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North Carolina’s Counties Experience Mixed Unemployment Rates In February

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates increased in 58 of North Carolina’s 100 counties in February, according to statistics released today by the state’s Employment Security Commission. Rates decreased in 19 counties and remained the same in 23.

“The February data demonstrate the uncertain nature of the current economic conditions,” said ESC Chairman Lynn Holmes. “Some areas experienced industry employment gains, but overall we continue to face challenges on the road to recovery. But, our agency is committed to continuing to provide needed services for thousands across our state.”

Over the past year, the ESC has paid out \$5.2 billion in unemployment insurance benefits (state and federal) across 100 counties.

North Carolina had 42 counties that were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.8 percent. Rates increased in six of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas, decreased in three and remained the same in five.

Total county employment (not-seasonally adjusted) increased in February by 1,391 workers, to 3,991,949. Not-seasonally adjusted unemployment increased, by 4,705 workers. The unemployment total in February was 535,986 workers, compared with 531,281 in January.

	<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>February</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>87</i>
<i>January (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>86</i>

Orange County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in February, at 6.9 percent. Meanwhile, Graham County had the highest unemployment rate, at 19.4 percent.

The five counties receiving the highest amount in regular unemployment insurance benefits in February were: Mecklenburg, \$20.9 million; Wake, \$16.8 million; Guilford, \$10.4 million; Forsyth, \$6.6 million; and Gaston, \$5.4 million. In February, \$211.9 million in regular UI benefits was paid to 220,761 individuals statewide, compared to \$233.7 million to 237,759 individuals in January.

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Unemployment rates in the metropolitan statistical areas for February were:

Asheville — 10.2 percent, up from 10.1 percent in January.

Burlington — 13.2 percent, no change.

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC — 12.8 percent, no change.

Durham-Chapel Hill — 8.4 percent, no change.

Fayetteville — 9.8 percent, no change.

Goldsboro — 9.8 percent, down from 9.9 percent.

Greensboro-High Point — 12.4 percent, up from 12.3 percent.

Greenville — 10.7 percent, no change.

Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton — 15.8 percent, up from 15.7 percent.

Jacksonville — 8.6 percent, down from 8.7 percent.

Raleigh-Cary — 9.6 percent, up from 9.5 percent.

Rocky Mount — 14.7 percent, up from 14.6 percent..

Wilmington — 11.6 percent, down from 11.7 percent.

Winston-Salem — 11.1 percent, up from 11 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 March will be released on Friday, April 16, 2010.*)

Per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics instructions, the ESC revises the previous months data.

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

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,527,935	3,991,949	535,986	11.8					
ALAMANCE	69,633	60,448	9,185	13.2	JOHNSTON	77,832	69,137	8,695	11.2
ALEXANDER	17,508	14,966	2,542	14.5	JONES	4,867	4,265	602	12.4
ALLEGHANY	4,554	3,857	697	15.3	LEE	26,025	22,248	3,777	14.5
ANSON	10,347	8,576	1,771	17.1	LENOIR	27,625	24,197	3,428	12.4
ASHE	12,844	10,767	2,077	16.2	LINCOLN	38,707	33,018	5,689	14.7
AVERY	9,424	8,353	1,071	11.4	MCDOWELL	20,109	16,884	3,225	16.0
BEAUFORT	21,391	18,802	2,589	12.1	MACON	15,808	13,685	2,123	13.4
BERTIE	9,310	8,231	1,079	11.6	MADISON	9,728	8,625	1,103	11.3
BLADEN	15,771	13,699	2,072	13.1	MARTIN	12,149	10,766	1,383	11.4
BRUNSWICK	49,309	42,701	6,608	13.4	MECKLENBURG	456,883	402,915	53,968	11.8
BUNCOMBE	117,742	106,366	11,376	9.7	MITCHELL	7,265	6,221	1,044	14.4
BURKE	38,765	32,703	6,062	15.6	MONTGOMERY	10,984	9,449	1,535	14.0
CABARRUS	84,803	73,470	11,333	13.4	MOORE	36,955	32,864	4,091	11.1
CALDWELL	37,748	31,094	6,654	17.6	NASH	46,517	40,293	6,224	13.4
CAMDEN	4,630	4,190	440	9.5	NEW HANOVER	102,168	91,302	10,866	10.6
CARTERET	32,733	29,316	3,417	10.4	NORTHAMPTON	8,731	7,704	1,027	11.8
CASWELL	10,850	9,370	1,480	13.6	ONSLOW	66,135	60,415	5,720	8.6
CATAWBA	74,334	62,965	11,369	15.3	ORANGE	69,070	64,271	4,799	6.9
CHATHAM	33,672	30,828	2,844	8.4	PAMLICO	5,524	4,940	584	10.6
CHEROKEE	10,236	8,512	1,724	16.8	PASQUOTANK	18,280	16,311	1,969	10.8
CHOWAN	6,723	5,932	791	11.8	PENDER	23,830	20,917	2,913	12.2
CLAY	4,690	4,082	608	13.0	PERQUIMANS	5,391	4,819	572	10.6
CLEVELAND	49,002	41,408	7,594	15.5	PERSON	19,430	16,940	2,490	12.8
COLUMBUS	25,269	21,732	3,537	14.0	PITT	80,447	71,931	8,516	10.6
CRAVEN	43,198	38,428	4,770	11.0	POLK	9,612	8,629	983	10.2
CUMBERLAND	136,275	122,834	13,441	9.9	RANDOLPH	73,389	63,910	9,479	12.9
CURRITUCK	12,774	11,451	1,323	10.4	RICHMOND	20,562	17,573	2,989	14.5
DARE	19,634	16,226	3,408	17.4	ROBESON	57,810	50,399	7,411	12.8
DAVIDSON	77,242	66,230	11,012	14.3	ROCKINGHAM	44,128	37,442	6,686	15.2
DAVIE	20,920	18,233	2,687	12.8	ROWAN	72,833	62,608	10,225	14.0
DUPLIN	24,887	22,402	2,485	10.0	RUTHERFORD	28,319	23,242	5,077	17.9
DURHAM	141,235	129,268	11,967	8.5	SAMPSON	31,455	28,398	3,057	9.7
EDGECOMBE	24,659	20,434	4,225	17.1	SCOTLAND	14,111	11,656	2,455	17.4
FORSYTH	172,991	154,640	18,351	10.6	STANLY	30,796	26,525	4,271	13.9
FRANKLIN	27,656	24,514	3,142	11.4	STOKES	24,124	21,008	3,116	12.9
GASTON	98,866	84,514	14,352	14.5	SURRY	33,994	29,361	4,633	13.6
GATES	4,896	4,498	398	8.1	SWAIN	6,656	5,482	1,174	17.6
GRAHAM	3,781	3,049	732	19.4	TRANSYLVANIA	13,429	11,899	1,530	11.4
GRANVILLE	26,393	23,382	3,011	11.4	TYRRELL	2,202	1,895	307	13.9
GREENE	9,270	8,214	1,056	11.4	UNION	93,937	82,899	11,038	11.8
GUILFORD	242,777	214,126	28,651	11.8	VANCE	19,732	16,896	2,836	14.4
HALIFAX	24,456	20,874	3,582	14.6	WAKE	451,538	409,995	41,543	9.2
HARNETT	48,323	42,462	5,861	12.1	WARREN	8,049	6,922	1,127	14.0
HAYWOOD	27,330	23,965	3,365	12.3	WASHINGTON	6,496	5,628	868	13.4
HENDERSON	48,026	43,083	4,943	10.3	WATAUGA	23,307	21,118	2,189	9.4
HERTFORD	10,321	9,276	1,045	10.1	WAYNE	52,990	47,778	5,212	9.8
HOKE	20,057	18,251	1,806	9.0	WILKES	30,841	26,329	4,512	14.6
HYDE	2,483	2,136	347	14.0	WILSON	40,344	35,104	5,240	13.0
IREDELL	80,831	69,635	11,196	13.9	YADKIN	19,173	16,894	2,279	11.9
JACKSON	19,275	17,072	2,203	11.4	YANCEY	7,808	6,679	1,129	14.5

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ASHEVILLE	202,825	182,039	20,786	10.2
BURLINGTON	69,633	60,448	9,185	13.2
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC	855,929	746,015	109,914	12.8
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	263,407	241,307	22,100	8.4
FAYETTEVILLE	156,332	141,085	15,247	9.8
GOLDSBORO	52,990	47,778	5,212	9.8
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	360,294	315,478	44,816	12.4
GREENVILLE	89,717	80,145	9,572	10.7
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	168,355	141,728	26,627	15.8
JACKSONVILLE	66,135	60,415	5,720	8.6
RALEIGH-CARY	557,026	503,646	53,380	9.6
ROCKY MOUNT	71,176	60,727	10,449	14.7
WILMINGTON	175,306	154,920	20,386	11.6
WINSTON-SALEM	237,210	210,776	26,434	11.1

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,796	26,525	4,271	13.9
BOONE	23,307	21,118	2,189	9.4
BREVARD	13,429	11,899	1,530	11.4
DUNN	48,323	42,462	5,861	12.1
ELIZABETH CITY	28,301	25,320	2,981	10.5
FOREST CITY	28,319	23,242	5,077	17.9
HENDERSON	19,732	16,896	2,836	14.4
KILL DEVIL HILLS	19,634	16,226	3,408	17.4
KINSTON	27,625	24,197	3,428	12.4
LAURINBURG	14,111	11,656	2,455	17.4
LINCOLNTON	38,707	33,018	5,689	14.7
LUMBERTON	57,810	50,399	7,411	12.8
MOREHEAD CITY	32,733	29,316	3,417	10.4
MOUNT AIRY	33,994	29,361	4,633	13.6
NEW BERN	53,590	47,634	5,956	11.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	30,841	26,329	4,512	14.6
ROANOKE RAPIDS	33,187	28,578	4,609	13.9
ROCKINGHAM	20,562	17,573	2,989	14.5
SALISBURY	72,833	62,608	10,225	14.0
SANFORD	26,025	22,248	3,777	14.5
SHELBY	49,002	41,408	7,594	15.5
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	36,955	32,864	4,091	11.1
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	80,831	69,635	11,196	13.9
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	77,242	66,230	11,012	14.3
WASHINGTON	21,391	18,802	2,589	12.1
WILSON	40,344	35,104	5,240	13.0

Multicounty Small Labor Market Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
JACKSON-SWAIN	25,931	22,554	3,377	13.0

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
*Preliminary Data for
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Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	216,254	193,938	22,316	10.3
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	1,174,237	1,016,393	157,844	13.4
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	778,373	682,293	96,080	12.3
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	71,921	62,055	9,866	13.7
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	868,756	787,415	81,341	9.4

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

COUNTY	FEBRUARY 2010	JANUARY 2010	CHANGE	COUNTY	FEBRUARY 2010	JANUARY 2010	CHANGE
STATEWIDE	11.8	11.7	0.1	JOHNSTON	11.2	10.9	0.3
ALAMANCE	13.2	13.2	0.0	JONES	12.4	12.1	0.3
ALEXANDER	14.5	14.8	-0.3	LEE	14.5	14.6	-0.1
ALLEGHANY	15.3	14.3	1.0	LENOIR	12.4	12.3	0.1
ANSON	17.1	17.1	0.0	LINCOLN	14.7	14.6	0.1
ASHE	16.2	15.0	1.2	MCDOWELL	16.0	16.0	0.0
AVERY	11.4	11.1	0.3	MACON	13.4	13.0	0.4
BEAUFORT	12.1	12.3	-0.2	MADISON	11.3	11.2	0.1
BERTIE	11.6	11.8	-0.2	MARTIN	11.4	11.7	-0.3
BLADEN	13.1	13.1	0.0	MECKLENBURG	11.8	11.7	0.1
BRUNSWICK	13.4	13.7	-0.3	MITCHELL	14.4	14.4	0.0
BUNCOMBE	9.7	9.6	0.1	MONTGOMERY	14.0	14.0	0.0
BURKE	15.6	15.5	0.1	MOORE	11.1	11.0	0.1
CABARRUS	13.4	13.0	0.4	MOORE	11.1	11.0	0.1
CALDWELL	17.6	17.4	0.2	NASH	13.4	13.2	0.2
CAMDEN	9.5	9.1	0.4	NEW HANOVER	10.6	10.5	0.1
CARTERET	10.4	10.7	-0.3	NORTHAMPTON	11.8	11.8	0.0
CASWELL	13.6	13.4	0.2	ONslow	8.6	8.7	-0.1
CATAWBA	15.3	15.2	0.1	ORANGE	6.9	6.9	0.0
CHATHAM	8.4	8.4	0.0	PAMLICO	10.6	10.9	-0.3
CHEROKEE	16.8	16.9	-0.1	PASQUOTANK	10.8	10.9	-0.1
CHOWAN	11.8	11.6	0.2	PENDER	12.2	12.2	0.0
CLAY	13.0	13.0	0.0	PERQUIMANS	10.6	10.7	-0.1
CLEVELAND	15.5	15.5	0.0	PERSON	12.8	12.7	0.1
COLUMBUS	14.0	13.9	0.1	PITT	10.6	10.7	-0.1
CRAVEN	11.0	11.0	0.0	POLK	10.2	10.1	0.1
CUMBERLAND	9.9	9.9	0.0	RANDOLPH	12.9	12.7	0.2
CURRITUCK	10.4	10.3	0.1	RICHMOND	14.5	14.2	0.3
DARE	17.4	17.6	-0.2	ROBESON	12.8	12.6	0.2
DAVIDSON	14.3	14.1	0.2	ROCKINGHAM	15.2	14.6	0.6
DAVIE	12.8	12.3	0.5	ROWAN	14.0	13.7	0.3
DUPLIN	10.0	9.9	0.1	RUTHERFORD	17.9	17.9	0.0
DURHAM	8.5	8.5	0.0	SAMPSON	9.7	9.6	0.1
EDGECOMBE	17.1	17.2	-0.1	SCOTLAND	17.4	17.3	0.1
FORSYTH	10.6	10.6	0.0	STANLY	13.9	13.5	0.4
FRANKLIN	11.4	11.3	0.1	STOKES	12.9	12.2	0.7
GASTON	14.5	14.4	0.1	SURRY	13.6	13.2	0.4
GATES	8.1	7.9	0.2	SWAIN	17.6	18.1	-0.5
GRAHAM	19.4	19.3	0.1	TRANSYLVANIA	11.4	11.3	0.1
GRANVILLE	11.4	11.2	0.2	TYRRELL	13.9	13.8	0.1
GREENE	11.4	11.2	0.2	UNION	11.8	11.4	0.4
GUILFORD	11.8	11.8	0.0	VANCE	14.4	14.2	0.2
HALIFAX	14.6	14.7	-0.1	WAKE	9.2	9.2	0.0
HARNETT	12.1	12.1	0.0	WARREN	14.0	13.6	0.4
HAYWOOD	12.3	11.9	0.4	WASHINGTON	13.4	13.0	0.4
HENDERSON	10.3	10.1	0.2	WATAUGA	9.4	9.1	0.3
HERTFORD	10.1	10.1	0.0	WAYNE	9.8	9.9	-0.1
HOKE	9.0	9.2	-0.2	WILKES	14.6	14.1	0.5
HYDE	14.0	14.0	0.0	WILSON	13.0	12.9	0.1
IREDELL	13.9	13.7	0.2	YADKIN	11.9	11.4	0.5
JACKSON	11.4	11.4	0.0	YANCEY	14.5	13.8	0.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

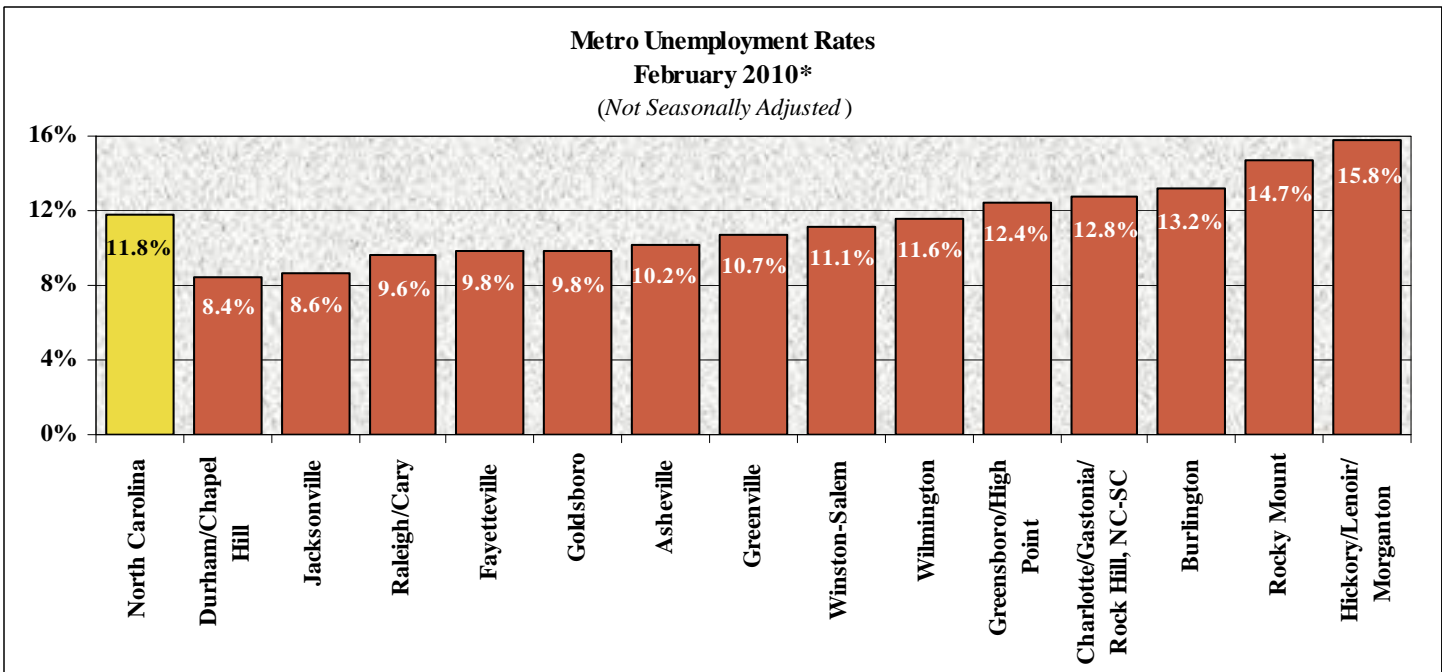
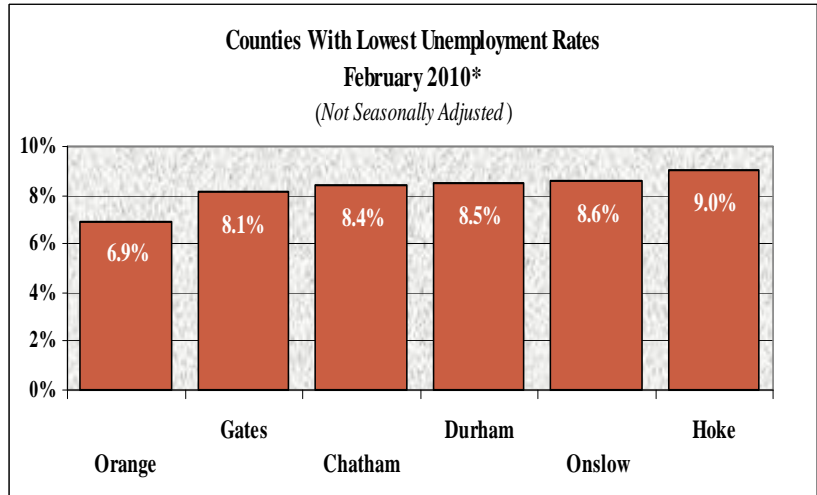
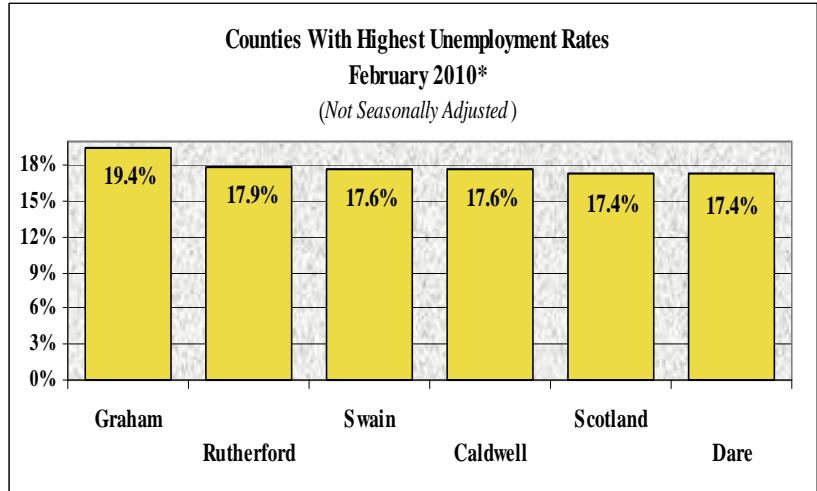
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North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 11.8 percent in February. This was a 0.1 of a percentage point increase from January's revised rate of 11.7 percent, as well as a 1.2 percentage point gain over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 58 counties, decreased in 19 and was unchanged in 23. Forty-two counties had unemployment rates at or less than the state's 11.8 percent rate.

Graham County experienced February's highest unemployment rate at 19.4 percent, 0.1 of a percentage point higher than last month. Rutherford County had the second-highest rate at 17.9 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent, followed by Gates, 8.1 percent; Chatham, 8.4 percent; and Durham, 8.5 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in six of the state's 14 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros). The Hickory/Lenoir/Morgantown Metro experienced the highest unemployment rate (15.8%), a 0.1 of a percentage point increase over the previous month. Rocky Mount had the second-highest rate at 14.7 percent, gaining 0.1 of a percentage point over the month. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 8.4 percent, remaining the same as the previous month. Jacksonville followed at 8.6 percent.



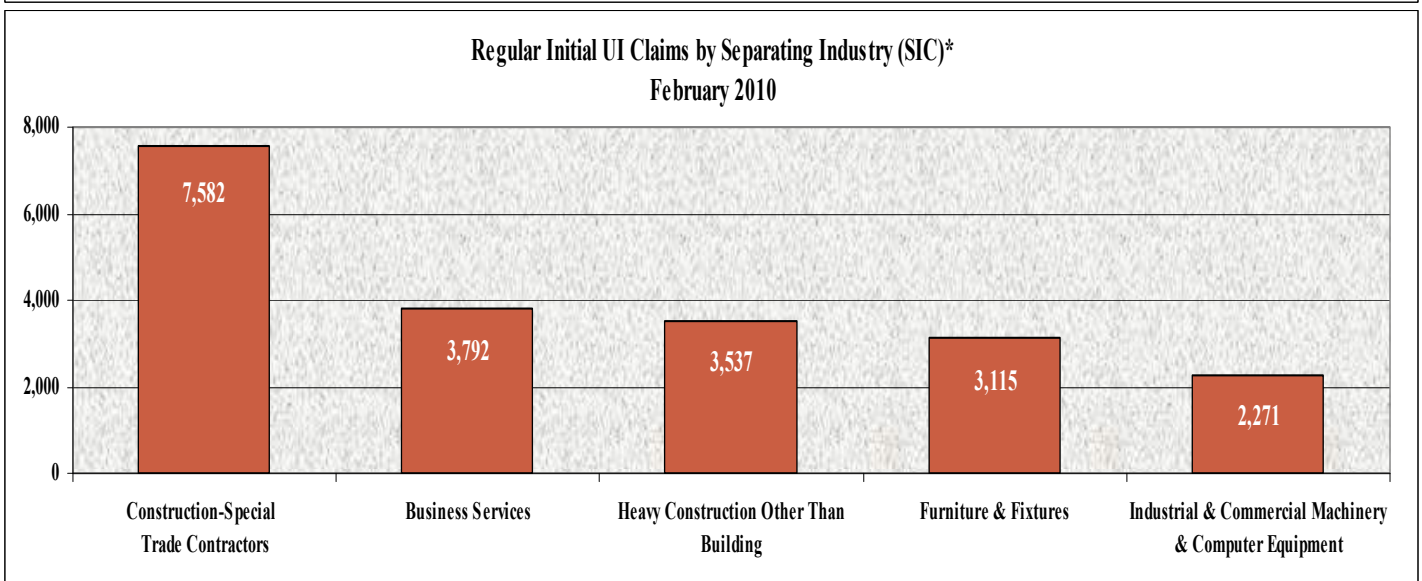
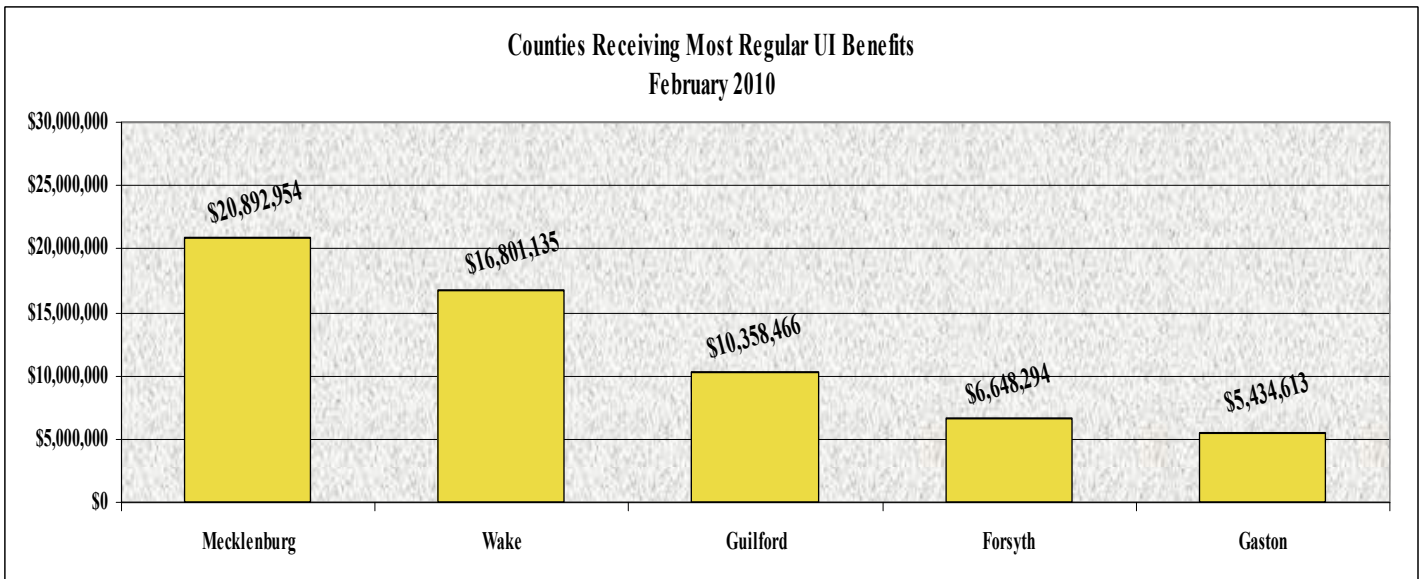
*All February 2010 labor force data are preliminary.

In February 2010, there were 76,208 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 42,013 for the month ending February 2010, decreased 27,212 from the prior month. Twenty-six percent of these were Attached Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 57,500, of which 30 percent were Attached. For the month ending February 2008, New Claims totaled 30,450 of which 29 percent were Attached Claims.

Regular Initial UI Claims, February 2010						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	5,251	1,172	2,033	2,149	2,081	1,751
Wake	4,326	1,383	1,489	1,259	2,100	1,467
Guilford	3,548	1,810	1,188	1,375	1,473	1,340
Catawba	2,764	2,144	861	178	2,059	1,263
Forsyth	2,339	1,200	703	644	1,130	893



*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

Asheville Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(400) 0.2%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-5,800) -3.5%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Government	500 1.8%	Government	300 1.1%
	Education & Health Services	300 1.0%	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
	Other Services	100 1.4%	Information	-100 -4.8%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.3%	Other Services	-200 -2.7%
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-200 -3.4%
	Information	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-500 -1.6%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -2.4%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-1,500 -7.8%
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10				
161,700				
Rate = 10.2%				
Burlington Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(200) 0.4%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-2,900) -5.0%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Government	200 2.7%	Information	0 0.0%
	Professional & Business Services	100 1.6%	Government	-100 -1.3%
	Education & Health Services	100 1.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.6%
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-100 -5.6%
	Information	0 0.0%	Other Services	-100 -6.3%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	-300 -2.9%
	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-300 -4.6%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-400 -3.7%
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10				
54,700				
Rate = 13.2%				
Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,500) 0.2%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-27,400) -3.3%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Government	1,300 1.1%	Education & Health Services	2,400 3.0%
	Education & Health Services	800 1.0%	Government	1,100 0.9%
	Other Services	400 1.3%	Information	-500 -2.3%
	Leisure & Hospitality	300 0.4%	Other Services	-1,200 -3.8%
	Professional & Business Services	200 0.2%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,500 -1.5%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-2,500 -2.0%
	Information	-200 -0.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	-2,500 -3.0%
	Manufacturing	-300 -0.5%	Financial Activities	-4,800 -6.7%
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10				
794,400				
Rate = 12.8%				
Durham/Chapel Hill Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,600) 0.6%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-3,400) -1.2%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Government	1,400 2.4%	Education & Health Services	2,800 5.2%
	Other Services	300 1.5%	Government	2,200 3.8%
	Education & Health Services	300 0.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.5%
	Professional & Business Services	100 0.3%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.3%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Information	-200 -5.0%
	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Other Services	-600 -2.9%
	Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%	Financial Activities	-700 -5.3%
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.4%	Professional & Business Services	-1,400 -4.0%
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10				
282,300				
Rate = 8.4%				

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<i>Fayetteville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(500) 0.4%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-800) -0.6%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Education & Health Services	200 1.3%	Government	600 1.6%
	Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.8%	Education & Health Services	300 1.9%
<i>Total</i>	Professional & Business Services	100 0.8%	Professional & Business Services	100 0.8%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.5%	Financial Activities	-100 -2.2%
<i>Employment</i>	Government	100 0.3%	Information	-100 -5.9%
<i>Feb-10</i>	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300 -1.4%
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -2.2%
<i>128,600</i>	Information	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-300 -3.0%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -5.6%
<i>Rate = 9.8%</i>	Financial Activities	-100 -2.2%	Other Services	-400 -7.8%

<i>Goldsboro Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(600) 1.4%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-2,100) -4.7%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	100 0.8%	Government	100 0.8%
	<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*	<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
<i>Nonfarm</i>	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
<i>Employment</i>	<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*
<i>Feb-10</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*
	<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*	<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*
<i>43,000</i>	<i>Other Services</i>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*
	<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*	<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*
<i>Rate = 9.8%</i>	<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*	<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*

<i>Greensboro/High Point Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(-200) -0.1%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-13,200) -3.8%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Professional & Business Services	600 1.4%	Government	1,700 3.7%
	Government	500 1.1%	Professional & Business Services	-400 -0.9%
<i>Total</i>	Other Services	100 0.7%	Information	-400 -6.9%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-500 -2.3%
<i>Employment</i>	Education & Health Services	-100 -0.2%	Other Services	-600 -4.1%
<i>Feb-10</i>	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	-700 -2.3%
	Information	-100 -1.8%	Education & Health Services	-1,400 -2.9%
<i>335,900</i>	Manufacturing	-200 -0.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,500 -16.0%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -1.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-3,300 -4.7%
<i>Rate = 12.4%</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600 -0.9%	Manufacturing	-5,100 -9.3%

<i>Greenville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(600) 0.8%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-1,900) -2.5%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	500 2.1%	Government	600 2.5%
	Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%	Professional & Business Services	-100 -1.8%
<i>Total</i>	Education & Health Services	100 0.9%	Financial Activities	-100 -3.7%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Other Services	-100 -3.8%
<i>Employment</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300 -2.7%
<i>Feb-10</i>	Information	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -3.8%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -9.1%
<i>74,300</i>	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Information	-300 -25.0%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	-400 -3.4%
<i>Rate = 10.7%</i>	Manufacturing	-100 -1.7%	Manufacturing	-600 -9.2%

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<i>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(100) 0.1%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-7,700) -5.2%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 1.2%	Information	0 0.0%
	Other Services	100 1.7%	Education & Health Services	-100 -0.5%
	Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.9%	Other Services	-200 -3.2%
Total	Education & Health Services	100 0.5%	Financial Activities	-200 -5.7%
Nonfarm	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-300 -2.7%
Employment	Information	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-500 -4.9%
Feb-10	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700 -2.6%
140,500	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-800 -17.8%
	Government	-200 -0.8%	Government	-1,000 -3.8%
Rate = 15.8%	Manufacturing	-300 -0.8%	Manufacturing	-3,900 -9.8%

<i>Jacksonville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(700) 1.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(1,400) 3.0%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	200 1.4%	Government	500 3.5%
	Education & Health Services	*	Education & Health Services	*
Total	Financial Activities	*	Financial Activities	*
Nonfarm	Information	*	Information	*
Employment	Leisure & Hospitality	*	Leisure & Hospitality	*
Feb-10	Manufacturing	*	Manufacturing	*
	Mining, Logging & Construction	*	Mining, Logging & Construction	*
48,500	Other Services	*	Other Services	*
	Professional & Business Services	*	Professional & Business Services	*
Rate = 8.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*

<i>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(2,700) 0.6%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-8,300) -1.7%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Education & Health Services	1,500 2.5%	Education & Health Services	1,300 2.1%
	Professional & Business Services	900 1.1%	Other Services	400 1.6%
Total	Government	300 0.3%	Government	100 0.1%
Nonfarm	Other Services	200 0.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Employment	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 0.7%	Information	-300 -1.8%
Feb-10	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-700 -0.8%
	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-1,100 -4.1%
492,700	Manufacturing	-100 -0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,500 -1.7%
	Information	-100 -0.6%	Manufacturing	-2,700 -8.9%
Rate = 9.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200 -0.2%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-3,800 -12.2%

<i>Rocky Mount Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(200) 0.3%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-2,500) -4.0%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	200 1.7%	Government	0 0.0%
	Leisure & Hospitality	100 2.2%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -4.1%
Total	Education & Health Services	100 1.4%	Professional & Business Services	-300 -5.6%
Nonfarm	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -11.5%
Employment	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	-400 -5.3%
Feb-10	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700 -5.6%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300 -2.5%	Manufacturing	-1,300 -11.0%
59,900	Financial Activities	*	Financial Activities	*
	Information	*	Information	*
Rate = 14.7%	Other Services	*	Other Services	*

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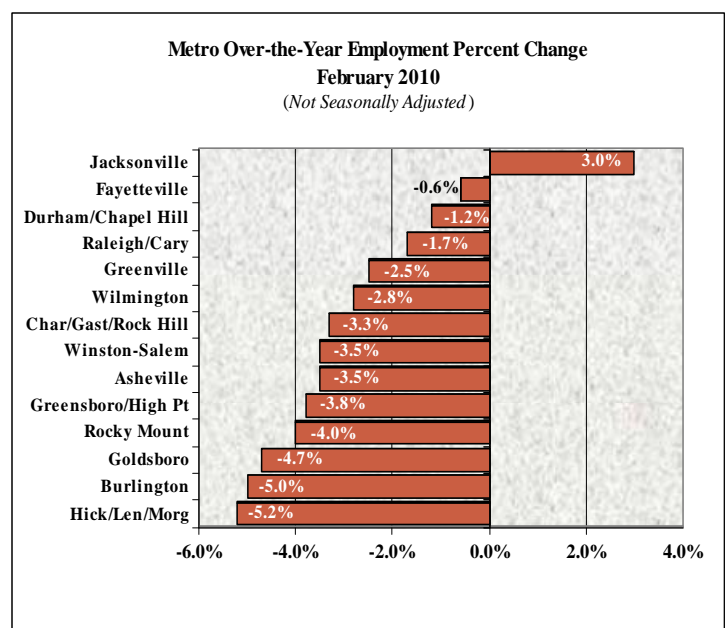
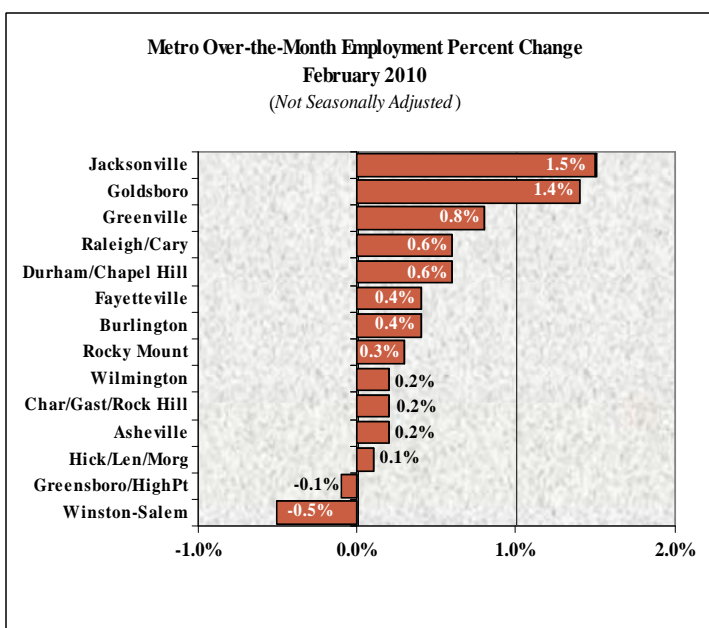
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Wilmington Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(300) 0.2%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-3,800) -2.8%
Industry	Change	Industry	Change	Change
Government	300 1.1%	Government	500 1.9%	
Other Services	100 1.6%	Education & Health Services	300 1.8%	
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10		Information	0 0.0%	
		Manufacturing	-100 -1.5%	
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200 -3.0%	
		Information	-300 -1.6%	
		Financial Activities	-700 -5.0%	
134,200		Leisure & Hospitality	-900 -3.2%	
		Professional & Business Services	-900 -10.2%	
Rate = 11.6%		Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,500 -16.1%	

Winston-Salem Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(-1,100) -0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-7,400) -3.5%
Industry	Change	Industry	Change	Change
Other Services	100 1.1%	Government	1,100 4.2%	
Education & Health Services	100 0.2%	Education & Health Services	100 0.2%	
Total Nonfarm Employment Feb-10		Other Services	-300 -3.2%	
		Information	-300 -14.3%	
		Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -2.6%	
		Financial Activities	-600 -4.7%	
204,300		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,300 -3.6%	
		Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300 -15.1%	
Rate = 11.1%		Professional & Business Services	-1,800 -7.2%	
		Manufacturing	-2,500 -9.7%	

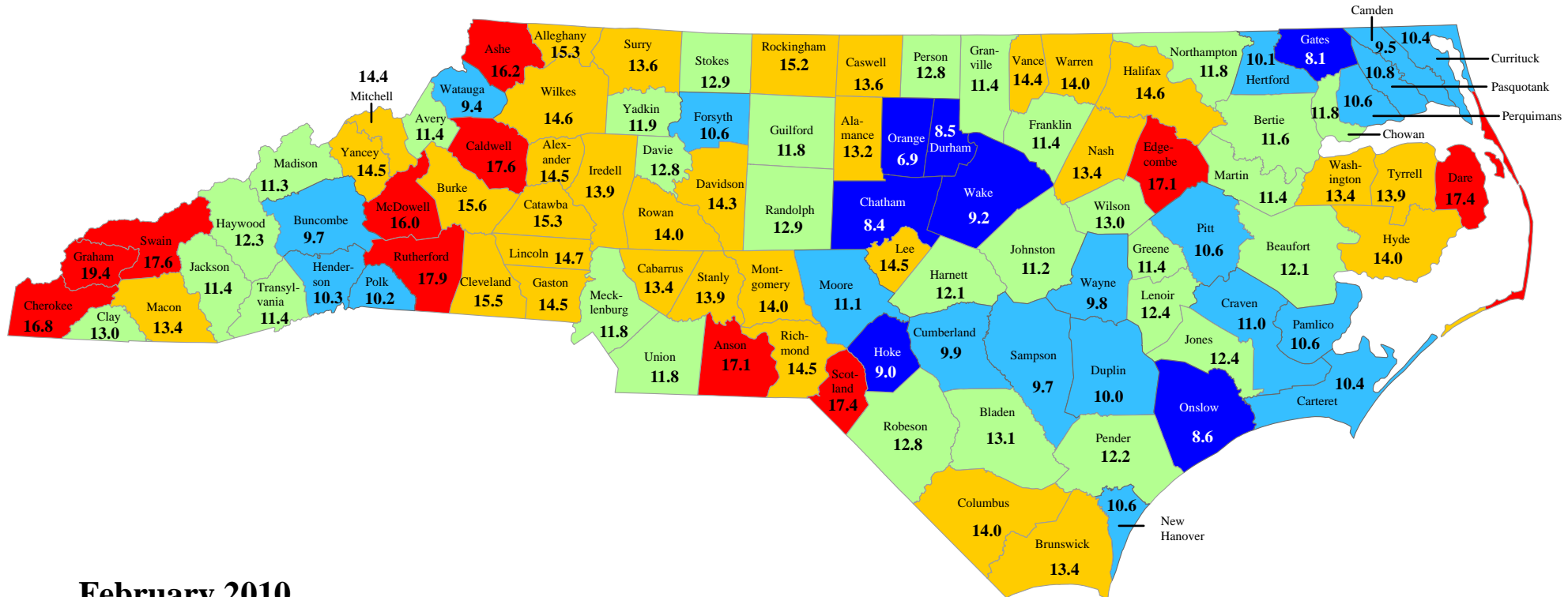
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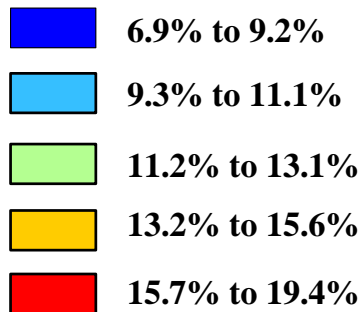


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▲ 58 Counties Higher Than Previous Month

▼ 19 Counties Lower Than Previous Month

▬ 23 Counties Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 11.8%
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March 2009-February 2010

Total All Programs

