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Unemployment Rates Drop In All Of North Carolina’s 100 Counties In March

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

“News that all North Carolina counties experienced a decrease in the local unemployment rate is certainly welcome, but we still have challenges ahead of us,” said ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes. “With initiatives like Reemployment Services (RES) and the Reemployment Eligibility Assessment (REA), the ESC is focusing even more resources to help our unemployed customers get back into jobs.”

Chairman Holmes also singled-out JobsNOW — a program Gov. Bev Perdue has created — which can link both workers and employers to resources critical to jump-starting local economies.

North Carolina had 39 counties that were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.9 percent. Rates decreased in all 14 of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

The number of workers employed (not-seasonally adjusted) increased in March by 66,804 workers, to 4,058,349. The number of people unemployed decreased, by 38,401. The unemployment total in March was 496,734 workers, compared with 535,135 in February.

	<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>March</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>February (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>87</i>

Orange County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in March, at 6.4 percent. Meanwhile, Graham County had the highest unemployment rate, at 17.2 percent.

The five counties receiving the highest amount in regular unemployment insurance benefits in March were: Mecklenburg, \$22.8 million; Wake, \$18.1 million; Guilford, \$11.4 million; Forsyth, \$7.2 million; and Gaston, \$5.8 million. In March, \$227.2 million in regular UI benefits was paid to 216,344 individuals statewide, compared to \$211.9 million to 220,761 individuals in February.

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Unemployment rates in the metropolitan statistical areas for March were:

Asheville — 9.4 percent, down from 10.2 percent in February.

Burlington — 12.1 percent, down from 13.2 percent.

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC — 11.9 percent, down from 12.8 percent.

Durham-Chapel Hill — 7.8 percent, down from 8.4 percent.

Fayetteville — 9.1 percent, down from 9.7 percent.

Goldsboro — 9.2 percent, down from 9.9 percent.

Greensboro-High Point — 11.5 percent, down from 12.4 percent.

Greenville — 10.3 percent, down from 10.7 percent.

Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton — 14.5 percent, down from 15.8 percent.

Jacksonville — 8 percent, down from 8.6 percent.

Raleigh-Cary — 8.9 percent, down from 9.6 percent.

Rocky Mount — 13.5 percent, down from 14.7 percent..

Wilmington — 10.5 percent, down from 11.6 percent.

Winston-Salem — 10.1 percent, down from 11.1 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 April will be released on Friday, May 21, 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

March 2010

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,555,083	4,058,349	496,734	10.9					
ALAMANCE	69,864	61,435	8,429	12.1	JOHNSTON	77,926	69,996	7,930	10.2
ALEXANDER	17,629	15,238	2,391	13.6	JONES	4,865	4,325	540	11.1
ALLEGHANY	4,593	3,971	622	13.5	LEE	26,166	22,701	3,465	13.2
ANSON	10,269	8,728	1,541	15.0	LENOIR	27,647	24,489	3,158	11.4
ASHE	12,714	10,967	1,747	13.7	LINCOLN	38,597	33,404	5,193	13.5
AVERY	9,313	8,355	958	10.3	MCDOWELL	20,216	17,311	2,905	14.4
BEAUFORT	21,476	19,011	2,465	11.5	MACON	15,895	13,971	1,924	12.1
BERTIE	9,372	8,365	1,007	10.7	MADISON	9,813	8,775	1,038	10.6
BLADEN	15,914	13,974	1,940	12.2	MARTIN	12,237	10,925	1,312	10.7
BRUNSWICK	49,625	43,730	5,895	11.9	MECKLENBURG	461,396	410,101	51,295	11.1
BUNCOMBE	118,842	108,210	10,632	8.9	MITCHELL	7,277	6,377	900	12.4
BURKE	38,775	33,298	5,477	14.1	MONTGOMERY	10,825	9,414	1,411	13.0
CABARRUS	84,867	74,780	10,087	11.9	MOORE	37,269	33,587	3,682	9.9
CALDWELL	37,821	31,659	6,162	16.3	NASH	46,910	41,064	5,846	12.5
CAMDEN	4,667	4,270	397	8.5	NEW HANOVER	103,643	93,503	10,140	9.8
CARTERET	33,141	30,050	3,091	9.3	NORTHAMPTON	8,856	7,864	992	11.2
CASWELL	10,882	9,522	1,360	12.5	ONSLOW	66,518	61,183	5,335	8.0
CATAWBA	74,554	64,111	10,443	14.0	ORANGE	69,525	65,062	4,463	6.4
CHATHAM	33,772	31,207	2,565	7.6	PAMLICO	5,537	5,010	527	9.5
CHEROKEE	10,208	8,652	1,556	15.2	PASQUOTANK	18,382	16,624	1,758	9.6
CHOWAN	6,764	6,039	725	10.7	PENDER	24,088	21,421	2,667	11.1
CLAY	4,690	4,151	539	11.5	PERQUIMANS	5,443	4,911	532	9.8
CLEVELAND	49,053	42,039	7,014	14.3	PERSON	19,370	17,149	2,221	11.5
COLUMBUS	25,462	22,251	3,211	12.6	PITT	80,912	72,644	8,268	10.2
CRAVEN	43,459	38,970	4,489	10.3	POLK	9,664	8,753	911	9.4
CUMBERLAND	137,359	124,787	12,572	9.2	RANDOLPH	73,701	65,021	8,680	11.8
CURRITUCK	12,731	11,665	1,066	8.4	RICHMOND	20,691	17,835	2,856	13.8
DARE	20,158	17,258	2,900	14.4	ROBESON	58,224	51,231	6,993	12.0
DAVIDSON	77,571	67,440	10,131	13.1	ROCKINGHAM	44,368	38,093	6,275	14.1
DAVIE	21,132	18,651	2,481	11.7	ROWAN	72,857	63,481	9,376	12.9
DUPLIN	24,986	22,686	2,300	9.2	RUTHERFORD	28,274	23,603	4,671	16.5
DURHAM	142,220	130,859	11,361	8.0	SAMPSON	31,575	28,732	2,843	9.0
EDGECOMBE	24,661	20,826	3,835	15.6	SCOTLAND	14,078	11,747	2,331	16.6
FORSYTH	175,309	158,180	17,129	9.8	STANLY	30,860	26,891	3,969	12.9
FRANKLIN	27,799	24,819	2,980	10.7	STOKES	24,160	21,489	2,671	11.1
GASTON	99,355	86,021	13,334	13.4	SURRY	34,177	29,945	4,232	12.4
GATES	4,934	4,565	369	7.5	SWAIN	6,640	5,641	999	15.0
GRAHAM	3,800	3,146	654	17.2	TRANSYLVANIA	13,548	12,160	1,388	10.2
GRANVILLE	26,491	23,677	2,814	10.6	TYRRELL	2,185	1,919	266	12.2
GREENE	9,343	8,296	1,047	11.2	UNION	94,597	84,378	10,219	10.8
GUILFORD	244,713	217,848	26,865	11.0	VANCE	19,740	17,153	2,587	13.1
HALIFAX	24,552	21,308	3,244	13.2	WAKE	453,925	415,088	38,837	8.6
HARNETT	48,702	43,269	5,433	11.2	WARREN	8,046	7,042	1,004	12.5
HAYWOOD	27,424	24,380	3,044	11.1	WASHINGTON	6,543	5,707	836	12.8
HENDERSON	48,318	43,830	4,488	9.3	WATAUGA	23,219	21,192	2,027	8.7
HERTFORD	10,411	9,443	968	9.3	WAYNE	52,996	48,129	4,867	9.2
HOKE	20,271	18,541	1,730	8.5	WILKES	30,775	26,556	4,219	13.7
HYDE	2,521	2,228	293	11.6	WILSON	40,647	35,721	4,926	12.1
IREDELL	81,057	70,648	10,409	12.8	YADKIN	19,351	17,281	2,070	10.7
JACKSON	19,578	17,568	2,010	10.3	YANCEY	7,817	6,832	985	12.6

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Preliminary Data for
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Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ASHEVILLE	204,397	185,195	19,202	9.4
BURLINGTON	69,864	61,435	8,429	12.1
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC	861,471	758,662	102,809	11.9
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	264,887	244,277	20,610	7.8
FAYETTEVILLE	157,630	143,328	14,302	9.1
GOLDSBORO	52,996	48,129	4,867	9.2
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	362,782	320,962	41,820	11.5
GREENVILLE	90,255	80,940	9,315	10.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	168,779	144,307	24,472	14.5
JACKSONVILLE	66,518	61,183	5,335	8.0
RALEIGH-CARY	559,649	509,902	49,747	8.9
ROCKY MOUNT	71,571	61,890	9,681	13.5
WILMINGTON	177,355	158,653	18,702	10.5
WINSTON-SALEM	239,951	215,601	24,350	10.1

Micropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ALBEMARLE	30,860	26,891	3,969	12.9
BOONE	23,219	21,192	2,027	8.7
BREVARD	13,548	12,160	1,388	10.2
DUNN	48,702	43,269	5,433	11.2
ELIZABETH CITY	28,493	25,806	2,687	9.4
FOREST CITY	28,274	23,603	4,671	16.5
HENDERSON	19,740	17,153	2,587	13.1
KILL DEVIL HILLS	20,158	17,258	2,900	14.4
KINSTON	27,647	24,489	3,158	11.4
LAURINBURG	14,078	11,747	2,331	16.6
LINCOLNTON	38,597	33,404	5,193	13.5
LUMBERTON	58,224	51,231	6,993	12.0
MOREHEAD CITY	33,141	30,050	3,091	9.3
MOUNT AIRY	34,177	29,945	4,232	12.4
NEW BERN	53,861	48,305	5,556	10.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	30,775	26,556	4,219	13.7
ROANOKE RAPIDS	33,408	29,172	4,236	12.7
ROCKINGHAM	20,691	17,835	2,856	13.8
SALISBURY	72,857	63,481	9,376	12.9
SANFORD	26,166	22,701	3,465	13.2
SHELBY	49,053	42,039	7,014	14.3
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	37,269	33,587	3,682	9.9
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	81,057	70,648	10,409	12.8
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	77,571	67,440	10,131	13.1
WASHINGTON	21,476	19,011	2,465	11.5
WILSON	40,647	35,721	4,926	12.1

Multicounty Small Labor Market Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
JACKSON-SWAIN	26,218	23,209	3,009	11.5

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
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Combined Statistical Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	217,945	197,355	20,590	9.4
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	1,179,652	1,032,678	146,974	12.5
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	784,345	695,383	88,962	11.3
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	72,302	62,978	9,324	12.9
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	873,238	797,448	75,790	8.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

COUNTY	MARCH 2010	FEBRUARY 2010	CHANGE	COUNTY	MARCH 2010	FEBRUARY 2010	CHANGE
STATEWIDE	10.9	11.8	-0.9	JOHNSTON	10.2	11.1	-0.9
ALAMANCE	12.1	13.2	-1.1	JONES	11.1	12.4	-1.3
ALEXANDER	13.6	14.4	-0.8	LEE	13.2	14.5	-1.3
ALLEGHANY	13.5	15.2	-1.7	LENOIR	11.4	12.4	-1.0
ANSON	15.0	17.0	-2.0	LINCOLN	13.5	14.7	-1.2
ASHE	13.7	16.1	-2.4	MCDOWELL	14.4	16.0	-1.6
AVERY	10.3	11.3	-1.0	MACON	12.1	13.4	-1.3
BEAUFORT	11.5	12.1	-0.6	MADISON	10.6	11.4	-0.8
BERTIE	10.7	11.5	-0.8	MARTIN	10.7	11.4	-0.7
BLADEN	12.2	13.1	-0.9	MECKLENBURG	11.1	11.8	-0.7
BRUNSWICK	11.9	13.3	-1.4	MITCHELL	12.4	14.3	-1.9
BUNCOMBE	8.9	9.7	-0.8	MONTGOMERY	13.0	14.1	-1.1
BURKE	14.1	15.6	-1.5	MOORE	9.9	11.1	-1.2
CABARRUS	11.9	13.3	-1.4	NASH	12.5	13.4	-0.9
CALDWELL	16.3	17.5	-1.2	NEW HANOVER	9.8	10.6	-0.8
CAMDEN	8.5	9.5	-1.0	NORTHAMPTON	11.2	11.7	-0.5
CARTERET	9.3	10.4	-1.1	ONSLOW	8.0	8.6	-0.6
CASWELL	12.5	13.6	-1.1	ORANGE	6.4	6.9	-0.5
CATAWBA	14.0	15.3	-1.3	PAMLICO	9.5	10.7	-1.2
CHATHAM	7.6	8.5	-0.9	PASQUOTANK	9.6	10.7	-1.1
CHEROKEE	15.2	16.8	-1.6	PENDER	11.1	12.2	-1.1
CHOWAN	10.7	11.7	-1.0	PERQUIMANS	9.8	10.6	-0.8
CLAY	11.5	13.0	-1.5	PERSON	11.5	12.7	-1.2
CLEVELAND	14.3	15.5	-1.2	PITT	10.2	10.6	-0.4
COLUMBUS	12.6	14.0	-1.4	POLK	9.4	10.2	-0.8
CRAVEN	10.3	11.1	-0.8	RANDOLPH	11.8	12.8	-1.0
CUMBERLAND	9.2	9.9	-0.7	RICHMOND	13.8	14.5	-0.7
CURRITUCK	8.4	10.3	-1.9	ROBESON	12.0	12.8	-0.8
DARE	14.4	17.4	-3.0	ROCKINGHAM	14.1	15.1	-1.0
DAVIDSON	13.1	14.2	-1.1	ROWAN	12.9	14.0	-1.1
DAVIE	11.7	12.8	-1.1	RUTHERFORD	16.5	17.9	-1.4
DUPLIN	9.2	10.0	-0.8	SAMPSON	9.0	9.7	-0.7
DURHAM	8.0	8.5	-0.5	SCOTLAND	16.6	17.4	-0.8
EDGECOMBE	15.6	17.1	-1.5	STANLY	12.9	13.8	-0.9
FORSYTH	9.8	10.6	-0.8	STOKES	11.1	12.8	-1.7
FRANKLIN	10.7	11.3	-0.6	SURRY	12.4	13.6	-1.2
GASTON	13.4	14.5	-1.1	SWAIN	15.0	17.5	-2.5
GATES	7.5	8.1	-0.6	TRANSYLVANIA	10.2	11.4	-1.2
GRAHAM	17.2	19.4	-2.2	TYRRELL	12.2	13.8	-1.6
GRANVILLE	10.6	11.4	-0.8	UNION	10.8	11.7	-0.9
GREENE	11.2	11.5	-0.3	VANCE	13.1	14.3	-1.2
GUILFORD	11.0	11.8	-0.8	WAKE	8.6	9.2	-0.6
HALIFAX	13.2	14.6	-1.4	WARREN	12.5	13.9	-1.4
HARNETT	11.2	12.1	-0.9	WASHINGTON	12.8	13.3	-0.5
HAYWOOD	11.1	12.2	-1.1	WATAUGA	8.7	9.4	-0.7
HENDERSON	9.3	10.3	-1.0	WAYNE	9.2	9.9	-0.7
HERTFORD	9.3	10.1	-0.8	WILKES	13.7	14.6	-0.9
HOKE	8.5	9.0	-0.5	WILSON	12.1	13.0	-0.9
HYDE	11.6	14.0	-2.4	YADKIN	10.7	11.8	-1.1
IREDELL	12.8	13.8	-1.0	YANCEY	12.6	14.4	-1.8
JACKSON	10.3	11.5	-1.2				

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February 2010 data has been revised.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

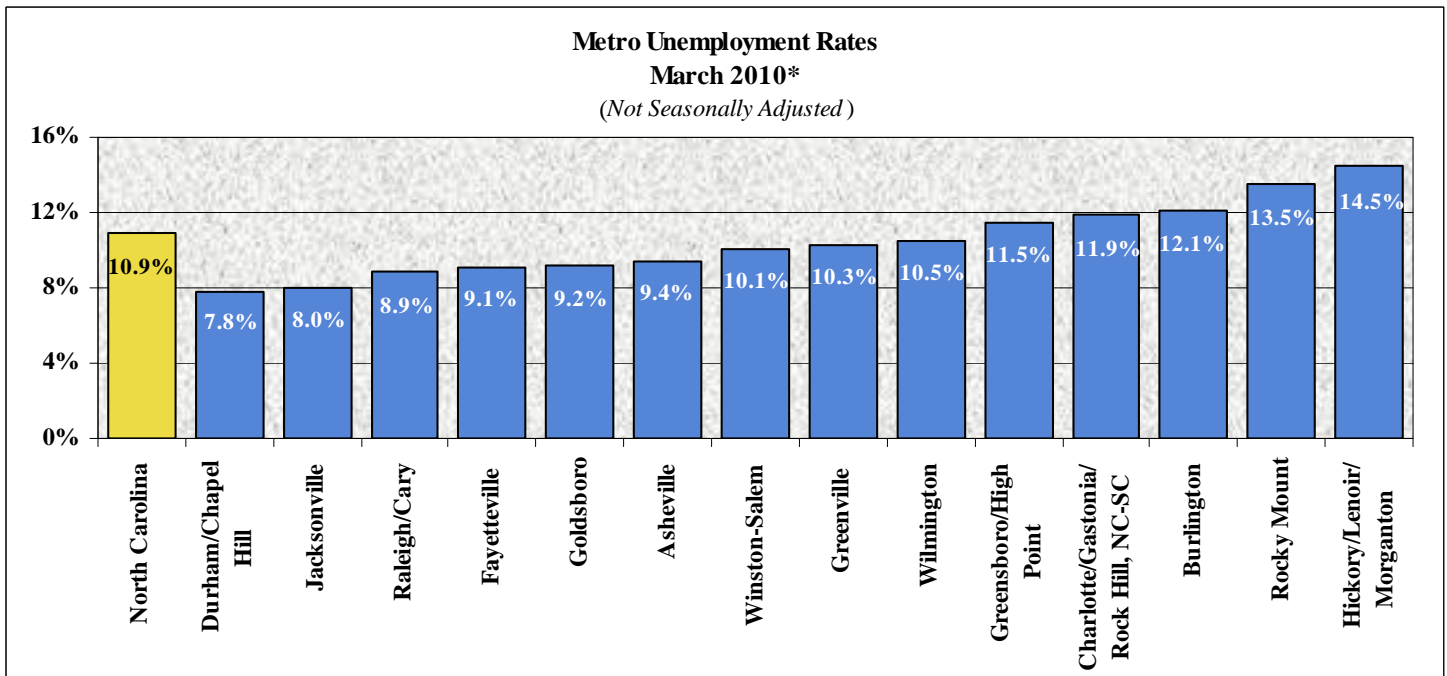
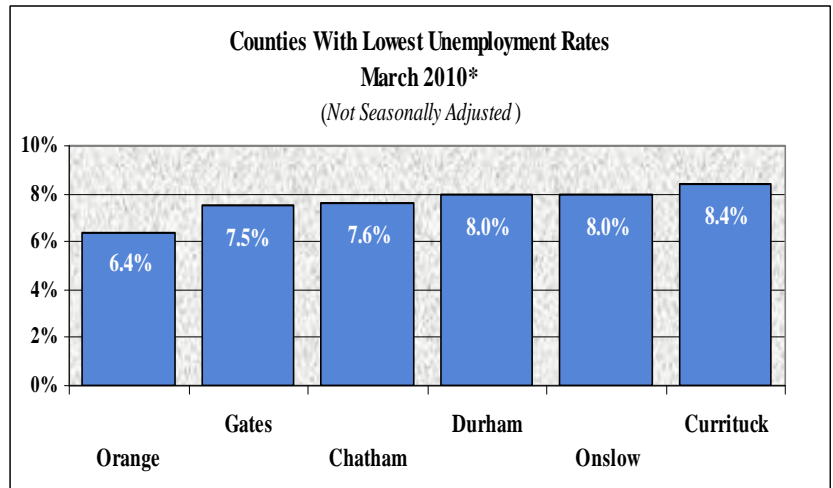
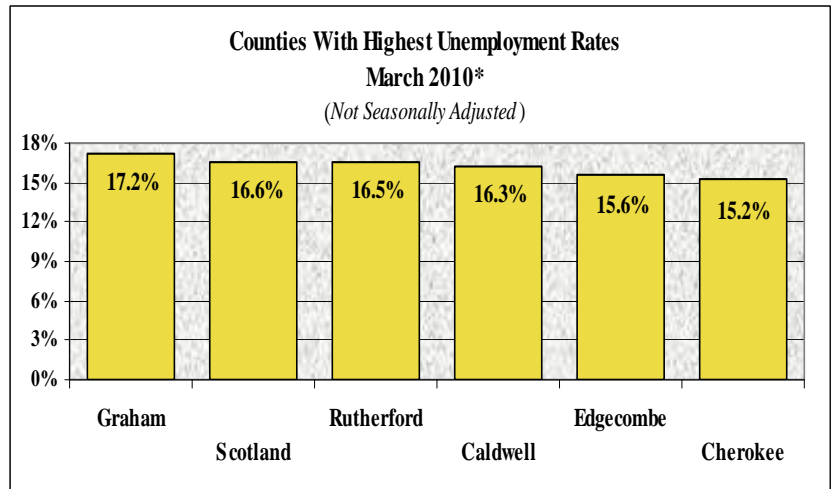
MARCH 2010

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 10.9 percent in March. This was a 0.9 of a percentage point decrease from February's revised rate of 11.8 percent, as well as a 0.3 percentage point gain over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all 100 counties. Thirty-nine counties had unemployment rates less than the state's 10.9 percent rate.

Graham County experienced March's highest unemployment rate at 17.2 percent, 2.2 percentage points lower than last month. Scotland County had the second-highest rate at 16.6 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.4 percent, followed by Gates, 7.5 percent; Chatham, 7.6 percent; and both Durham and Onslow counties at 8.0 percent.

Unemployment rates also decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros) over the previous month. The Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton Metro experienced the highest unemployment rate (14.5%), a 1.3 percentage point decrease. Rocky Mount had the second-highest rate at 13.5 percent, falling 1.2 percentage points. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, decreasing 0.6 of a percentage point. Jacksonville followed at 8.0 percent.



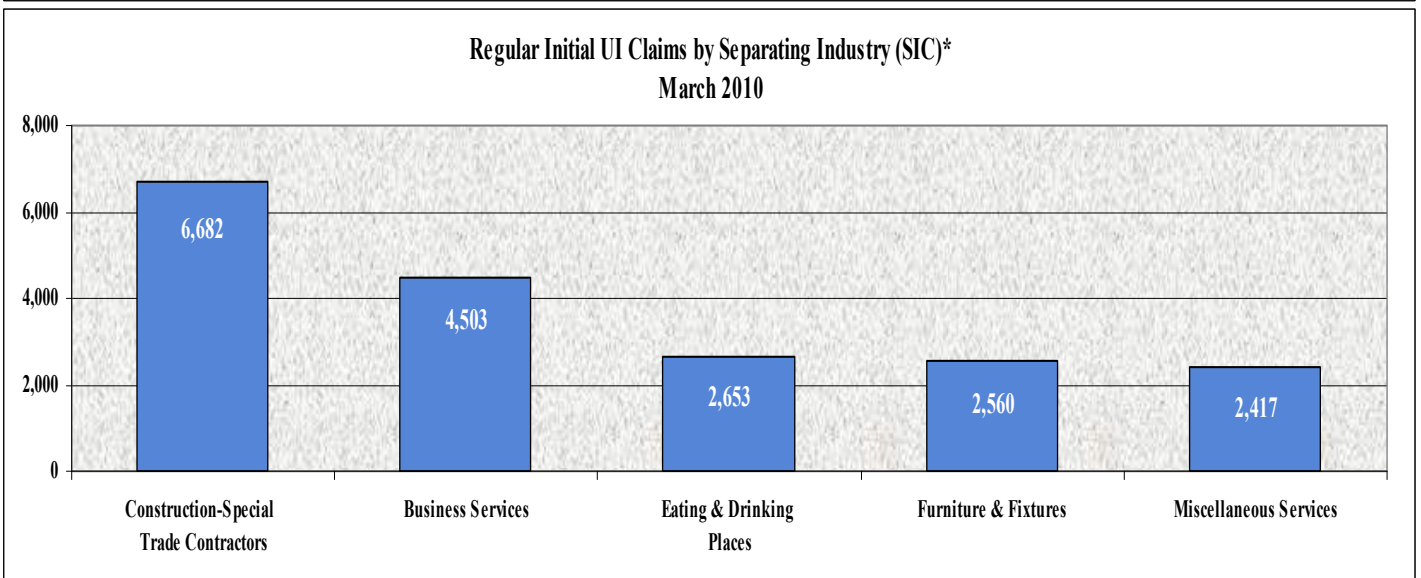
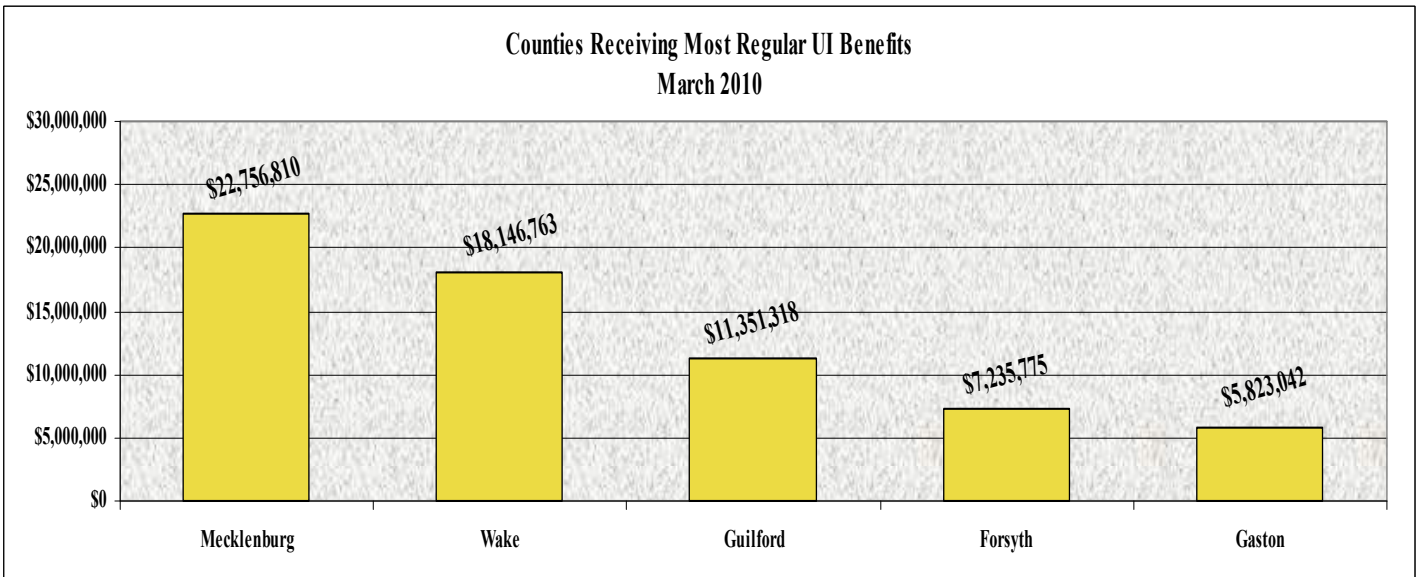
*All March 2010 labor force data are preliminary.

In March 2010, there were 80,191 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.

Regular Initial UI Claims, March 2010						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	5,797	1,275	2,491	2,614	2,156	1,977
Wake	4,416	1,081	1,721	1,556	2,075	1,540
Guilford	4,263	2,073	1,534	1,803	1,651	1,652
Forsyth	2,787	1,261	930	927	1,217	1,042
Catawba	2,515	1,825	803	195	1,779	1,112

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 45,251 for the month ending March 2010, increased 3,238 from the prior month. Seventeen percent of these were Attached Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 58,258, of which 29 percent were Attached. For the month ending March 2008, New Claims totaled 27,806 of which 22 percent were Attached Claims.



*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

Note: Initial Claims refer to regular UI Program.

Asheville Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,200)	0.7%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-4,100)	-2.5%	
	Industry	Change		Industry	Change		
	Leisure & Hospitality	400	1.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.0%	
	Other Services	200	2.8%	Other Services	100	1.4%	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.7%	Government	100	0.4%
	Mar-10	Government	200	0.7%	Information	0	0.0%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.7%	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
		Information	100	5.0%	Financial Activities	-100	-1.8%
		Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300	-1.0%
		Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	-1,100	-5.9%
		Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,300	-14.6%
Rate = 9.4%	Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.8%	Professional & Business Services	-1,700	-11.6%	
Burlington Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(400)	0.7%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-2,600)	-4.5%	
	Industry	Change		Industry	Change		
	Leisure & Hospitality	200	3.3%	Information	0	0.0%	
	Government	200	2.7%	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.2%	Other Services	0	0.0%
	Mar-10	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Government	-100	-1.3%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	-100	-5.6%
		Information	0	0.0%	Education & Health Services	-300	-2.9%
		Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-300	-4.7%
		Education & Health Services	0	0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-13.8%
		Other Services	0	0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600	-5.4%
Rate = 12.1%	Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.6%	Manufacturing	-800	-8.9%	
Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(5,300)	0.7%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-20,900)	-2.5%	
	Industry	Change		Industry	Change		
	Leisure & Hospitality	1,400	1.7%	Education & Health Services	2,200	2.7%	
	Professional & Business Services	1,000	0.8%	Government	1,200	1.0%	
	Manufacturing	900	1.4%	Information	-400	-1.9%	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	Financial Activities	500	0.7%	Other Services	-800	-2.6%
	Mar-10	Government	500	0.4%	Professional & Business Services	-1,300	-1.0%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	500	0.3%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,600	-0.9%
		Mining, Logging & Construction	300	0.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	-2,200	-2.6%
		Other Services	200	0.7%	Financial Activities	-3,900	-5.5%
		Information	100	0.5%	Manufacturing	-5,000	-7.0%
Rate = 11.9%	Education & Health Services	-100	-0.1%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-9,100	-20.5%	
Durham/Chapel Hill Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(800)	0.3%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-3,600)	-1.3%	
	Industry	Change		Industry	Change		
	Education & Health Services	400	0.7%	Education & Health Services	1,600	2.9%	
	Other Services	300	1.5%	Government	1,100	1.9%	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	Leisure & Hospitality	300	1.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%
	Mar-10	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	2.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	100	0.5%
		Manufacturing	200	0.6%	Information	0	0.0%
		Information	100	2.6%	Other Services	-100	-0.5%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-0.3%	Financial Activities	-800	-6.0%
		Financial Activities	-100	-0.8%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,200	-14.1%
		Government	-200	-0.3%	Professional & Business Services	-1,600	-4.6%
Rate = 7.8%	Professional & Business Services	-300	-0.9%	Manufacturing	-2,900	-7.9%	

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<i>Fayetteville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(800) 0.6%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-800) -0.6%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Leisure & Hospitality	300 2.2%	Government	800 2.1%
	Government	300 0.8%	Education & Health Services	300 1.9%
<i>Total</i>	Financial Activities	100 2.3%	Professional & Business Services	100 0.8%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.0%	Financial Activities	0 0.0%
<i>Employment</i>	Manufacturing	100 1.0%	Information	-100 -5.9%
<i>Mar-10</i>	Information	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-200 -2.0%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	-300 -5.9%
<i>129,200</i>	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -2.8%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-400 -7.1%
<i>Rate = 9.1%</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100 -0.5%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600 -2.7%

<i>Goldsboro Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(200) 0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-1,800) -4.0%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	-100 -0.9%	Government	-300 -2.5%
	Education & Health Services	*	Education & Health Services	*
<i>Total</i>	Financial Activities	*	Financial Activities	*
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Information	*	Information	*
<i>Employment</i>	Leisure & Hospitality	*	Leisure & Hospitality	*
<i>Mar-10</i>	Manufacturing	*	Manufacturing	*
	Mining, Logging & Construction	*	Mining, Logging & Construction	*
<i>42,700</i>	Other Services	*	Other Services	*
	Professional & Business Services	*	Professional & Business Services	*
<i>Rate = 9.2%</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*

<i>Greensboro/High Point Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,800) 0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-8,200) -2.4%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Leisure & Hospitality	700 2.4%	Government	1,600 3.4%
	Professional & Business Services	300 0.7%	Professional & Business Services	600 1.4%
<i>Total</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 0.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.7%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.5%	Other Services	-300 -2.1%
<i>Employment</i>	Other Services	200 1.4%	Information	-300 -5.2%
<i>Mar-10</i>	Information	100 1.9%	Financial Activities	-400 -1.9%
	Education & Health Services	100 0.2%	Education & Health Services	-700 -1.5%
<i>337,900</i>	Government	100 0.2%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,900 -12.4%
	Manufacturing	-100 -0.2%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,800 -4.0%
<i>Rate = 11.5%</i>	Financial Activities	-100 -0.5%	Manufacturing	-3,800 -7.1%

<i>Greenville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(500) 0.7%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-1,700) -2.2%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Other Services	100 4.0%	Professional & Business Services	100 1.8%
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 3.3%	Other Services	0 0.0%
<i>Total</i>	Manufacturing	100 1.7%	Government	0 0.0%
<i>Nonfarm</i>	Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.3%	Financial Activities	-100 -3.7%
<i>Employment</i>	Government	100 0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200 -1.8%
<i>Mar-10</i>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -6.1%
	Information	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	-300 -2.6%
<i>74,200</i>	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-300 -4.8%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Information	-300 -25.0%
<i>Rate = 10.3%</i>	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-400 -4.9%

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<i>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(800) 0.6%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-5,700) -3.9%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.8%	Information	0 0.0%
	Government	200 0.8%	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%
Total	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 2.7%	Other Services	-100 -1.6%
Nonfarm	Other Services	100 1.7%	Financial Activities	-200 -5.7%
Employment	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-500 -4.9%
Mar-10	Information	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-500 -11.6%
141,500	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600 -2.2%
	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Government	-800 -3.1%
Rate = 14.5%	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-3,000 -7.7%

<i>Jacksonville Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(100) 0.2%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(1,300) 2.7%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Government	-100 -0.7%	Government	200 1.4%
	Education & Health Services	*	Education & Health Services	*
Total	Financial Activities	*	Financial Activities	*
Nonfarm	Information	*	Information	*
Employment	Leisure & Hospitality	*	Leisure & Hospitality	*
Mar-10	Manufacturing	*	Manufacturing	*
	Mining, Logging & Construction	*	Mining, Logging & Construction	*
48,600	Other Services	*	Other Services	*
	Professional & Business Services	*	Professional & Business Services	*
Rate = 8.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*

<i>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(2,300) 0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-6,700) -1.3%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Leisure & Hospitality	900 1.9%	Education & Health Services	1,800 3.0%
	Education & Health Services	800 1.3%	Other Services	600 2.4%
Total	Government	500 0.6%	Leisure & Hospitality	400 0.8%
Nonfarm	Manufacturing	300 1.1%	Government	0 0.0%
Employment	Other Services	200 0.8%	Information	-100 -0.6%
Mar-10	Information	100 0.6%	Professional & Business Services	-600 -0.7%
	Financial Activities	100 0.4%	Financial Activities	-800 -3.0%
493,300	Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,000 -2.3%
	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.4%	Manufacturing	-2,200 -7.3%
Rate = 8.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-400 -0.5%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-3,800 -12.4%

<i>Rocky Mount Metro</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(500) 0.8%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-1,100) -1.8%
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.3%	Government	-100 -0.8%
	Leisure & Hospitality	100 2.1%	Professional & Business Services	-200 -3.8%
Total	Government	100 0.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -4.0%
Nonfarm	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-300 -2.8%
Employment	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	-300 -4.0%
Mar-10	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-300 -11.1%
	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700 -5.6%
60,300	Financial Activities	*	Financial Activities	*
	Information	*	Information	*
Rate = 13.5%	Other Services	*	Other Services	*

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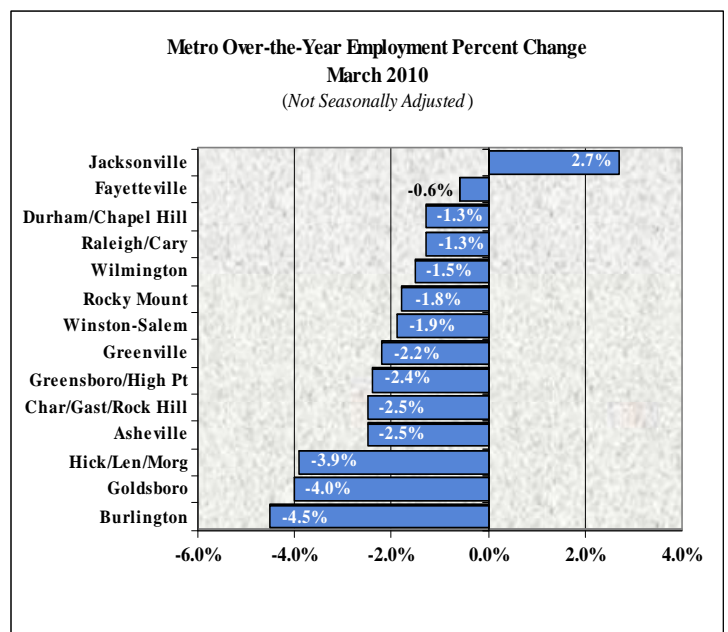
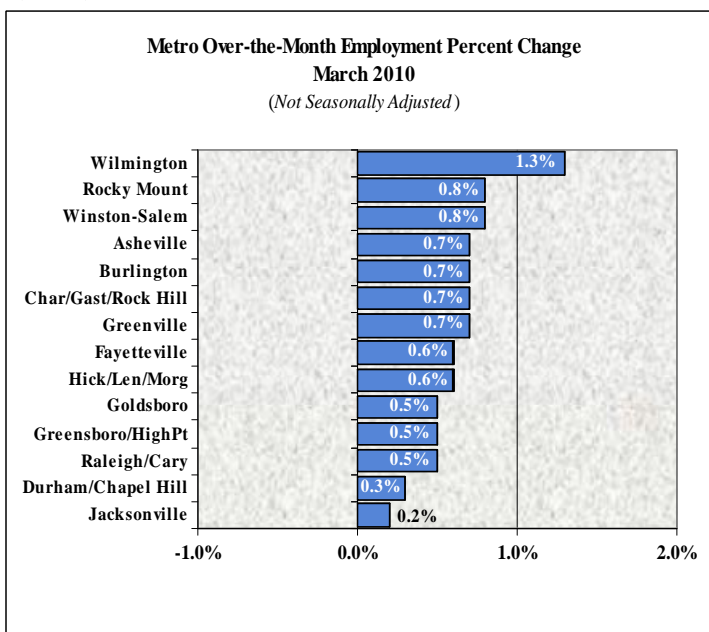
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Wilmington Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,700) 1.3%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-2,100) -1.5%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Leisure & Hospitality	500 2.8%	Government	600 2.2%
	Professional & Business Services	300 2.3%	Education & Health Services	400 2.4%
Total Nonfarm Employment Mar-10	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.5%	Information	0 0.0%
136,100	Government	200 0.7%	Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.7%
Rate = 10.5%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.7%	Financial Activities	-100 -1.5%
	Financial Activities	100 1.5%	Other Services	-100 -1.5%
	Other Services	100 1.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -1.1%
	Education & Health Services	100 0.6%	Manufacturing	-700 -8.1%
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-800 -2.9%
	Information	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,100 -12.0%

Winston-Salem Metro	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,700) 0.8%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-4,100) -1.9%
	Industry	Change	Industry	Change
	Leisure & Hospitality	500 2.6%	Government	1,100 4.2%
	Professional & Business Services	300 1.3%	Education & Health Services	500 1.1%
Total Nonfarm Employment Mar-10	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 2.7%	Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.5%
206,900	Government	200 0.7%	Other Services	-100 -1.1%
Rate = 10.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.6%	Information	-100 -5.0%
	Education & Health Services	200 0.4%	Financial Activities	-600 -4.7%
	Other Services	100 1.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-700 -1.9%
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-900 -3.6%
	Information	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-1,100 -12.8%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	-2,100 -8.2%

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Over the month, industry employment increased in all 14 Metros. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro had the largest net employment increase with 5,300, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 2,300 and Greensboro/High Point with 1,800. The Wilmington Metro showed the greatest percentage increase at 1.3 percent. Over the year, employment fell in 13 of 14 Metros, with the exception of Jacksonville, which gained 1,300 jobs. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC Metro experienced the largest net decrease at 20,900, while Burlington experienced the largest percentage decrease (4.5%).

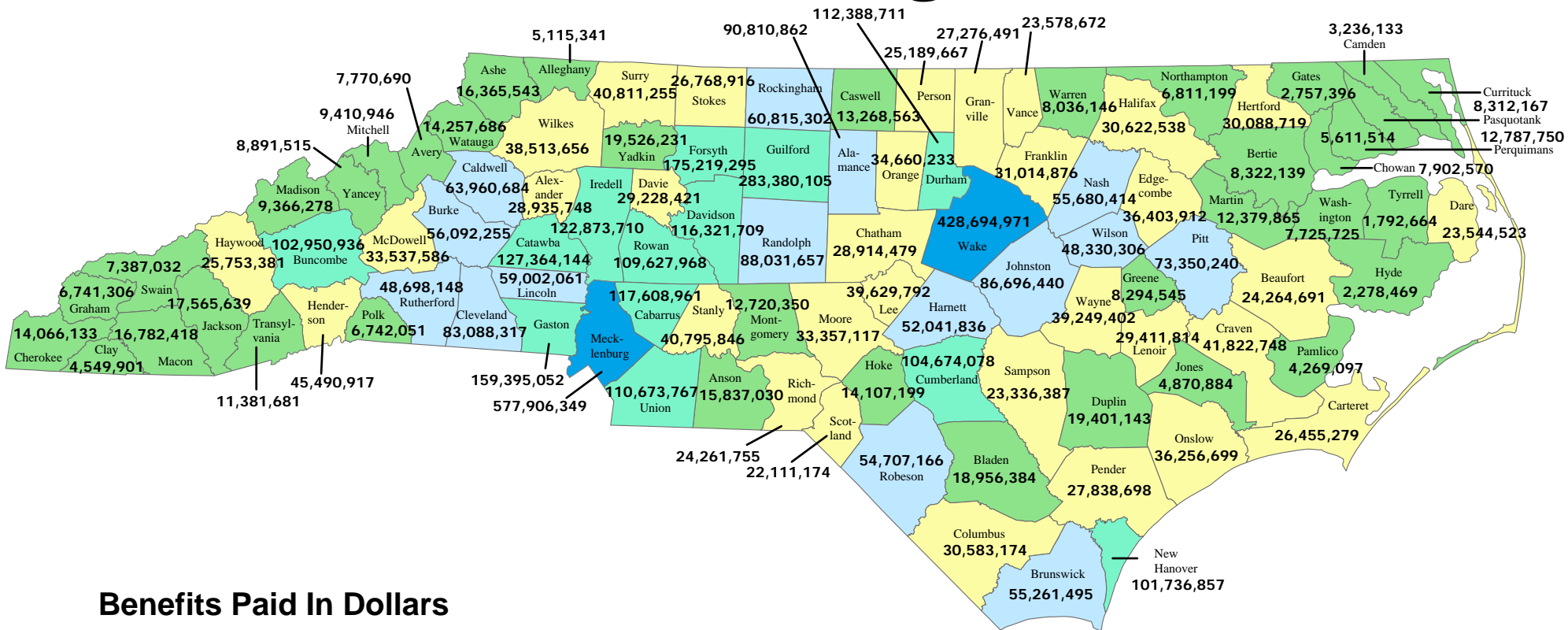


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UI Benefits Paid by County

April 2009-March 2010

Total All Programs



Benefits Paid In Dollars



Statewide \$5,382,928,482

Note: All programs include Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier I (EUCI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier II (EUCII), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier III (EUCIII), Extended Benefits (EB) and Federal Additional Compensation (FAC).

County data does not sum to statewide total.

Source: Employment Security Commission of North Carolina (ESC), Information Systems (IS)

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