7.6 |
| BREVARD | 13,470 | 12,270 | 1,200 | 8.9 |
| DUNN | 48,238 | 43,193 | 5,045 | 10.5 |
| ELIZABETH CITY | 27,607 | 25,152 | 2,455 | 8.9 |
| FOREST CITY | 27,884 | 23,651 | 4,233 | 15.2 |
| HENDERSON | 19,685 | 17,300 | 2,385 | 12.1 |
| KILL DEVIL HILLS | 21,592 | 19,558 | 2,034 | 9.4 |
| KINSTON | 27,387 | 24,468 | 2,919 | 10.7 |
| LAURINBURG | 13,667 | 11,510 | 2,157 | 15.8 |
| LINCOLNTON | 37,986 | 33,258 | 4,728 | 12.4 |
| LUMBERTON | 56,506 | 49,990 | 6,516 | 11.5 |
| MOREHEAD CITY | 33,759 | 31,068 | 2,691 | 8.0 |
| MOUNT AIRY | 33,772 | 29,940 | 3,832 | 11.3 |
| NEW BERN | 53,150 | 47,983 | 5,167 | 9.7 |
| NORTH WILKESBORO | 30,792 | 26,865 | 3,927 | 12.8 |
| ROANOKE RAPIDS | 33,238 | 29,293 | 3,945 | 11.9 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 20,345 | 17,725 | 2,620 | 12.9 |
| SALISBURY | 71,833 | 63,306 | 8,527 | 11.9 |
| SANFORD | 26,000 | 22,797 | 3,203 | 12.3 |
| SHELBY | 48,644 | 42,216 | 6,428 | 13.2 |
| SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST | 36,950 | 33,549 | 3,401 | 9.2 |
| STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE | 79,183 | 69,726 | 9,457 | 11.9 |
| THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON | 76,506 | 67,286 | 9,220 | 12.1 |
| WASHINGTON | 21,206 | 18,938 | 2,268 | 10.7 |
| WILSON | 40,291 | 35,370 | 4,921 | 12.2 |

| Multicounty Small Labor Market Area | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| JACKSON-SWAIN | 26,863 | 24,325 | 2,538 | 9.4 |

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
APRIL 2010*

| Combined Statistical Area | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ASHEVILLE-BREVARD | 218,685 | 200,067 | 18,618 | 8.5 |
| CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC | 1,177,922 | 1,041,389 | 136,533 | 11.6 |
| GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT | 780,470 | 698,394 | 82,076 | 10.5 |
| LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG | 70,173 | 61,500 | 8,673 | 12.4 |
| RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY | 874,660 | 804,115 | 70,545 | 8.1 |

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

| COUNTY | APRIL 2010 | MARCH 2010 | CHANGE | COUNTY | APRIL 2010 | MARCH 2010 | CHANGE |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| STATEWIDE | 10.0 | 10.9 | -0.9 | JOHNSTON | 9.2 | 10.2 | -1.0 |
| ALAMANCE | 11.0 | 12.1 | -1.1 | JONES | 10.5 | 11.2 | -0.7 |
| ALEXANDER | 12.7 | 13.6 | -0.9 | LEE | 12.3 | 13.3 | -1.0 |
| ALLEGHANY | 10.6 | 13.5 | -2.9 | LENOIR | 10.7 | 11.4 | -0.7 |
| ANSON | 13.8 | 14.9 | -1.1 | LINCOLN | 12.4 | 13.5 | -1.1 |
| ASHE | 11.3 | 13.8 | -2.5 | MCDOWELL | 12.6 | 14.4 | -1.8 |
| AVERY | 9.1 | 10.3 | -1.2 | MACON | 10.3 | 12.2 | -1.9 |
| BEAUFORT | 10.7 | 11.5 | -0.8 | MADISON | 9.2 | 10.6 | -1.4 |
| BERTIE | 10.2 | 10.8 | -0.6 | MARTIN | 10.0 | 10.7 | -0.7 |
| BLADEN | 11.4 | 12.2 | -0.8 | MECKLENBURG | 10.1 | 11.0 | -0.9 |
| BRUNSWICK | 10.3 | 11.9 | -1.6 | MITCHELL | 10.8 | 12.4 | -1.6 |
| BUNCOMBE | 8.2 | 9.0 | -0.8 | MONTGOMERY | 11.9 | 13.0 | -1.1 |
| BURKE | 13.3 | 14.1 | -0.8 | MOORE | 9.2 | 9.9 | -0.7 |
| CABARRUS | 10.7 | 11.8 | -1.1 | NASH | 12.0 | 12.5 | -0.5 |
| CALDWELL | 14.5 | 16.3 | -1.8 | NEW HANOVER | 9.2 | 9.8 | -0.6 |
| CAMDEN | 7.3 | 8.5 | -1.2 | NORTHAMPTON | 10.1 | 11.4 | -1.3 |
| CARTERET | 8.0 | 9.3 | -1.3 | ONSLOW | 7.5 | 8.0 | -0.5 |
| CASWELL | 11.6 | 12.5 | -0.9 | ORANGE | 5.9 | 6.4 | -0.5 |
| CATAWBA | 12.8 | 14.1 | -1.3 | PAMLICO | 9.2 | 9.6 | -0.4 |
| CHATHAM | 7.1 | 7.6 | -0.5 | PASQUOTANK | 9.2 | 9.6 | -0.4 |
| CHEROKEE | 13.6 | 15.3 | -1.7 | PENDER | 10.6 | 11.1 | -0.5 |
| CHOWAN | 10.0 | 10.7 | -0.7 | PERQUIMANS | 9.3 | 9.8 | -0.5 |
| CLAY | 10.4 | 11.6 | -1.2 | PERSON | 10.6 | 11.5 | -0.9 |
| CLEVELAND | 13.2 | 14.3 | -1.1 | PITT | 9.5 | 10.2 | -0.7 |
| COLUMBUS | 11.7 | 12.6 | -0.9 | POLK | 8.4 | 9.4 | -1.0 |
| CRAVEN | 9.7 | 10.4 | -0.7 | RANDOLPH | 10.5 | 11.8 | -1.3 |
| CUMBERLAND | 8.6 | 9.2 | -0.6 | RICHMOND | 12.9 | 13.8 | -0.9 |
| CURRITUCK | 5.8 | 8.4 | -2.6 | ROBESON | 11.5 | 12.0 | -0.5 |
| DARE | 9.4 | 14.4 | -5.0 | ROCKINGHAM | 13.0 | 14.1 | -1.1 |
| DAVIDSON | 12.1 | 13.1 | -1.0 | ROWAN | 11.9 | 12.9 | -1.0 |
| DAVIE | 10.5 | 11.8 | -1.3 | RUTHERFORD | 15.2 | 16.5 | -1.3 |
| DUPLIN | 8.5 | 9.2 | -0.7 | SAMPSON | 8.3 | 9.0 | -0.7 |
| DURHAM | 7.4 | 8.0 | -0.6 | SCOTLAND | 15.8 | 16.6 | -0.8 |
| EDGECOMBE | 14.8 | 15.6 | -0.8 | STANLY | 11.7 | 12.9 | -1.2 |
| FORSYTH | 9.2 | 9.8 | -0.6 | STOKES | 10.1 | 11.1 | -1.0 |
| FRANKLIN | 10.0 | 10.7 | -0.7 | SURRY | 11.3 | 12.4 | -1.1 |
| GASTON | 11.9 | 13.3 | -1.4 | SWAIN | 11.9 | 15.1 | -3.2 |
| GATES | 7.1 | 7.5 | -0.4 | TRANSYLVANIA | 8.9 | 10.3 | -1.4 |
| GRAHAM | 14.1 | 17.2 | -3.1 | TYRRELL | 10.7 | 12.2 | -1.5 |
| GRANVILLE | 10.0 | 10.6 | -0.6 | UNION | 9.7 | 10.7 | -1.0 |
| GREENE | 10.4 | 11.1 | -0.7 | VANCE | 12.1 | 13.1 | -1.0 |
| GUILFORD | 10.4 | 11.1 | -0.7 | WAKE | 8.0 | 8.6 | -0.6 |
| HALIFAX | 12.5 | 13.2 | -0.7 | WARREN | 11.9 | 12.6 | -0.7 |
| HARNETT | 10.5 | 11.2 | -0.7 | WASHINGTON | 11.2 | 12.8 | -1.6 |
| HAYWOOD | 9.4 | 11.1 | -1.7 | WATAUGA | 7.6 | 8.8 | -1.2 |
| HENDERSON | 8.4 | 9.3 | -0.9 | WAYNE | 8.6 | 9.2 | -0.6 |
| HERTFORD | 8.6 | 9.3 | -0.7 | WILKES | 12.8 | 13.7 | -0.9 |
| HOKE | 8.0 | 8.6 | -0.6 | WILSON | 12.2 | 12.1 | 0.1 |
| HYDE | 8.1 | 11.6 | -3.5 | YADKIN | 9.7 | 10.7 | -1.0 |
| IREDELL | 11.9 | 12.9 | -1.0 | YANCEY | 10.7 | 12.6 | -1.9 |
| JACKSON | 8.6 | 10.3 | -1.7 | | | | |

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

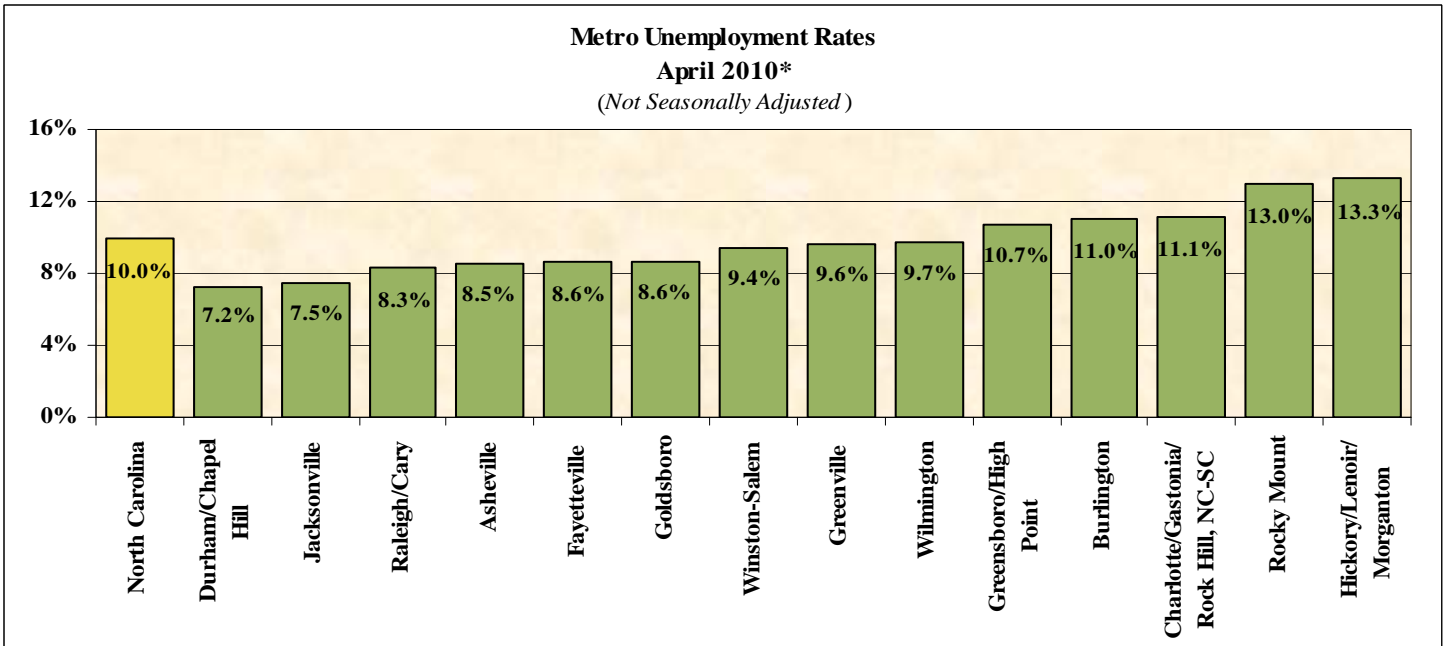
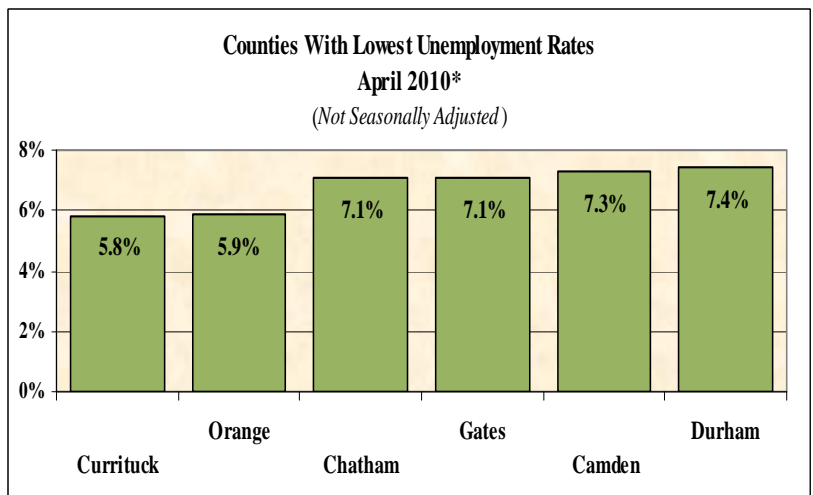
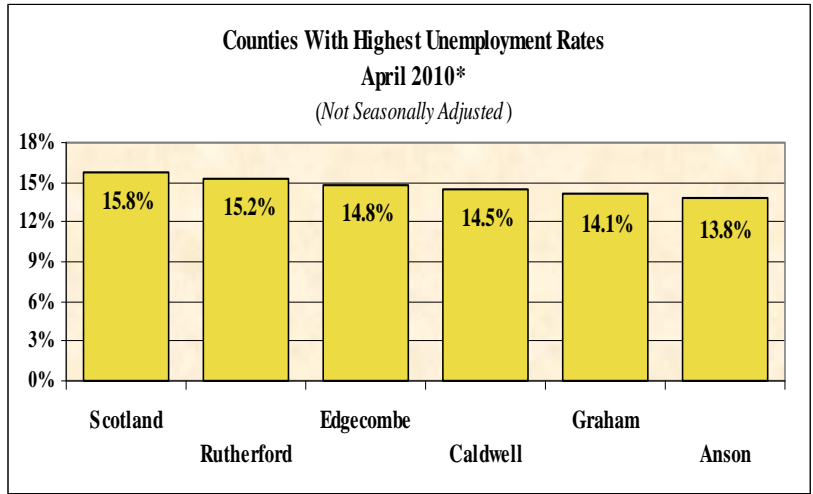
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North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 10.0 percent in April. This was a 0.9 of a percentage point decrease from March's revised rate of 10.9 percent, as well as a 0.3 percentage point drop over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 99 counties, while increasing 0.1 of a percentage point to 12.2 percent in Wilson County. Forty-one counties had unemployment rates at or less than the state's 10.0 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded April's highest unemployment rate at 15.8 percent, 0.8 of a percentage point lower than last month. Rutherford County had the second-highest rate at 15.2 percent. Currituck County had the lowest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent, followed by Orange, 5.9 percent; and both Chatham and Gates counties at 7.1 percent.

Unemployment rates also decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros) over the previous month. The Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown Metro experienced the highest unemployment rate (13.3%), a 1.2 percentage point decrease. Rocky Mount had the second-highest rate at 13.0 percent, falling 0.6 of a percentage point. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, decreasing 0.6 of a percentage point. Jacksonville followed at 7.5 percent.



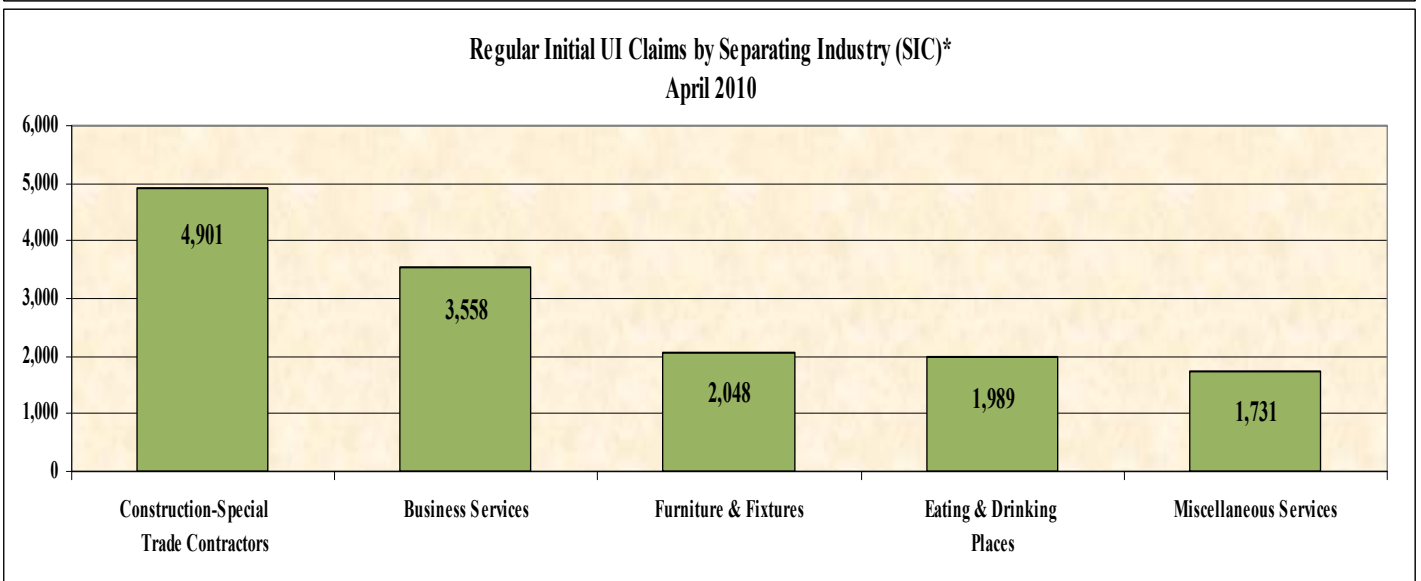
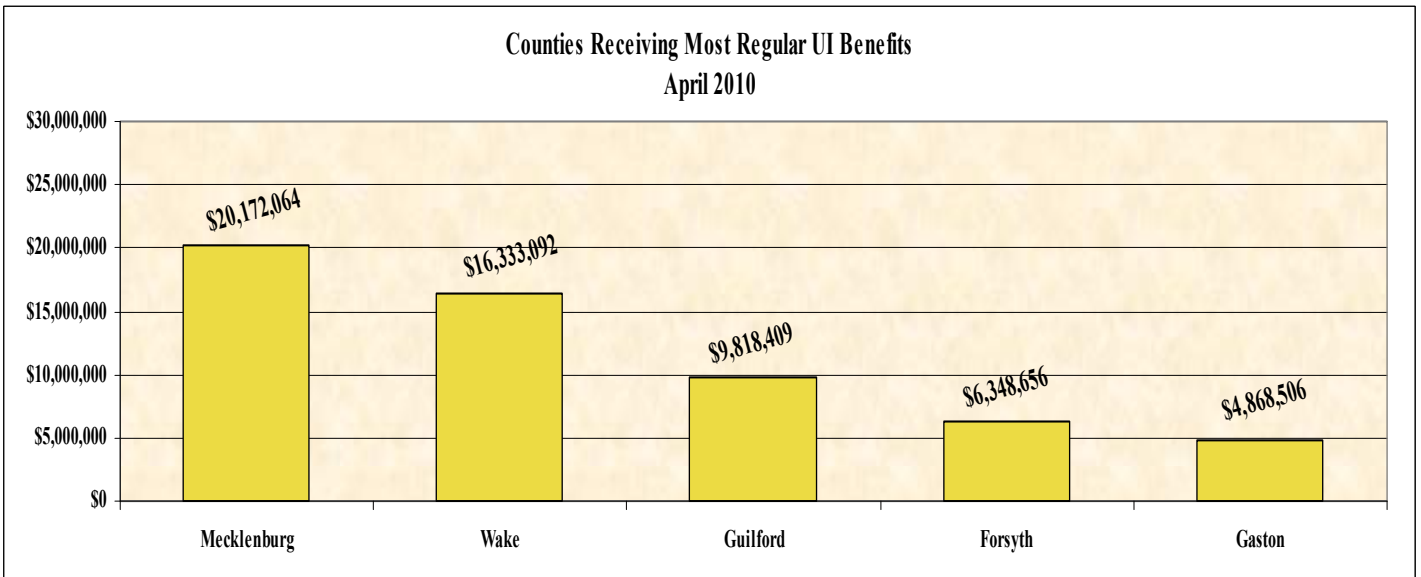
*All April 2010 labor force data are preliminary.

In April 2010, there were 59,971 Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims filed in North Carolina. Counties with the largest number 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.

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 35,091 for the month ending April 2010, decreased 10,160 from the prior month. Eighteen percent of these were Attached Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 47,084, of which 26 percent were Attached. For the month ending April 2008, New Claims totaled 31,985 of which 26 percent were Attached Claims.

| Regular Initial UI Claims, April 2010 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-------|-------------|
| County | Transactions | | Individuals | | | |
| | Initial Claims | Attached To Payroll | Female | African-American | White | 45 Or Older |
| Mecklenburg | 4,784 | 913 | 2,133 | 2,127 | 1,882 | 1,598 |
| Wake | 3,586 | 800 | 1,572 | 1,373 | 1,608 | 1,263 |
| Guilford | 2,961 | 1,179 | 1,235 | 1,247 | 1,225 | 1,184 |
| Catawba | 2,143 | 1,579 | 678 | 170 | 1,501 | 907 |
| Forsyth | 1,987 | 731 | 730 | 724 | 955 | 751 |



*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

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|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Asheville Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (1,700) | 1.0% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-2,600) | -1.6% | |
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | | |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 1,000 | 4.7% | Leisure & Hospitality | 700 | 3.2% | |
| | Professional & Business Services | 200 | 1.6% | Education & Health Services | 500 | 1.7% | |
| | Total | Government | 200 | 0.7% | Other Services | 100 | 1.4% |
| | Nonfarm | Financial Activities | 100 | 1.8% | Financial Activities | 0 | 0.0% |
| | Employment | Education & Health Services | 100 | 0.3% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 | -0.3% |
| | Apr-10 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 100 | 0.3% | Government | -100 | -0.4% |
| | 164,600 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 | 0.0% | Information | -100 | -4.8% |
| | Rate = 8.5% | Manufacturing | 0 | 0.0% | Manufacturing | -1,000 | -5.3% |
| | Information | 0 | 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -1,100 | -12.6% | |
| | Other Services | 0 | 0.0% | Professional & Business Services | -1,500 | -10.3% | |
| Burlington Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (600) | 1.1% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-1,200) | -2.1% | |
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | | |
| | Professional & Business Services | 200 | 3.3% | Other Services | 100 | 6.7% | |
| | Other Services | 100 | 6.7% | Professional & Business Services | 100 | 1.6% | |
| | Total | Leisure & Hospitality | 100 | 1.6% | Government | 100 | 1.3% |
| | Nonfarm | Government | 100 | 1.3% | Information | 0 | 0.0% |
| | Employment | Education & Health Services | 100 | 1.0% | Education & Health Services | -100 | -1.0% |
| | Apr-10 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 | 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -100 | -1.5% |
| | 55,800 | Manufacturing | 0 | 0.0% | Financial Activities | -100 | -5.6% |
| | Rate = 11.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 0 | 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -300 | -10.7% |
| | Information | 0 | 0.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -400 | -3.6% | |
| | Financial Activities | 0 | 0.0% | Manufacturing | -500 | -5.7% | |
| Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (6,100) | 0.8% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-7,000) | -0.9% | |
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | | |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 2,800 | 3.3% | Government | 2,400 | 2.0% | |
| | Professional & Business Services | 2,100 | 1.7% | Education & Health Services | 1,500 | 1.9% | |
| | Total | Government | 1,000 | 0.8% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 1,500 | 0.9% |
| | Nonfarm | Financial Activities | 700 | 1.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | 1,300 | 1.5% |
| | Employment | Manufacturing | 600 | 0.9% | Professional & Business Services | 1,300 | 1.0% |
| | Apr-10 | Other Services | 300 | 1.0% | Other Services | -200 | -0.6% |
| | 807,700 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 100 | 0.1% | Information | -500 | -2.3% |
| | Rate = 11.1% | Information | -100 | -0.5% | Financial Activities | -2,800 | -3.9% |
| | Mining, Logging & Construction | -300 | -0.9% | Manufacturing | -3,400 | -4.9% | |
| | Education & Health Services | -1,100 | -1.3% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -8,100 | -18.8% | |
| Durham/Chapel Hill Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (2,100) | 0.7% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (200) | 0.1% | |
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | | |
| | Education & Health Services | 600 | 1.0% | Education & Health Services | 2,400 | 4.3% | |
| | Professional & Business Services | 500 | 1.5% | Government | 2,100 | 3.6% | |
| | Total | Leisure & Hospitality | 400 | 1.8% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 700 | 2.2% |
| | Nonfarm | Government | 400 | 0.7% | Leisure & Hospitality | 300 | 1.4% |
| | Employment | Financial Activities | 100 | 0.8% | Information | -100 | -2.6% |
| | Apr-10 | Manufacturing | 100 | 0.3% | Other Services | -200 | -1.0% |
| | 285,300 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 100 | 0.3% | Professional & Business Services | -400 | -1.2% |
| | Rate = 7.2% | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 | 0.0% | Financial Activities | -500 | -3.8% |
| | Other Services | 0 | 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -1,200 | -14.1% | |
| | Information | -100 | -2.6% | Manufacturing | -2,900 | -7.9% | |

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| <i>Fayetteville Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (700) 0.5% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-100) -0.1% |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Other Services | 200 4.2% | Education & Health Services | 300 1.9% |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 200 1.5% | Professional & Business Services | 100 0.8% |
| Total | Professional & Business Services | 200 1.5% | Government | 100 0.3% |
| Nonfarm | Education & Health Services | 100 0.6% | Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Employment | Government | 100 0.3% | Leisure & Hospitality | 0 0.0% |
| Apr-10 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 -0.5% |
| | Manufacturing | 0 0.0% | Manufacturing | -100 -1.0% |
| 130,100 | Information | 0 0.0% | Other Services | -100 -2.0% |
| | Financial Activities | 0 0.0% | Information | -100 -5.9% |
| Rate = 8.6% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 -0.5% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -200 -3.6% |

| <i>Goldsboro Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (300) 0.7% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-1,700) -3.8% |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Government | -100 -0.9% | Government | -400 -3.3% |
| | Education & Health Services | * | Education & Health Services | * |
| Total | Financial Activities | * | Financial Activities | * |
| Nonfarm | Information | * | Information | * |
| Employment | Leisure & Hospitality | * | Leisure & Hospitality | * |
| Apr-10 | Manufacturing | * | Manufacturing | * |
| | Mining, Logging & Construction | * | Mining, Logging & Construction | * |
| 43,100 | Other Services | * | Other Services | * |
| | Professional & Business Services | * | Professional & Business Services | * |
| Rate = 8.6% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | * | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | * |

| <i>Greensboro/High Point Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (1,100) 0.3% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-6,900) -2.0% |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Government | 800 1.7% | Government | 2,100 4.5% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 500 1.2% | Professional & Business Services | 1,700 4.1% |
| Total | Mining, Logging & Construction | 200 1.5% | Other Services | -200 -1.4% |
| Nonfarm | Financial Activities | 100 0.5% | Financial Activities | -300 -1.4% |
| Employment | Manufacturing | 100 0.2% | Information | -400 -6.9% |
| Apr-10 | Information | 0 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -800 -2.6% |
| | Other Services | 0 0.0% | Education & Health Services | -1,300 -2.7% |
| 338,500 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 -0.1% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -1,600 -10.5% |
| | Education & Health Services | -200 -0.4% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -2,300 -3.3% |
| Rate = 10.7% | Leisure & Hospitality | -300 -1.0% | Manufacturing | -3,800 -7.2% |

| <i>Greenville Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (500) 0.7% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (500) 0.7% |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Government | 200 0.8% | Government | 500 2.1% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 100 1.8% | Professional & Business Services | 300 5.6% |
| Total | Manufacturing | 100 1.7% | Education & Health Services | 200 1.8% |
| Nonfarm | Leisure & Hospitality | 100 1.3% | Manufacturing | 100 1.7% |
| Employment | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% | Financial Activities | 0 0.0% |
| Apr-10 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 0 0.0% | Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| | Information | 0 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -100 -3.1% |
| 75,100 | Financial Activities | 0 0.0% | Information | -100 -10.0% |
| | Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -200 -1.8% |
| Rate = 9.6% | Other Services | 0 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -200 -2.5% |

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| <i>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (800) 0.6% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-3,300) -2.3% |
|---|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Government | 400 1.6% | Education & Health Services | 200 1.1% |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 300 2.7% | Leisure & Hospitality | 100 0.9% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 200 2.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 0 0.0% |
| Total | Education & Health Services | 100 0.5% | Information | 0 0.0% |
| Nonfarm | Manufacturing | 100 0.3% | Professional & Business Services | 0 0.0% |
| Employment | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% | Other Services | 0 0.0% |
| Apr-10 | Information | 0 0.0% | Financial Activities | -200 -5.7% |
| 142,500 | Financial Activities | 0 0.0% | Government | -400 -1.5% |
| | Other Services | 0 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -400 -9.5% |
| Rate = 13.3% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -300 -1.1% | Manufacturing | -2,600 -6.8% |

| <i>Jacksonville Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (800) 1.6% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (1,900) 4.0% |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Government | 0 0.0% | Government | 200 1.4% |
| | Education & Health Services | * | Education & Health Services | * |
| Total | Financial Activities | * | Financial Activities | * |
| Nonfarm | Information | * | Information | * |
| Employment | Leisure & Hospitality | * | Leisure & Hospitality | * |
| Apr-10 | Manufacturing | * | Manufacturing | * |
| 49,500 | Mining, Logging & Construction | * | Mining, Logging & Construction | * |
| | Other Services | * | Other Services | * |
| | Professional & Business Services | * | Professional & Business Services | * |
| Rate = 7.5% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | * | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | * |

| <i>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (2,800) 0.6% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-4,000) -0.8% |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Education & Health Services | 1,200 1.9% | Education & Health Services | 2,800 4.6% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 1,200 1.5% | Professional & Business Services | 1,200 1.5% |
| Total | Leisure & Hospitality | 400 0.8% | Other Services | 600 2.4% |
| Nonfarm | Other Services | 200 0.8% | Leisure & Hospitality | 500 1.0% |
| Employment | Manufacturing | 200 0.7% | Information | -200 -1.2% |
| Apr-10 | Government | 200 0.2% | Financial Activities | -1,200 -4.4% |
| 496,200 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -1,400 -1.6% |
| | Information | 0 0.0% | Government | -1,600 -1.7% |
| | Financial Activities | -200 -0.8% | Manufacturing | -1,600 -5.4% |
| Rate = 8.3% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -400 -0.5% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -3,100 -10.4% |

| <i>Rocky Mount Metro</i> | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (-400) -0.7% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-500) -0.8% |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Industry</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 100 2.1% | Professional & Business Services | 100 2.0% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 100 2.0% | Manufacturing | 0 0.0% |
| Total | Manufacturing | 100 1.0% | Government | 0 0.0% |
| Nonfarm | Government | 100 0.9% | Education & Health Services | -100 -1.4% |
| Employment | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -100 -2.0% |
| Apr-10 | Education & Health Services | 0 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -200 -7.7% |
| 60,100 | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 -0.8% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -500 -4.1% |
| | Financial Activities | * | Financial Activities | * |
| | Information | * | Information | * |
| Rate = 13.0% | Other Services | * | Other Services | * |

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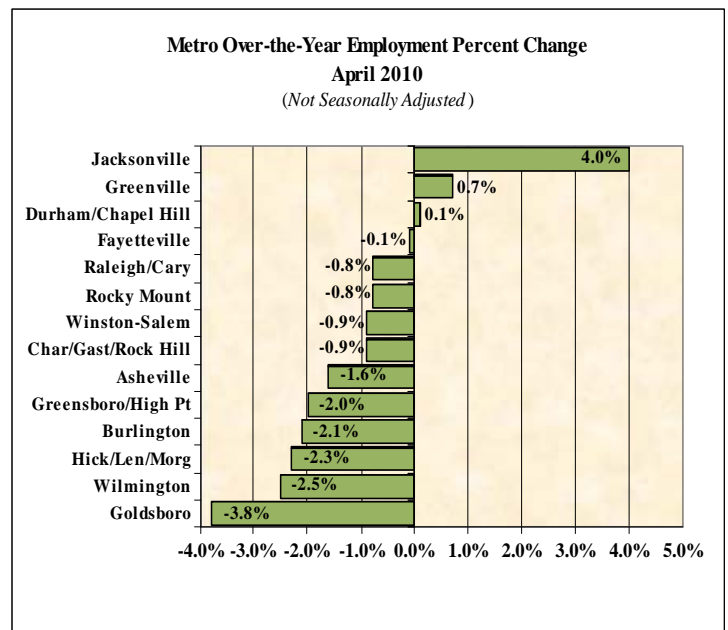
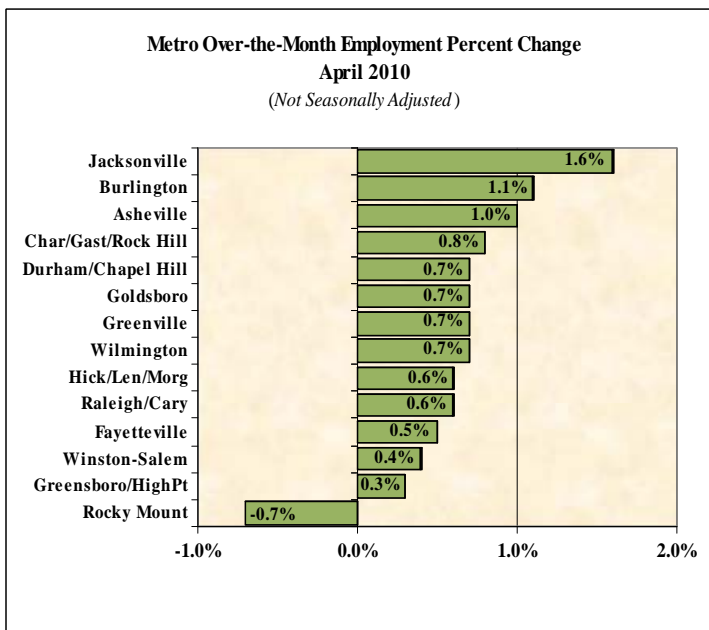
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| Wilmington Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (1,000) | 0.7% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-3,500) | -2.5% |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | |
| | Leisure & Hospitality | 300 | 1.6% | Government | 800 | 3.0% |
| | Government | 200 | 0.7% | Education & Health Services | 300 | 1.8% |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | Financial Activities | 100 | 1.5% | Information | 100 | 3.2% |
| Apr-10 | Other Services | 100 | 1.5% | Other Services | 0 | 0.0% |
| | Manufacturing | 100 | 1.3% | Financial Activities | -200 | -2.9% |
| | Professional & Business Services | 100 | 0.7% | Manufacturing | -500 | -5.9% |
| | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 100 | 0.4% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -600 | -2.2% |
| 137,000 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 | 0.0% | Professional & Business Services | -800 | -5.6% |
| | Information | 0 | 0.0% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -1,000 | -11.0% |
| Rate = 9.7% | Education & Health Services | 0 | 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -1,600 | -7.9% |

| Winston-Salem Metro | Over-the-Month Employment Change | (800) | 0.4% | Over-the-Year Employment Change | (-1,900) | -0.9% |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------|-------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| | Industry | Change | | Industry | Change | |
| | Professional & Business Services | 600 | 2.5% | Government | 1,100 | 4.1% |
| | Government | 300 | 1.1% | Education & Health Services | 800 | 1.8% |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | Leisure & Hospitality | 100 | 0.5% | Professional & Business Services | 100 | 0.4% |
| Apr-10 | Mining, Logging & Construction | 0 | 0.0% | Information | 0 | 0.0% |
| | Manufacturing | 0 | 0.0% | Other Services | -100 | -1.1% |
| | Information | 0 | 0.0% | Leisure & Hospitality | -200 | -1.0% |
| | Financial Activities | 0 | 0.0% | Financial Activities | -500 | -3.9% |
| 207,500 | Education & Health Services | 0 | 0.0% | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -600 | -1.7% |
| | Trade, Transp. & Utilities | -100 | -0.3% | Mining, Logging & Construction | -800 | -9.6% |
| Rate = 9.4% | Other Services | -100 | -1.1% | Manufacturing | -1,700 | -6.7% |

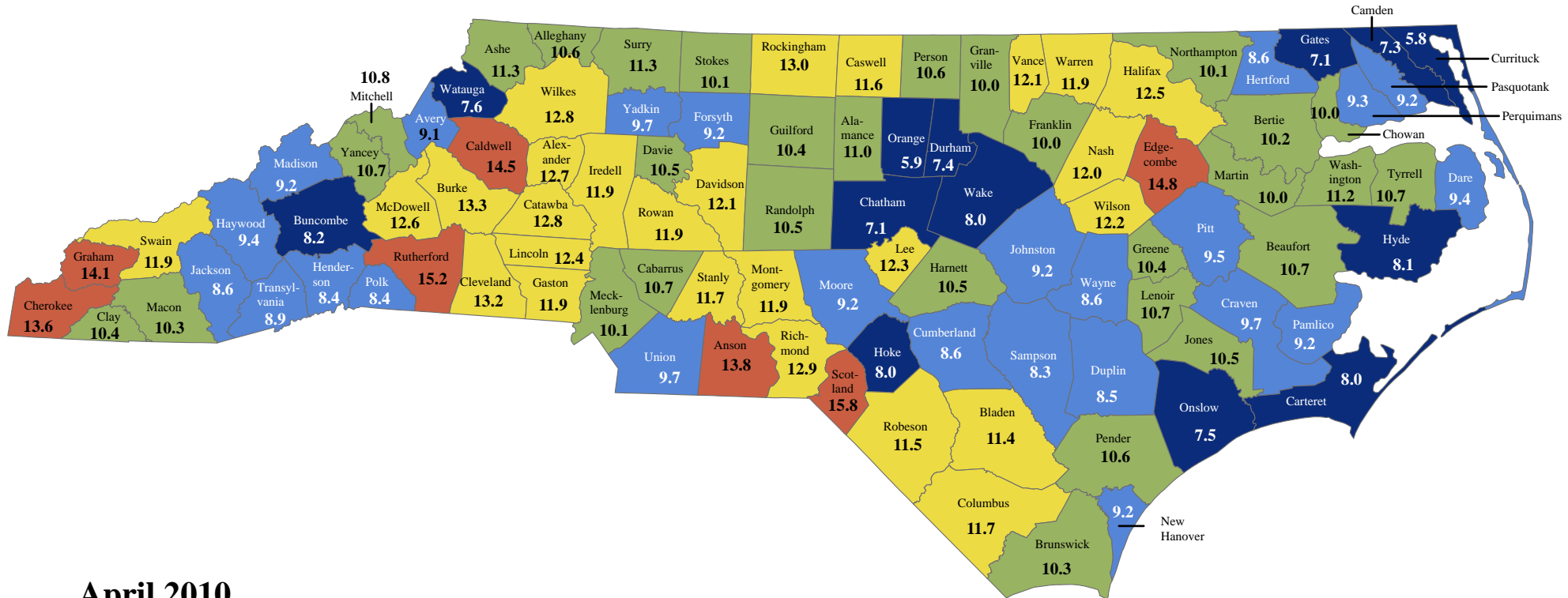
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Over the month, industry employment increased in 13 of 14 Metros. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro had the largest net employment increase with 6,100, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 2,800 and Durham/Chapel Hill with 2,100. The Jacksonville Metro showed the greatest percentage increase at 1.6 percent. Over the year, employment fell in 11 of 14 Metros. Durham/Chapel Hill (200), Greenville (500) and Jacksonville (1,900) experienced increases. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro experienced the largest net decrease at 7,000, while Goldsboro experienced the largest percentage decrease (3.8%).



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UI Benefits Paid by County

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