



# News Release

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## Unemployment Rates Increase For 82 North Carolina Counties In May

**RALEIGH** — Eighty-two of North Carolina’s 100 counties experienced an unemployment rate increase in May, according to statistics released today by the state’s Employment Security Commission. Rates decreased in 16 counties and remained the same in two.

“All of the state’s 100 counties continue to be challenged by this recession. But, in its role to help maintain economic stability in communities across North Carolina, the ESC has paid nearly \$3 billion dollars in benefits over the course of a year (chart attached),” said ESC Chairman Moses Carey Jr. “We continue to work with customers in our 89 offices statewide — and over the Internet and telephone — to make sure those seeking work can find a position and those needing unemployment benefits receive those monies.”

North Carolina had 46 counties which were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.1 percent. Rates increased in all 14 of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Total county employment (not-seasonally adjusted) decreased in May by 20,335 workers, from 4,079,980 to 4,059,645. Not-seasonally adjusted unemployment increased, by 26,750 workers. The unemployment total in May was 505,445 workers, compared with 478,695 in April.

	<i>Counties With Rates 5% Or Below</i>	<i>Counties With Rates Between 5% &amp; 10%</i>	<i>Counties With Rates 10% Or Above</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>April (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>67</i>

Currituck County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in May, at 6.3 percent. Meanwhile, Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate, at 17.2 percent.

The five counties receiving the highest amount in unemployment insurance benefits in May were: Mecklenburg, \$25.9 million; Wake, \$20.3 million; Guilford, \$12.6 million; Gaston, \$8 million; and Forsyth, \$7.7 million. In May, \$239.4 million in benefits was paid to 239,894 individuals statewide, compared with \$268.1 million to 249,422 individuals in April.

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Unemployment rates in the metropolitan statistical areas for May were:

***Asheville*** — 9.2 percent, up from 9.0 percent in April.

***Burlington*** — 12.2 percent, up from 12 percent.

***Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord NC-SC*** — 12 percent, up from 11.3 percent.

***Durham-Chapel Hill*** — 8.1 percent, up from 7.3 percent.

***Fayetteville*** — 9.2 percent, up from 8.4 percent.

***Goldsboro*** — 9.2 percent, up from 8.7 percent.

***Greensboro-High Point*** — 11.9 percent, up from 11.1 percent.

***Greenville*** — 11 percent, up from 10.1 percent.

***Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton*** — 15.4 percent, up from 14.9 percent.

***Jacksonville*** — 8.5 percent, up from 7.8 percent.

***Raleigh-Cary*** — 8.9 percent, up from 8.3 percent.

***Rocky Mount*** — 14.2 percent, up from 13.6 percent.

***Wilmington*** — 10 percent up from 9.5 percent.

***Winston-Salem*** — 10.5 percent, up from 9.7 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. The 2009 benchmark monthly and annual averages for N.C. counties are available on the ESC's website: [www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com), under "Labor Market Information."

**(Editor's Note: *The state unemployment rate for June will be released on Friday, July 17, 2009.*)**

*Per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics instructions, the ESC is now revising the 2009 previous months data.*

**NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
*Preliminary Statewide and County Data for*  
**MAY 2009**

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,565,090	4,059,645	505,445	11.1					
ALAMANCE	71,019	62,374	8,645	12.2	JOHNSTON	77,044	69,217	7,827	10.2
ALEXANDER	18,319	15,457	2,862	15.6	JONES	4,893	4,376	517	10.6
ALLEGHANY	4,631	4,058	573	12.4	LEE	27,125	23,072	4,053	14.9
ANSON	10,480	8,895	1,585	15.1	LENOIR	28,032	24,530	3,502	12.5
ASHE	13,541	11,857	1,684	12.4	LINCOLN	40,731	34,858	5,873	14.4
AVERY	9,373	8,495	878	9.4	MCDOWELL	22,091	18,452	3,639	16.5
BEAUFORT	21,387	18,932	2,455	11.5	MACON	17,284	15,524	1,760	10.2
BERTIE	8,991	8,005	986	11.0	MADISON	9,883	8,903	980	9.9
BLADEN	15,863	13,917	1,946	12.3	MARTIN	12,152	10,793	1,359	11.2
BRUNSWICK	49,025	43,714	5,311	10.8	MECKLENBURG	456,651	406,298	50,353	11.0
BUNCOMBE	119,959	109,348	10,611	8.8	MITCHELL	7,311	6,369	942	12.9
BURKE	39,667	33,759	5,908	14.9	MONTGOMERY	11,495	9,896	1,599	13.9
CABARRUS	83,137	73,620	9,517	11.4	MOORE	37,592	33,770	3,822	10.2
CALDWELL	37,897	31,993	5,904	15.6	NASH	47,329	40,960	6,369	13.5
CAMDEN	4,624	4,253	371	8.0	NEW HANOVER	106,089	96,121	9,968	9.4
CARTERET	34,030	31,280	2,750	8.1	NORTHAMPTON	8,979	7,995	984	11.0
CASWELL	10,943	9,468	1,475	13.5	ONSLow	63,940	58,535	5,405	8.5
CATAWBA	76,543	64,685	11,858	15.5	ORANGE	68,423	63,839	4,584	6.7
CHATHAM	33,207	30,366	2,841	8.6	PAMLICO	5,629	5,093	536	9.5
CHEROKEE	10,541	8,949	1,592	15.1	PASQUOTANK	18,485	16,656	1,829	9.9
CHOWAN	6,829	6,047	782	11.5	PENDER	24,365	21,636	2,729	11.2
CLAY	4,931	4,371	560	11.4	PERQUIMANS	5,418	4,851	567	10.5
CLEVELAND	51,606	43,571	8,035	15.6	PERSON	19,445	17,089	2,356	12.1
COLUMBUS	25,203	21,931	3,272	13.0	PITT	81,222	72,277	8,945	11.0
CRAVEN	43,898	39,318	4,580	10.4	POLK	9,920	8,991	929	9.4
CUMBERLAND	132,308	120,042	12,266	9.3	RANDOLPH	73,644	64,702	8,942	12.1
CURRITUCK	12,531	11,738	793	6.3	RICHMOND	20,785	17,827	2,958	14.2
DARE	21,582	19,643	1,939	9.0	ROBESON	58,048	51,096	6,952	12.0
DAVIDSON	79,248	68,623	10,625	13.4	ROCKINGHAM	44,624	38,244	6,380	14.3
DAVIE	21,157	18,469	2,688	12.7	ROWAN	71,940	62,177	9,763	13.6
DUPLIN	25,881	23,508	2,373	9.2	RUTHERFORD	31,766	26,845	4,921	15.5
DURHAM	138,840	127,598	11,242	8.1	SAMPSON	33,564	30,752	2,812	8.4
EDGECOMBE	24,823	20,921	3,902	15.7	SCOTLAND	14,586	12,074	2,512	17.2
FORSYTH	173,894	156,430	17,464	10.0	STANLY	31,046	27,165	3,881	12.5
FRANKLIN	27,658	24,739	2,919	10.6	STOKES	24,174	21,472	2,702	11.2
GASTON	100,615	85,773	14,842	14.8	SURRY	35,154	30,499	4,655	13.2
GATES	4,874	4,500	374	7.7	SWAIN	7,211	6,378	833	11.6
GRAHAM	4,826	4,183	643	13.3	TRANSYLVANIA	13,795	12,560	1,235	9.0
GRANVILLE	25,929	23,123	2,806	10.8	TYRRELL	2,324	2,088	236	10.2
GREENE	9,401	8,360	1,041	11.1	UNION	91,974	82,043	9,931	10.8
GUILFORD	243,028	215,481	27,547	11.3	VANCE	20,415	17,643	2,772	13.6
HALIFAX	24,925	21,334	3,591	14.4	WAKE	448,103	409,642	38,461	8.6
HARNETT	48,838	43,143	5,695	11.7	WARREN	8,074	7,020	1,054	13.1
HAYWOOD	27,503	24,813	2,690	9.8	WASHINGTON	6,364	5,609	755	11.9
HENDERSON	48,771	44,056	4,715	9.7	WATAUGA	23,603	21,739	1,864	7.9
HERTFORD	10,142	9,085	1,057	10.4	WAYNE	53,207	48,308	4,899	9.2
HOKE	19,426	17,782	1,644	8.5	WILKES	30,826	26,831	3,995	13.0
HYDE	2,716	2,523	193	7.1	WILSON	41,444	35,817	5,627	13.6
IREDELL	83,206	72,484	10,722	12.9	YADKIN	19,445	17,233	2,212	11.4
JACKSON	21,620	19,678	1,942	9.0	YANCEY	8,068	7,092	976	12.1

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS  
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
*Preliminary Data for  
MAY 2009*

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ASHEVILLE	206,115	187,119	18,996	9.2
BURLINGTON	71,019	62,374	8,645	12.2
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-CONCORD NC-SC	852,844	750,914	101,930	12.0
DURHAM	259,914	238,891	21,023	8.1
FAYETTEVILLE	151,734	137,824	13,910	9.2
GOLDSBORO	53,207	48,308	4,899	9.2
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	361,296	318,427	42,869	11.9
GREENVILLE	90,623	80,637	9,986	11.0
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	172,426	145,894	26,532	15.4
JACKSONVILLE	63,940	58,535	5,405	8.5
RALEIGH-CARY	552,805	503,598	49,207	8.9
ROCKY MOUNT	72,152	61,881	10,271	14.2
WILMINGTON	179,478	161,470	18,008	10.0
WINSTON-SALEM	238,670	213,604	25,066	10.5

<b>Micropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ALBEMARLE	31,046	27,165	3,881	12.5
BOONE	23,603	21,739	1,864	7.9
BREVARD	13,795	12,560	1,235	9.0
DUNN	48,838	43,143	5,695	11.7
ELIZABETH CITY	28,527	25,760	2,767	9.7
FOREST CITY	31,766	26,845	4,921	15.5
HENDERSON	20,415	17,643	2,772	13.6
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,582	19,643	1,939	9.0
KINSTON	28,032	24,530	3,502	12.5
LAURINBURG	14,586	12,074	2,512	17.2
LINCOLNTON	40,731	34,858	5,873	14.4
LUMBERTON	58,048	51,096	6,952	12.0
MOREHEAD CITY	34,030	31,280	2,750	8.1
MOUNT AIRY	35,154	30,499	4,655	13.2
NEW BERN	54,420	48,787	5,633	10.4
NORTH WILKESBORO	30,826	26,831	3,995	13.0
ROANOKE RAPIDS	33,904	29,329	4,575	13.5
ROCKINGHAM	20,785	17,827	2,958	14.2
SALISBURY	71,940	62,177	9,763	13.6
SANFORD	27,125	23,072	4,053	14.9
SHELBY	51,606	43,571	8,035	15.6
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	37,592	33,770	3,822	10.2
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	83,206	72,484	10,722	12.9
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	79,248	68,623	10,625	13.4
WASHINGTON	21,387	18,932	2,455	11.5
WILSON	41,444	35,817	5,627	13.6

<b>Multicounty Small Labor Market Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
JACKSON-SWAIN	28,831	26,056	2,775	9.6

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
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<b>Combined Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	219,910	199,679	20,231	9.2
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	1,177,447	1,028,243	149,204	12.7
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	785,387	693,527	91,860	11.7
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	72,634	63,170	9,464	13.0
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	861,557	785,632	75,925	8.8

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**NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>MAY 2009</b>	<b>APRIL 2009</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>MAY 2009</b>	<b>APRIL 2009</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
STATEWIDE	11.1	10.5	0.6	JOHNSTON	10.2	10.1	0.1
ALAMANCE	12.2	12.0	0.2	JONES	10.6	9.8	0.8
ALEXANDER	15.6	14.7	0.9	LEE	14.9	14.9	0.0
ALLEGHANY	12.4	12.2	0.2	LENOIR	12.5	11.8	0.7
ANSON	15.1	13.3	1.8	LINCOLN	14.4	14.1	0.3
ASHE	12.4	12.6	-0.2	MCDOWELL	16.5	15.0	1.5
AVERY	9.4	10.2	-0.8	MACON	10.2	10.5	-0.3
BEAUFORT	11.5	11.1	0.4	MADISON	9.9	9.4	0.5
BERTIE	11.0	10.8	0.2	MARTIN	11.2	10.2	1.0
BLADEN	12.3	11.8	0.5	MECKLENBURG	11.0	10.2	0.8
BRUNSWICK	10.8	10.2	0.6	MITCHELL	12.9	13.2	-0.3
BUNCOMBE	8.8	8.5	0.3	MONTGOMERY	13.9	13.7	0.2
BURKE	14.9	14.6	0.3	MOORE	10.2	9.6	0.6
CABARRUS	11.4	10.8	0.6	NASH	13.5	12.8	0.7
CALDWELL	15.6	14.9	0.7	NEW HANOVER	9.4	8.8	0.6
CAMDEN	8.0	7.6	0.4	NORTHAMPTON	11.0	11.4	-0.4
CARTERET	8.1	8.0	0.1	ONSLow	8.5	7.8	0.7
CASWELL	13.5	13.3	0.2	ORANGE	6.7	5.8	0.9
CATAWBA	15.5	15.0	0.5	PAMLICO	9.5	9.3	0.2
CHATHAM	8.6	7.9	0.7	PASQUOTANK	9.9	9.2	0.7
CHEROKEE	15.1	14.3	0.8	PENDER	11.2	10.9	0.3
CHOWAN	11.5	11.0	0.5	PERQUIMANS	10.5	9.9	0.6
CLAY	11.4	11.2	0.2	PERSON	12.1	11.4	0.7
CLEVELAND	15.6	15.0	0.6	PITT	11.0	10.0	1.0
COLUMBUS	13.0	13.0	0.0	POLK	9.4	8.9	0.5
CRAVEN	10.4	9.9	0.5	RANDOLPH	12.1	11.6	0.5
CUMBERLAND	9.3	8.5	0.8	RICHMOND	14.2	14.6	-0.4
CURRITUCK	6.3	7.0	-0.7	ROBESON	12.0	11.5	0.5
DARE	9.0	9.6	-0.6	ROCKINGHAM	14.3	13.3	1.0
DAVIDSON	13.4	12.6	0.8	ROWAN	13.6	12.5	1.1
DAVIE	12.7	11.3	1.4	RUTHERFORD	15.5	16.0	-0.5
DUPLIN	9.2	9.0	0.2	SAMPSON	8.4	8.2	0.2
DURHAM	8.1	7.3	0.8	SCOTLAND	17.2	17.3	-0.1
EDGECOMBE	15.7	15.2	0.5	STANLY	12.5	11.5	1.0
FORSYTH	10.0	9.2	0.8	STOKES	11.2	10.6	0.6
FRANKLIN	10.6	10.1	0.5	SURRY	13.2	12.8	0.4
GASTON	14.8	14.7	0.1	SWAIN	11.6	12.2	-0.6
GATES	7.7	7.3	0.4	TRANSYLVANIA	9.0	8.7	0.3
GRAHAM	13.3	13.7	-0.4	TYRRELL	10.2	10.8	-0.6
GRANVILLE	10.8	9.9	0.9	UNION	10.8	10.0	0.8
GREENE	11.1	10.7	0.4	VANCE	13.6	13.1	0.5
GUILFORD	11.3	10.5	0.8	WAKE	8.6	7.9	0.7
HALIFAX	14.4	14.3	0.1	WARREN	13.1	12.6	0.5
HARNETT	11.7	11.0	0.7	WASHINGTON	11.9	11.2	0.7
HAYWOOD	9.8	10.0	-0.2	WATAUGA	7.9	7.5	0.4
HENDERSON	9.7	9.4	0.3	WAYNE	9.2	8.7	0.5
HERTFORD	10.4	9.6	0.8	WILKES	13.0	12.4	0.6
HOKE	8.5	8.0	0.5	WILSON	13.6	13.1	0.5
HYDE	7.1	8.2	-1.1	YADKIN	11.4	10.6	0.8
IREDELL	12.9	12.6	0.3	YANCEY	12.1	12.3	-0.2
JACKSON	9.0	8.6	0.4				

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# NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

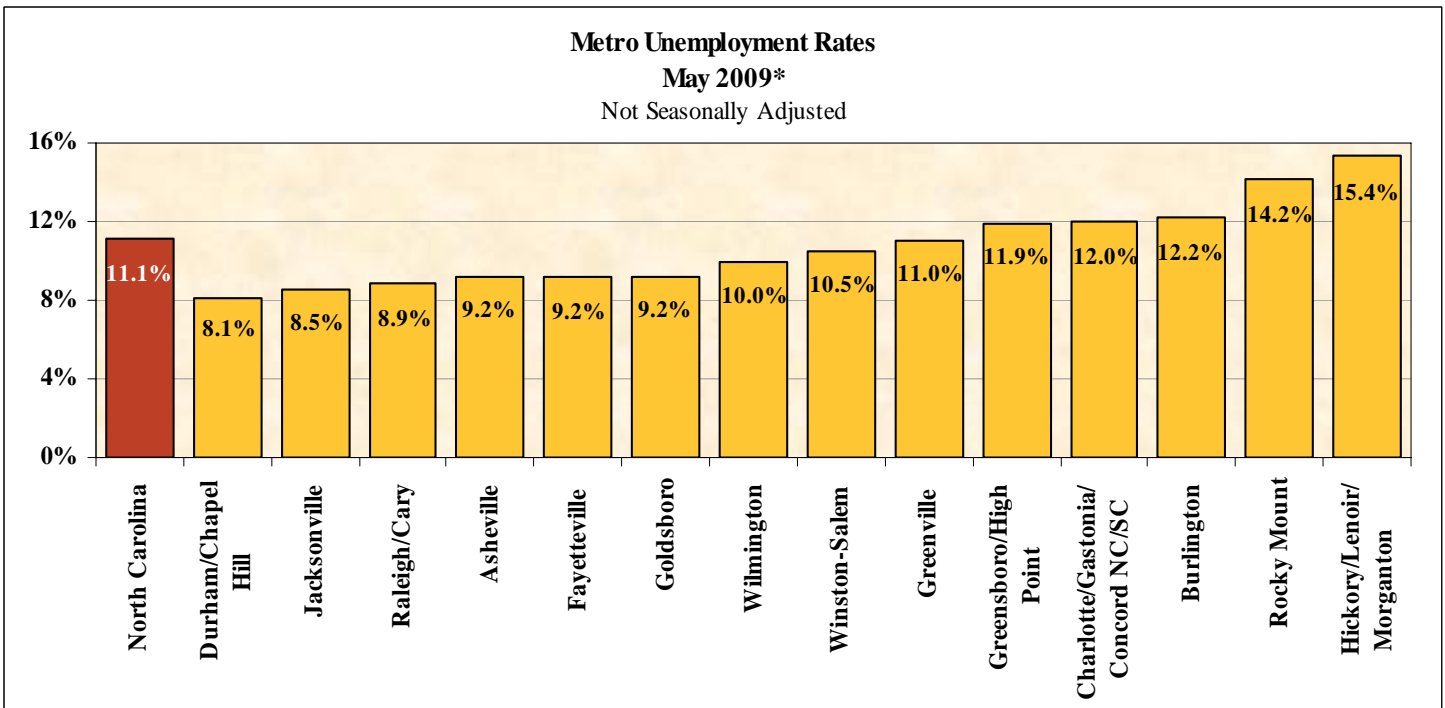
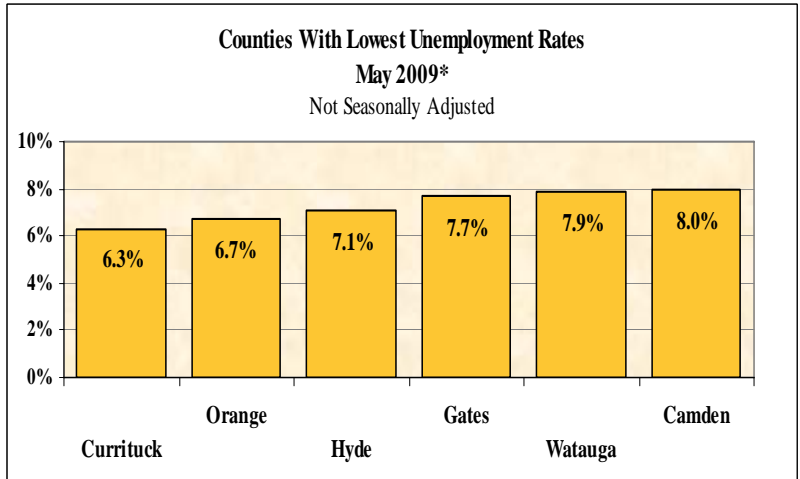
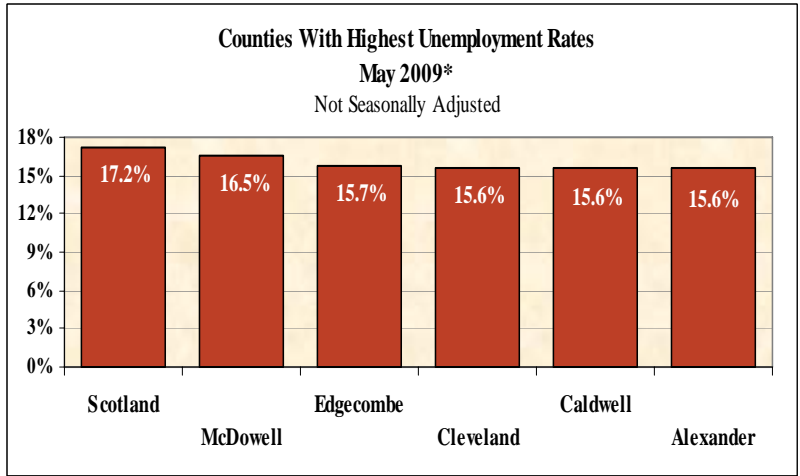
## MAY 2009

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 11.1 percent in May, a 0.6 percentage point increase from April's rate of 10.5 percent, as well as a 5.4 percentage point gain over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate increased in 82 counties, decreased in 16 and was unchanged in two. Forty-six counties had unemployment rates at or less than the state's 11.1 percent rate.

Scotland County experienced May's highest unemployment rate at 17.2 percent, which was 0.1 of a percentage point lower than last month. McDowell County had the second-highest rate at 16.5 percent. Currituck County had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.3 percent, followed by Orange at 6.7 percent, Hyde at 7.1 percent, Gates at 7.7 percent and Watauga at 7.9 percent.

Unemployment rates increased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros). The Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton Metro experienced the highest unemployment rate (15.4%), which was a 0.5 percentage point increase over the previous month. Rocky Mount had the second-highest rate at 14.2 percent, a 0.6 percentage point gain from April. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 8.1 percent, which increased 0.8 of a percentage point from the previous month. Jacksonville followed at 8.5 percent.



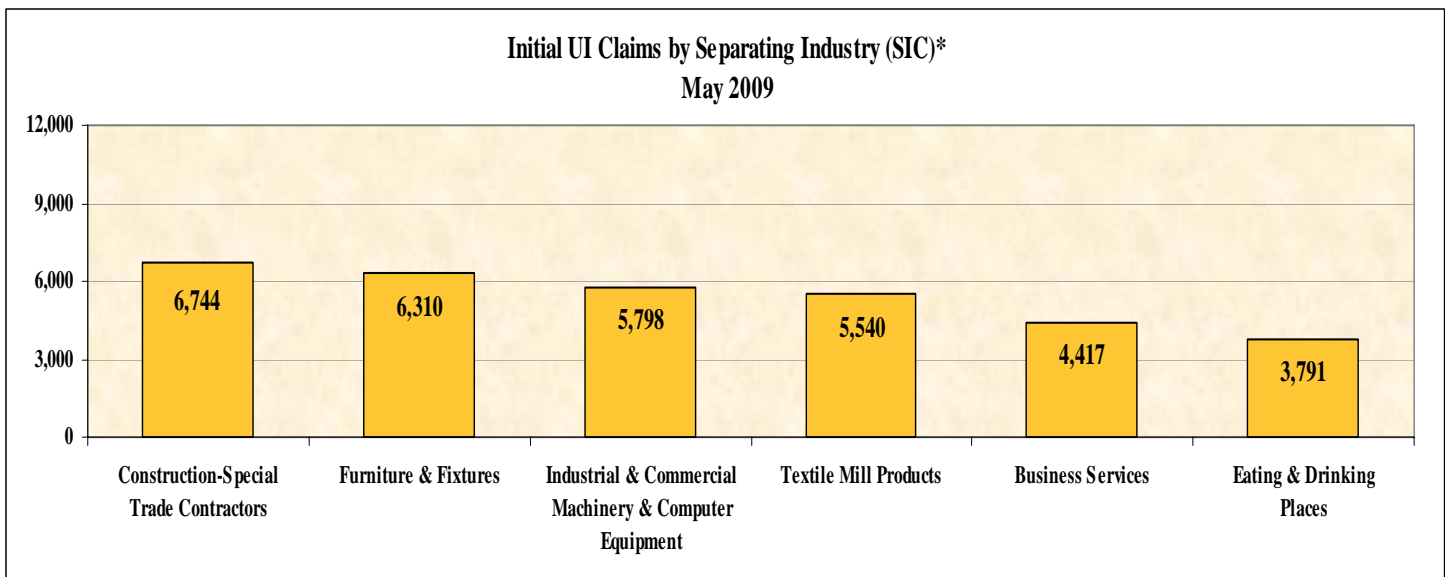
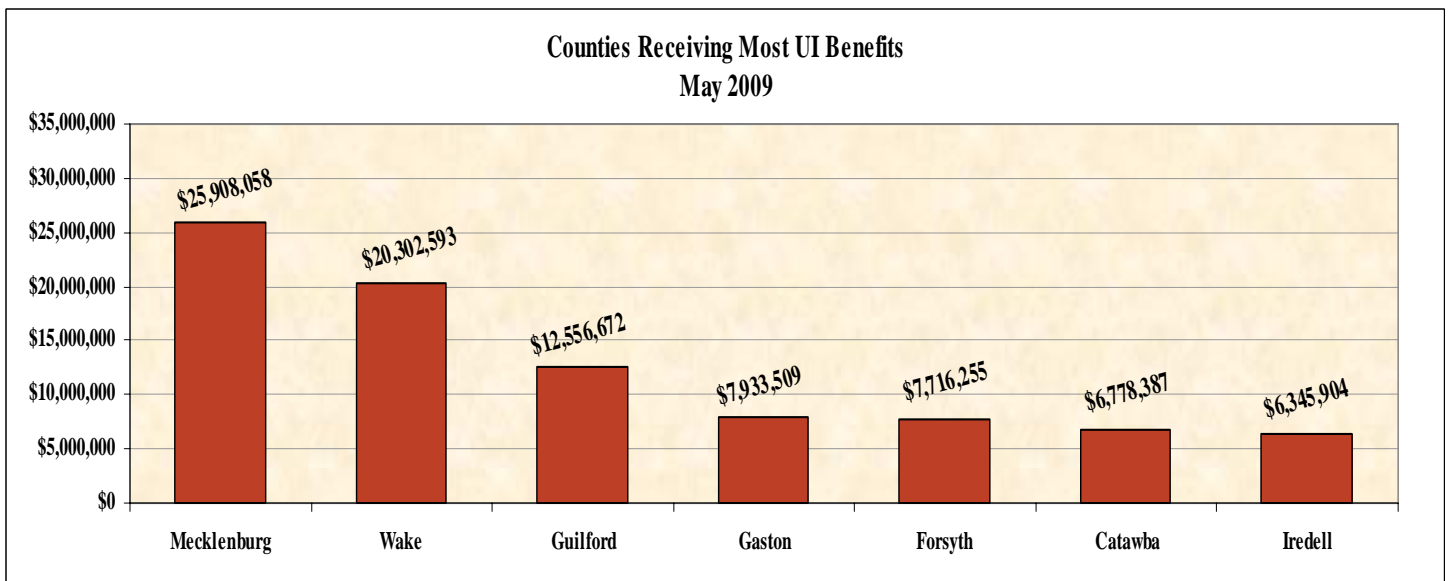
\*All May 2009 labor force data are preliminary.

In May 2009, there were 96,678 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims filed in North Carolina. Counties with the largest number of Initial UI Claims filed and total UI Benefits received are shown in the graphs.

Total 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.

Initial UI Claims, May 2009						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	6,006	1,566	2,410	2,565	2,344	1,985
Catawba	4,805	4,045	1,460	344	3,146	2,024
Wake	4,747	1,413	1,859	1,643	2,332	1,575
Guilford	4,722	2,445	1,655	1,956	1,791	1,818
Forsyth	3,226	1,746	1,010	1,089	1,361	1,186

New Initial Claims totaling 41,588 for the month ending May 2009 decreased 5,496 from the prior month. Twenty-two percent of these were Attached New Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Initial Claims totaled 30,205, of which 27 percent were Attached. For the month ending May 2007, New Initial Claims totaled 26,630 and 27 percent of these were Attached.



\*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

<b>Asheville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b> (+1,400) <b>0.8%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b> (-8,100) <b>-4.5%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	1,100 5.1%	Educational & Health Services	800 2.7%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 0.9%	Government	300 1.1%
	<b>Total</b>	Other Services 100 1.4%	Other Services	200 2.7%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Government 100 0.4%	Financial Activities	-400 -6.6%
	<b>Employment</b>	Manufacturing -100 -0.5%	Leisure and Hospitality	-1,000 -4.2%
	<b>May-09</b>	Professional & Business Services -100 -0.7%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,200 -3.6%
	<b>170,000</b>		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,800 -15.9%
	<b>Rate = 9.2</b>		Manufacturing	-2,000 -9.9%
		Professional & Business Services	-3,000 -18.0%	

<b>Burlington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b> (+200) <b>0.3%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b> (-2,900) <b>-4.7%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	200 3.2%	Educational & Health Services	600 6.3%
	Government	100 1.3%	Government	300 3.9%
	<b>Total</b>	Manufacturing -100 -1.0%	Information	-100 -16.7%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>		Leisure and Hospitality	-200 -3.0%
	<b>Employment</b>		Financial Activities	-200 -10.0%
	<b>May-09</b>		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-500 -4.3%
	<b>58,500</b>		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-500 -14.7%
	<b>Rate = 12.2</b>		Professional & Business Services	-1,000 -13.2%
		Manufacturing	-1,300 -12.0%	

<b>Charlotte/ Gastonia/ Concord Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b> (+3,700) <b>0.5%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b> (-52,000) <b>-6.0%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	2,300 2.8%	Government	5,200 4.5%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,900 1.1%	Educational & Health Services	2,400 3.1%
	<b>Total</b>	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const. 1,200 2.7%	Other Services	-1,800 -4.9%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Other Services 200 0.6%	Information	-1,800 -8.2%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities 100 0.1%	Leisure and Hospitality	-3,800 -4.3%
	<b>May-09</b>	Information -100 -0.5%	Manufacturing	-7,400 -9.3%
	<b>818,200</b>	Educational & Health Services -200 -0.2%	Financial Activities	-7,400 -9.8%
	<b>Rate = 12.0</b>	Government -300 -0.2%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-11,000 -19.7%
	Manufacturing -600 -0.8%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-11,900 -6.6%	
	Professional & Business Services -800 -0.6%	Professional & Business Services	-14,500 -10.4%	

<b>Durham/ Chapel Hill Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b> (-1,400) <b>-0.5%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b> (-6,600) <b>-2.3%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	700 3.3%	Educational & Health Services	2,600 4.7%
	Professional & Business Services	200 0.6%	Government	1,900 3.4%
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities 100 0.3%	Leisure and Hospitality	100 0.5%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Educational & Health Services -100 -0.2%	Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
	<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities -100 -0.8%	Information	-100 -2.6%
	<b>May-09</b>	Manufacturing -500 -1.3%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,000 -10.2%
	<b>285,800</b>	Government -1,700 -2.8%	Other Services	-1,100 -5.5%
	<b>Rate = 8.1</b>		Professional & Business Services	-2,000 -5.6%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,800 -8.1%	
		Manufacturing	-4,100 -10.0%	

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<b>Fayetteville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+600) 0.5%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,700) -2.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Leisure and Hospitality	300 2.2%	Government	1,500 4.0%	
	Government	300 0.8%	Educational & Health Services	100 0.7%	
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.5%	Information	-100 -4.5%	
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>-100 -1.1%</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>-200 -4.3%</b>
				<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>-300 -2.1%</b>
				<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>-800 -3.6%</b>
				<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>-800 -6.1%</b>
				<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>-900 -8.8%</b>
<b>128,400</b>			<b>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</b>	<b>-1,200 -19.4%</b>	
<b>Rate = 9.2</b>					

<b>Goldsboro Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+300) 0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,700) -3.7%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	0 0.0%	Government	-100 -0.8%
	<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*	<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*
	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*
	<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*	<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*
	<i>Other Services</i>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*
<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*	
<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</i>	*	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>				
<b>May-09</b>				
<b>43,900</b>				
<b>Rate = 9.2</b>				

<b>Greensboro/High Point Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-400) -0.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-23,300) -6.3%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	500 0.7%	Educational & Health Services	300 0.6%
	Educational & Health Services	400 0.9%	Other Services	-200 -1.4%
	Leisure and Hospitality	300 1.0%	Information	-700 -11.3%
	Other Services	100 0.7%	Financial Activities	-1,000 -4.5%
	Financial Activities	100 0.5%	Government	-1,100 -2.4%
	Information	-100 -1.8%	Leisure and Hospitality	-2,000 -6.1%
	Manufacturing	-300 -0.6%	Professional & Business Services	-3,400 -7.2%
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-300 -2.0%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-3,800 -20.7%
Professional & Business Services	-500 -1.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-4,500 -6.0%	
Government	-600 -1.3%	Manufacturing	-6,900 -11.3%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>				
<b>May-09</b>				
<b>347,200</b>				
<b>Rate = 11.9</b>				

<b>Greenville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+200) 0.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,800) -2.3%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	100 1.3%	Government	1,100 4.7%
	Educational & Health Services	100 0.9%	Other Services	200 8.0%
			Leisure and Hospitality	-100 -1.2%
			Financial Activities	-100 -3.8%
			Information	-100 -8.3%
			Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-500 -4.3%
			Professional & Business Services	-600 -9.2%
			Manufacturing	-700 -10.1%
		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,000 -23.8%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>				
<b>May-09</b>				
<b>76,400</b>				
<b>Rate = 11.0</b>				

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<b>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(-500) -0.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-12,000) -7.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.7%	Educational & Health Services	300 1.6%
	Educational & Health Services	100 0.5%	Other Services	100 1.6%
	Professional & Business Services	-300 -3.0%	Information	-100 -10.0%
	Manufacturing	-500 -1.2%	Financial Activities	-200 -5.4%
			Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-700 -13.5%
			Leisure and Hospitality	-1,000 -8.1%
			Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,500 -5.3%
			Professional & Business Services	-1,900 -16.2%
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09 148,200</b>			Manufacturing	-7,000 -14.9%
<b>Rate = 15.4</b>				

<b>Jacksonville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0) 0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(+100) 0.2%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	100 0.7%	Government	1,000 7.3%
	<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*	<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*
	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*
	<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*	<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*
	<i>Other Services</i>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09 47,800</b>			<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*
<b>Rate = 8.5</b>			<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Util.</i>	*

<b>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+2,200) 0.4%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-18,300) -3.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,300 1.5%	Other Services	1,700 6.3%
	Leisure and Hospitality	900 1.9%	Government	800 0.9%
	Professional & Business Services	600 0.7%	Educational & Health Services	-300 -0.5%
	Educational & Health Services	500 0.8%	Information	-300 -1.8%
	Other Services	400 1.4%	Financial Activities	-700 -2.5%
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	300 1.0%	Leisure and Hospitality	-1,600 -3.2%
	Manufacturing	-100 -0.3%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,300 -2.5%
	Financial Activities	-100 -0.4%	Professional & Business Services	-3,400 -3.9%
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09 505,900</b>			Manufacturing	-3,400 -10.3%
<b>Rate = 8.9</b>			Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-8,800 -22.8%

<b>Rocky Mount Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+200) +0.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,300) -3.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 2.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 1.3%
	Leisure and Hospitality	200 4.1%	Leisure and Hospitality	-200 -3.8%
	Professional & Business Services	100 1.9%	Manufacturing	-500 -5.2%
	Financial Activities	*	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-600 -19.4%
	Information	*	Professional & Business Services	-900 -14.3%
	Other Services	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
			<i>Information</i>	*
			<i>Other Services</i>	*
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09 62,600</b>				
<b>Rate = 14.2</b>				

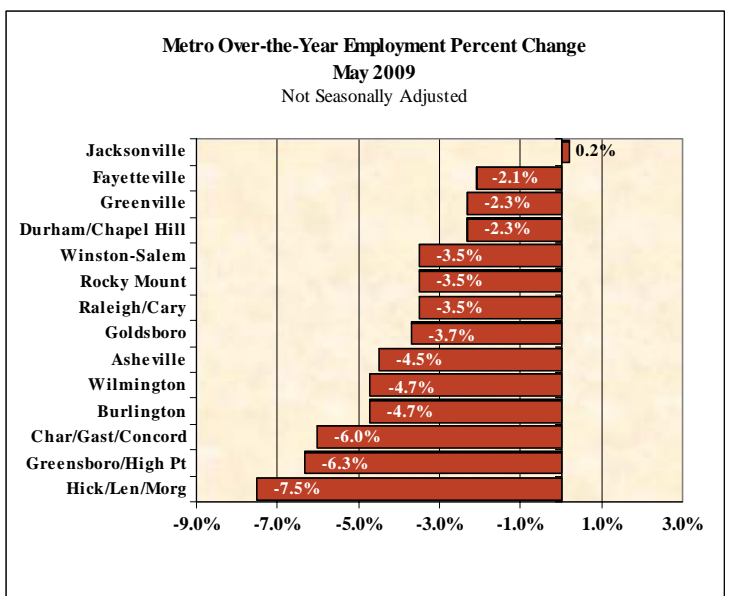
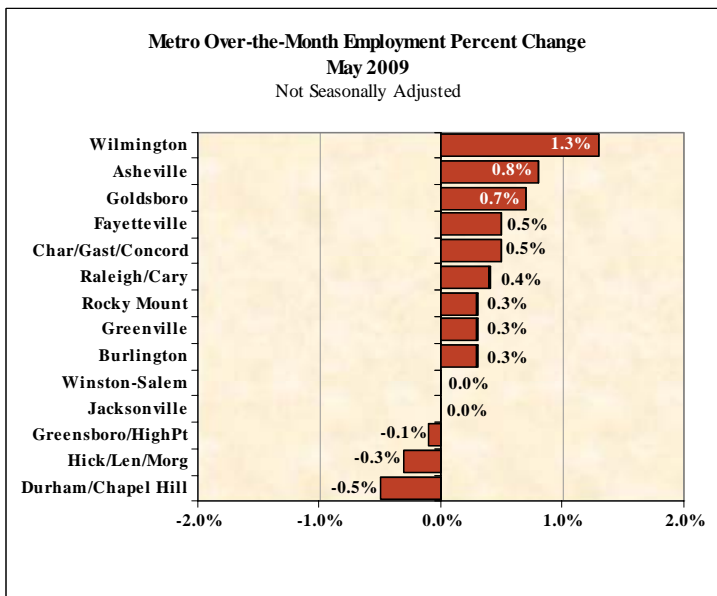
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<b>Wilmington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+1,800) 1.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-7,100) -4.7%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Leisure and Hospitality	1,100 5.4%	Other Services	100 1.5%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300 1.1%	Government	-100 -0.4%
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09</b>	Professional & Business Services 200 1.4%	Information	-100 -3.1%
		Other Services 100 1.5%	Manufacturing	-500 -5.3%
		Educational & Health Services 100 0.6%	Financial Activities	-500 -6.8%
			Professional & Business Services	-600 -3.9%
			Leisure and Hospitality	-1,100 -4.9%
			Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,700 -5.6%
		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-2,600 -22.2%	
<b>Rate = 10.0</b>				

<b>Winston-Salem Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(+100) 0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-7,600) -3.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	200 0.8%	Educational & Health Services	2,000 4.5%
	Educational & Health Services	200 0.4%	Government	700 2.7%
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment May-09</b>	Other Services 100 1.1%	Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
		Leisure and Hospitality 100 0.5%	Information	-100 -4.8%
		Manufacturing -100 -0.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	-400 -2.0%
		Trade, Transp. & Utilities -200 -0.5%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,300 -13.0%
		Professional & Business Services -200 -0.8%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,700 -6.9%
			Manufacturing	-2,700 -9.7%
		Professional & Business Services	-3,000 -11.2%	
<b>Rate = 10.5</b>				

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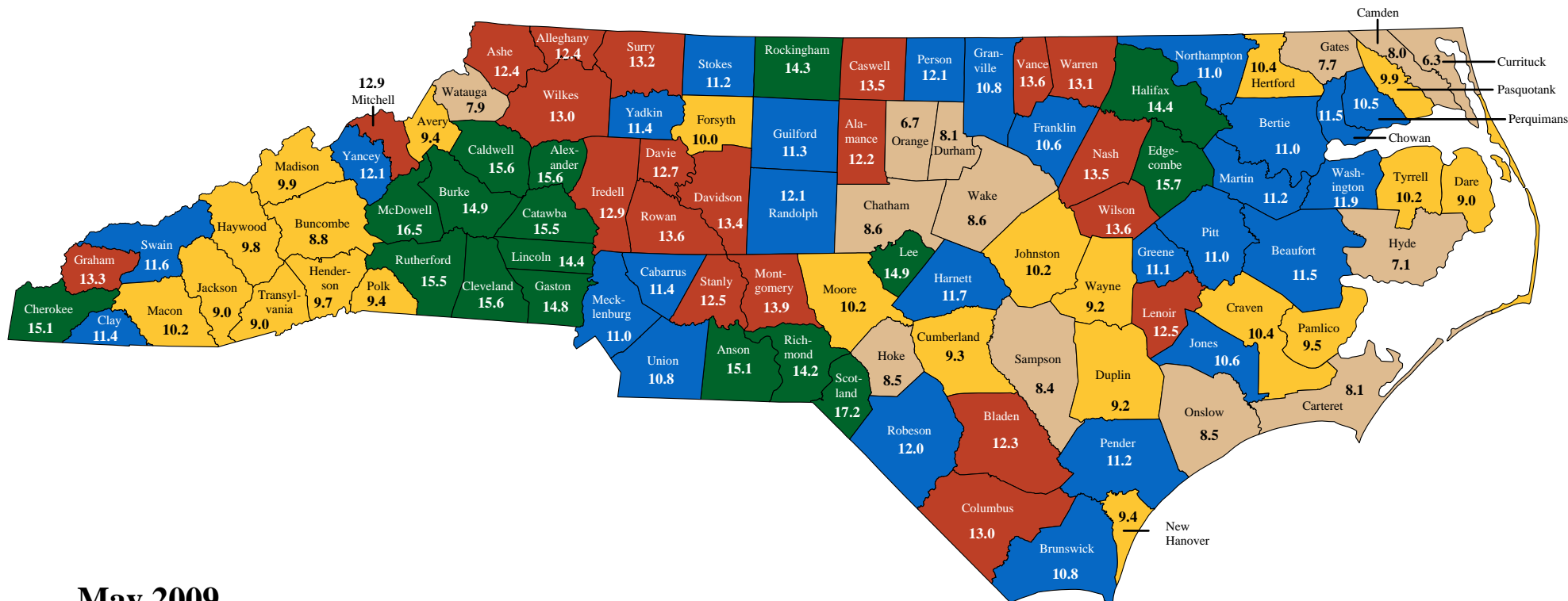
Over the month, industry employment increased in ten of 14 Metros, decreased in three and remained the same in one. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord NC/SC Metro had the largest net employment increase over the month with 3,700, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 2,200 and Wilmington with 1,800. Wilmington showed the greatest percentage increase at 1.3 percent. Over the year, employment fell in 13 of 14 Metros. Jacksonville showed the only increase in employment with 100 jobs. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord Metro experienced the largest net decrease in employment at 52,000, while Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton experienced the largest percentage decrease (7.5%).



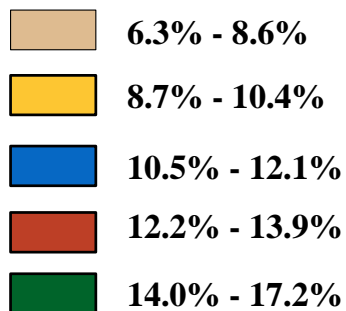
# North Carolina

## Unemployment Rates by County

### May 2009



May 2009



- ▲ 82 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- ▼ 16 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- ▬ 2 Counties Same as Previous Month

**North Carolina Rate 11.1%**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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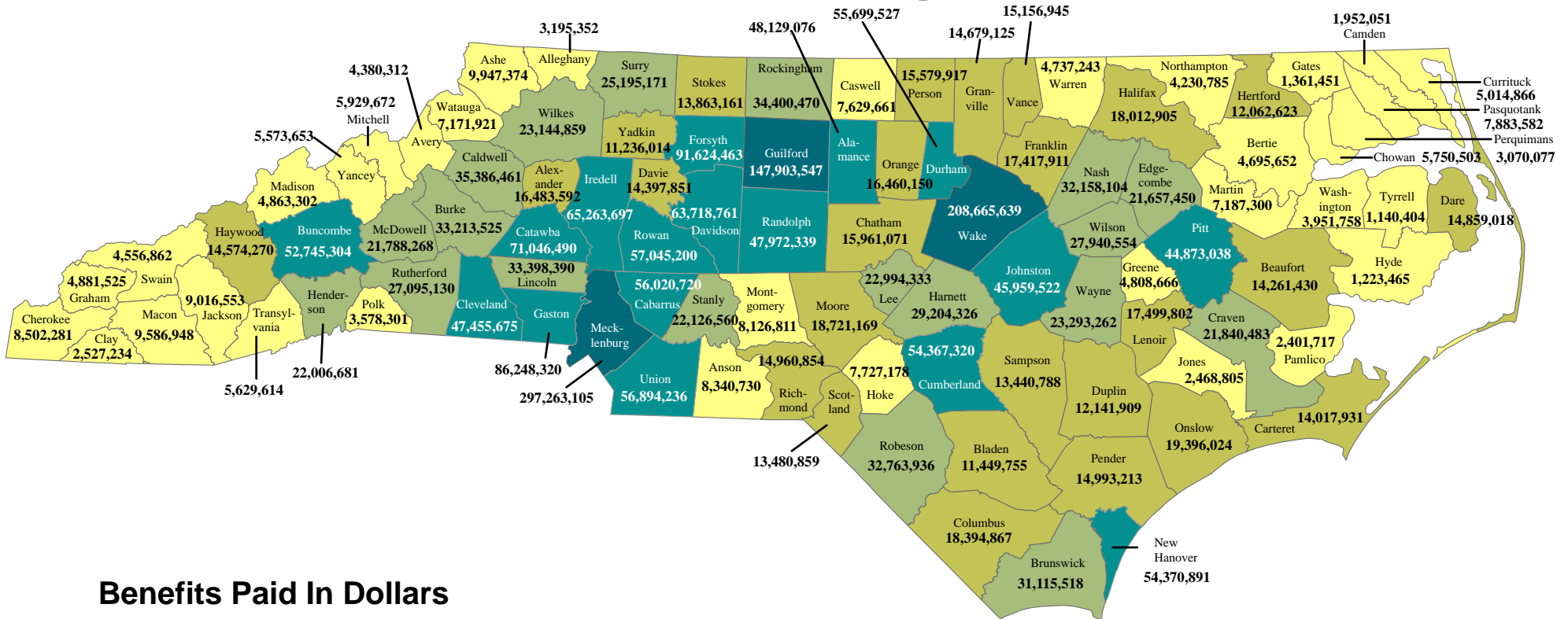
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## UI Benefits Paid by County

### June 2008-May 2009

### Total All Programs



#### Benefits Paid In Dollars



Statewide \$2,808,476,546.00

Note: All programs include Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier I (EUCI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier II (EUCII), Extended Benefits (EB) and Federal Additional Compensation (FAC). County data does not sum to statewide total.