



# News Release

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## September Unemployment Rates Decrease In 76 Of North Carolina’s 100 Counties

**RALEIGH** — Unemployment rates decreased in 76 North Carolina counties in September, according to statistics released today by the state’s Employment Security Commission. Rates increased in 14 counties, and remained the same in 10.

“The global and national recession continues to affect our state,” said ESC Chairman Moses Carey Jr. “While 76 counties across North Carolina experienced an unemployment rate decrease, we must remember that most of these same counties remain at a high rate. We’re encouraged by some recent job announcements, but we are also aware of some continued layoffs. The ESC continues to help job seekers connect with employers all across the state.”

North Carolina had 45 counties which were at or below the state’s unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.4 percent. Rates decreased in 12 of the state’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas, increased in one and remained the same in one.

Total county employment (not-seasonally adjusted) decreased in September by 1,907 workers, to 4,054,662. Not-seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased, by 13,304 workers. The unemployment total in September was 472,429 workers, compared with 485,733 in August.

	<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>September</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>August (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>62</i>

Currituck County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate in September, at 5 percent. Meanwhile, Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate, at 16.5 percent.

The five counties receiving the highest amount in unemployment insurance benefits in September were: Mecklenburg, \$24.1 million; Wake, \$18.6 million; Guilford, \$11.5 million; Forsyth, \$7 million; and Gaston, \$6.4 million. In September, \$233.8 million in benefits was paid to 204,303 individuals statewide, compared with \$217.8 million to 218,257 individuals in August.

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Unemployment rates in the metropolitan statistical areas for September were:

*Asheville* — 8.4 percent, down from 8.6 percent in August.

*Burlington* — 11.8 percent, down from 12.1 percent.

*Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord NC-SC* — 11.6 percent, down from 11.8 percent.

*Durham-Chapel Hill* — 7.7 percent, down from 8 percent.

*Fayetteville* — 9.0 percent, down from 9.1 percent.

*Goldsboro* — 8.8 percent, down from 8.9 percent.

*Greensboro-High Point* — 11.1 percent, down from 11.5 percent.

*Greenville* — 10 percent, down from 10.5 percent.

*Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton* — 14.1 percent, down from 14.6 percent.

*Jacksonville* — 8.3 percent, up from 8.2 percent.

*Raleigh-Cary* — 8.6 percent, down from 8.7 percent.

*Rocky Mount* — 13.4 percent, down from 13.7 percent.

*Wilmington* — 9.7 percent, no change.

*Winston-Salem* — 9.8 percent, down from 10 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 August will be released on Friday, November 20, 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*  
**SEPTEMBER 2009**

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,527,091	4,054,662	472,429	10.4	JOHNSTON	77,236	69,879	7,357	9.5
ALAMANCE	70,747	62,412	8,335	11.8	JONES	4,841	4,313	528	10.9
ALEXANDER	17,831	15,398	2,433	13.6	LEE	26,404	22,850	3,554	13.5
ALLEGHANY	4,595	4,094	501	10.9	LENOIR	27,453	24,332	3,121	11.4
ANSON	10,505	8,946	1,559	14.8	LINCOLN	39,725	34,471	5,254	13.2
ASHE	12,836	11,555	1,281	10.0	MCDOWELL	20,944	18,001	2,943	14.1
AVERY	9,183	8,460	723	7.9	MACON	16,824	15,283	1,541	9.2
BEAUFORT	21,142	18,776	2,366	11.2	MADISON	9,808	8,892	916	9.3
BERTIE	8,942	8,007	935	10.5	MARTIN	12,168	10,881	1,287	10.6
BLADEN	15,260	13,422	1,838	12.0	MECKLENBURG	458,873	408,614	50,259	11.0
BRUNSWICK	48,662	43,532	5,130	10.5	MITCHELL	7,130	6,347	783	11.0
BUNCOMBE	119,030	109,221	9,809	8.2	MONTGOMERY	11,121	9,643	1,478	13.3
BURKE	39,152	33,631	5,521	14.1	MOORE	36,951	33,438	3,513	9.5
CABARRUS	83,520	74,040	9,480	11.4	NASH	46,270	40,767	5,503	11.9
CALDWELL	37,577	31,871	5,706	15.2	NEW HANOVER	105,317	95,721	9,596	9.1
CAMDEN	4,543	4,221	322	7.1	NORTHAMPTON	8,731	7,797	934	10.7
CARTERET	33,512	30,970	2,542	7.6	ONSLOW	60,843	55,769	5,074	8.3
CASWELL	10,902	9,552	1,350	12.4	ORANGE	68,621	64,311	4,310	6.3
CATAWBA	74,554	64,439	10,115	13.6	PAMLICO	5,584	5,020	564	10.1
CHATHAM	33,243	30,591	2,652	8.0	PASQUOTANK	18,191	16,533	1,658	9.1
CHEROKEE	10,231	8,777	1,454	14.2	PENDER	24,154	21,546	2,608	10.8
CHOWAN	6,463	5,694	769	11.9	PERQUIMANS	5,367	4,815	552	10.3
CLAY	4,690	4,185	505	10.8	PERSON	19,294	17,215	2,079	10.8
CLEVELAND	49,655	42,556	7,099	14.3	PITT	79,840	71,891	7,949	10.0
COLUMBUS	24,359	21,312	3,047	12.5	POLK	9,609	8,819	790	8.2
CRAVEN	43,040	38,756	4,284	10.0	RANDOLPH	73,170	65,139	8,031	11.0
CUMBERLAND	131,923	119,878	12,045	9.1	RICHMOND	20,346	17,659	2,687	13.2
CURRITUCK	12,465	11,838	627	5.0	ROBESON	56,822	50,300	6,522	11.5
DARE	21,930	20,443	1,487	6.8	ROCKINGHAM	43,581	38,503	5,078	11.7
DAVIDSON	77,969	68,236	9,733	12.5	ROWAN	71,709	62,530	9,179	12.8
DAVIE	21,173	18,607	2,566	12.1	RUTHERFORD	31,022	26,581	4,441	14.3
DUPLIN	24,531	22,408	2,123	8.7	SAMPSON	32,452	29,772	2,680	8.3
DURHAM	139,654	128,542	11,112	8.0	SCOTLAND	14,087	11,756	2,331	16.5
EDGECOMBE	24,882	20,823	4,059	16.3	STANLY	30,685	27,019	3,666	11.9
FORSYTH	174,187	157,598	16,589	9.5	STOKES	24,069	21,632	2,437	10.1
FRANKLIN	27,656	24,976	2,680	9.7	SURRY	34,310	30,252	4,058	11.8
GASTON	99,545	86,262	13,283	13.3	SWAIN	7,054	6,414	640	9.1
GATES	4,806	4,467	339	7.1	TRANSYLVANIA	13,621	12,465	1,156	8.5
GRAHAM	4,213	3,650	563	13.4	TYRRELL	2,343	2,136	207	8.8
GRANVILLE	25,848	23,223	2,625	10.2	UNION	91,724	82,511	9,213	10.0
GREENE	9,262	8,316	946	10.2	VANCE	19,867	17,287	2,580	13.0
GUILFORD	243,789	216,937	26,852	11.0	WAKE	451,224	413,562	37,662	8.3
HALIFAX	23,951	20,807	3,144	13.1	WARREN	7,931	6,920	1,011	12.7
HARNETT	48,067	42,837	5,230	10.9	WASHINGTON	6,347	5,607	740	11.7
HAYWOOD	27,098	24,784	2,314	8.5	WATAUGA	23,813	22,169	1,644	6.9
HENDERSON	48,154	44,005	4,149	8.6	WAYNE	52,193	47,622	4,571	8.8
HERTFORD	9,887	8,961	926	9.4	WILKES	30,205	26,297	3,908	12.9
HOKE	19,367	17,758	1,609	8.3	WILSON	40,691	35,850	4,841	11.9
HYDE	2,706	2,547	159	5.9	YADKIN	19,134	17,362	1,772	9.3
IREDELL	80,839	71,059	9,780	12.1	YANCEY	7,856	7,001	855	10.9
JACKSON	21,462	19,789	1,673	7.8					

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

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ASHEVILLE	204,091	186,902	17,189	8.4
BURLINGTON	70,747	62,412	8,335	11.8
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-CONCORD NC-SC	852,514	753,421	99,093	11.6
DURHAM	260,812	240,659	20,153	7.7
FAYETTEVILLE	151,290	137,636	13,654	9.0
GOLDSBORO	52,193	47,622	4,571	8.8
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	360,540	320,579	39,961	11.1
GREENVILLE	89,102	80,207	8,895	10.0
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	169,114	145,340	23,774	14.1
JACKSONVILLE	60,843	55,769	5,074	8.3
RALEIGH-CARY	556,116	508,417	47,699	8.6
ROCKY MOUNT	71,152	61,590	9,562	13.4
WILMINGTON	178,132	160,798	17,334	9.7
WINSTON-SALEM	238,563	215,199	23,364	9.8

<b>Micropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ALBEMARLE	30,685	27,019	3,666	11.9
BOONE	23,813	22,169	1,644	6.9
BREVARD	13,621	12,465	1,156	8.5
DUNN	48,067	42,837	5,230	10.9
ELIZABETH CITY	28,100	25,569	2,531	9.0
FOREST CITY	31,022	26,581	4,441	14.3
HENDERSON	19,867	17,287	2,580	13.0
KILL DEVIL HILLS	21,930	20,443	1,487	6.8
KINSTON	27,453	24,332	3,121	11.4
LAURINBURG	14,087	11,756	2,331	16.5
LINCOLNTON	39,725	34,471	5,254	13.2
LUMBERTON	56,822	50,300	6,522	11.5
MOREHEAD CITY	33,512	30,970	2,542	7.6
MOUNT AIRY	34,310	30,252	4,058	11.8
NEW BERN	53,465	48,089	5,376	10.1
NORTH WILKESBORO	30,205	26,297	3,908	12.9
ROANOKE RAPIDS	32,682	28,604	4,078	12.5
ROCKINGHAM	20,346	17,659	2,687	13.2
SALISBURY	71,709	62,530	9,179	12.8
SANFORD	26,404	22,850	3,554	13.5
SHELBY	49,655	42,556	7,099	14.3
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	36,951	33,438	3,513	9.5
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	80,839	71,059	9,780	12.1
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	77,969	68,236	9,733	12.5
WASHINGTON	21,142	18,776	2,366	11.2
WILSON	40,691	35,850	4,841	11.9

<b>Multicounty Small Labor Market Area</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Rate</b>
JACKSON-SWAIN	28,516	26,203	2,313	8.1

**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	217,712	199,367	18,345	8.4
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	1,169,826	1,027,248	142,578	12.2
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	782,129	696,678	85,451	10.9
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	70,909	62,056	8,853	12.5
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	864,995	791,913	73,082	8.4

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**NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

COUNTY	SEPTEMBER 2009	AUGUST 2009	CHANGE	COUNTY	SEPTEMBER 2009	AUGUST 2009	CHANGE
STATEWIDE	10.4	10.7	-0.3	JOHNSTON	9.5	9.6	-0.1
ALAMANCE	11.8	12.1	-0.3	JONES	10.9	10.7	0.2
ALEXANDER	13.6	14.4	-0.8	LEE	13.5	14.1	-0.6
ALLEGHANY	10.9	11.2	-0.3	LENOIR	11.4	11.7	-0.3
ANSON	14.8	15.0	-0.2	LINCOLN	13.2	13.7	-0.5
ASHE	10.0	10.0	0.0	MCDOWELL	14.1	14.4	-0.3
AVERY	7.9	7.9	0.0	MACON	9.2	9.0	0.2
BEAUFORT	11.2	11.3	-0.1	MADISON	9.3	9.5	-0.2
BERTIE	10.5	10.8	-0.3	MARTIN	10.6	10.7	-0.1
BLADEN	12.0	12.3	-0.3	MECKLENBURG	11.0	11.3	-0.3
BRUNSWICK	10.5	10.6	-0.1	MITCHELL	11.0	11.2	-0.2
BUNCOMBE	8.2	8.4	-0.2	MONTGOMERY	13.3	13.6	-0.3
BURKE	14.1	14.2	-0.1	MOORE	9.5	9.7	-0.2
CABARRUS	11.4	11.4	0.0	NASH	11.9	12.4	-0.5
CALDWELL	15.2	15.3	-0.1	NEW HANOVER	9.1	9.0	0.1
CAMDEN	7.1	7.1	0.0	NORTHAMPTON	10.7	11.2	-0.5
CARTERET	7.6	7.3	0.3	ONSLow	8.3	8.2	0.1
CASWELL	12.4	13.1	-0.7	ORANGE	6.3	6.8	-0.5
CATAWBA	13.6	14.4	-0.8	PAMLICO	10.1	9.8	0.3
CHATHAM	8.0	8.3	-0.3	PASQUOTANK	9.1	9.1	0.0
CHEROKEE	14.2	14.9	-0.7	PENDER	10.8	11.1	-0.3
CHOWAN	11.9	12.0	-0.1	PERQUIMANS	10.3	10.7	-0.4
CLAY	10.8	11.0	-0.2	PERSON	10.8	10.9	-0.1
CLEVELAND	14.3	14.8	-0.5	PITT	10.0	10.4	-0.4
COLUMBUS	12.5	12.8	-0.3	POLK	8.2	8.2	0.0
CRAVEN	10.0	9.9	0.1	RANDOLPH	11.0	11.3	-0.3
CUMBERLAND	9.1	9.2	-0.1	RICHMOND	13.2	13.3	-0.1
CURRITUCK	5.0	5.1	-0.1	ROBESON	11.5	11.9	-0.4
DARE	6.8	6.3	0.5	ROCKINGHAM	11.7	12.5	-0.8
DAVIDSON	12.5	13.1	-0.6	ROWAN	12.8	13.2	-0.4
DAVIE	12.1	11.6	0.5	RUTHERFORD	14.3	15.0	-0.7
DUPLIN	8.7	8.7	0.0	SAMPSON	8.3	8.3	0.0
DURHAM	8.0	8.1	-0.1	SCOTLAND	16.5	16.5	0.0
EDGEcombe	16.3	16.2	0.1	STANLY	11.9	12.2	-0.3
FORSYTH	9.5	9.8	-0.3	STOKES	10.1	10.2	-0.1
FRANKLIN	9.7	9.9	-0.2	SURRY	11.8	12.2	-0.4
GASTON	13.3	13.9	-0.6	SWAIN	9.1	9.0	0.1
GATES	7.1	7.5	-0.4	TRANSYLVANIA	8.5	8.4	0.1
GRAHAM	13.4	13.3	0.1	TYRRELL	8.8	8.9	-0.1
GRANVILLE	10.2	10.4	-0.2	UNION	10.0	10.2	-0.2
GREENE	10.2	10.9	-0.7	VANCE	13.0	13.3	-0.3
GUILFORD	11.0	11.4	-0.4	WAKE	8.3	8.5	-0.2
HALIFAX	13.1	13.7	-0.6	WARREN	12.7	13.2	-0.5
HARNETT	10.9	11.3	-0.4	WASHINGTON	11.7	11.9	-0.2
HAYWOOD	8.5	8.8	-0.3	WATAUGA	6.9	7.1	-0.2
HENDERSON	8.6	8.8	-0.2	WAYNE	8.8	8.9	-0.1
HERTFORD	9.4	9.6	-0.2	WILKES	12.9	12.9	0.0
HOKE	8.3	8.4	-0.1	WILSON	11.9	12.8	-0.9
HYDE	5.9	5.6	0.3	YADKIN	9.3	9.5	-0.2
IREDELL	12.1	12.4	-0.3	YANCEY	10.9	11.3	-0.4
JACKSON	7.8	7.9	-0.1				

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August 2009 data has been revised.

# NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

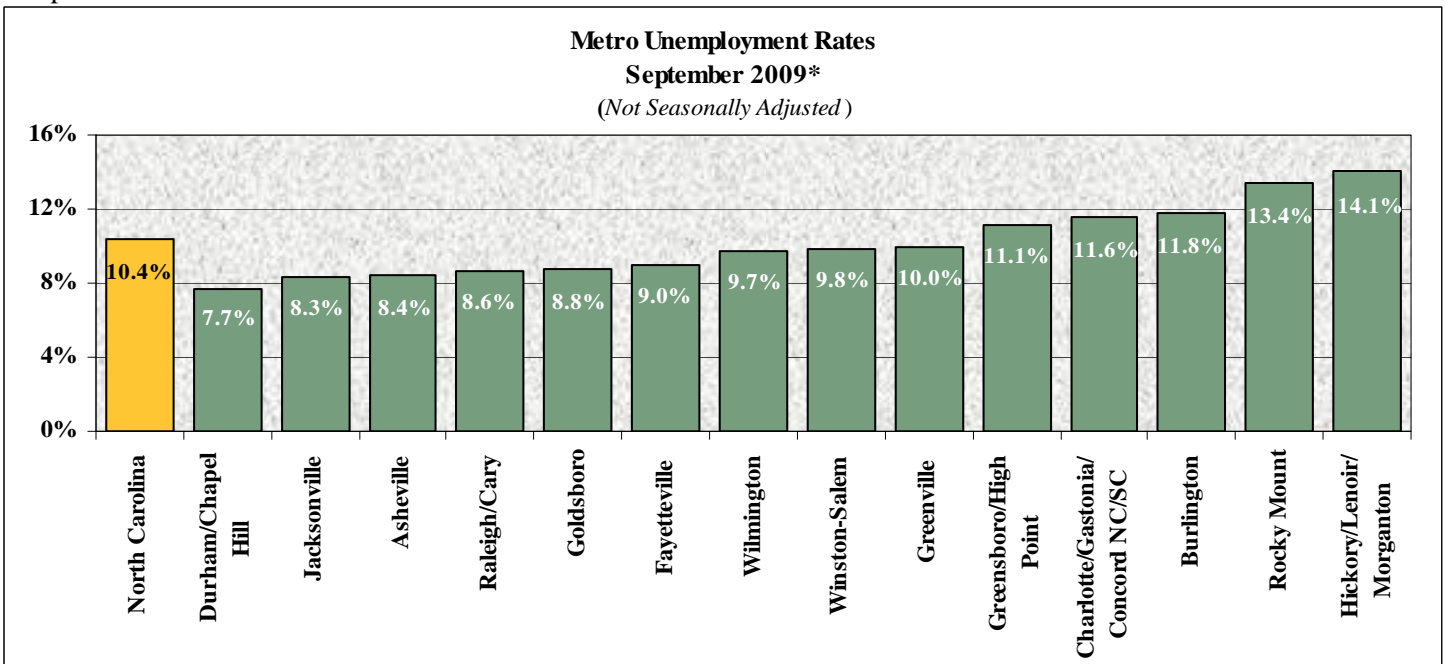
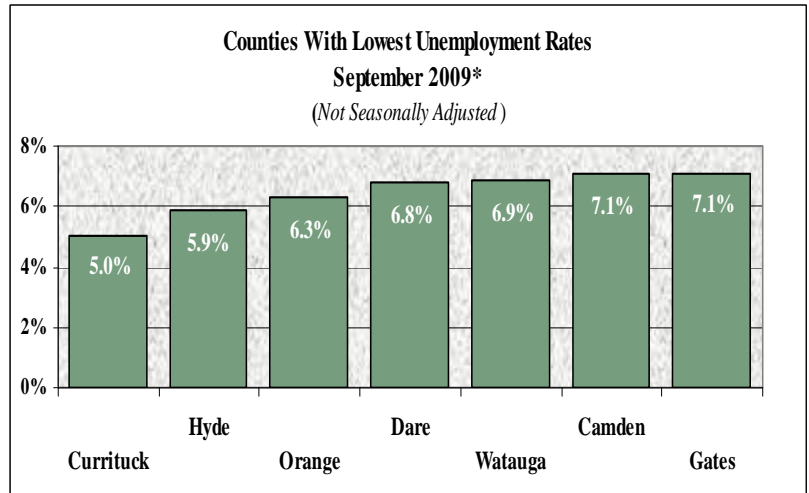
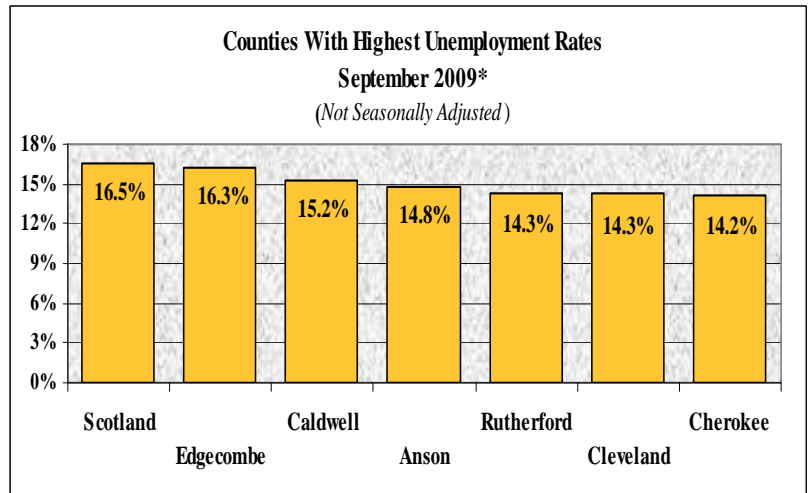
## SEPTEMBER 2009

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 10.4 percent in September, a 0.3 of a percentage point decrease from August's rate of 10.7 percent, as well as a 4.0 percentage point gain over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 76 counties, increased in 14 and was unchanged in 10. Forty-five counties had unemployment rates less than the state's 10.4 percent rate.

Scotland County experienced September's highest unemployment rate at 16.5 percent, which was unchanged from the previous month. Edgecombe County had the second-highest rate at 16.3 percent. Currituck County had the lowest unemployment rate at 5.0 percent, followed by Hyde, 5.9 percent; Orange, 6.3 percent; Dare, 6.8 percent; and Watauga, 6.9 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in 12 of the state's 14 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Metros). The Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton Metro experienced the highest unemployment rate (14.1%), which was a 0.5 of a percentage point decrease over the previous month. Rocky Mount had the second-highest rate at 13.4 percent, a 0.3 of a percentage point decline from August. The Durham/Chapel Hill Metro had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.7 percent, which was 0.3 of a percentage point lower than the previous month. Jacksonville followed at 8.3 percent.



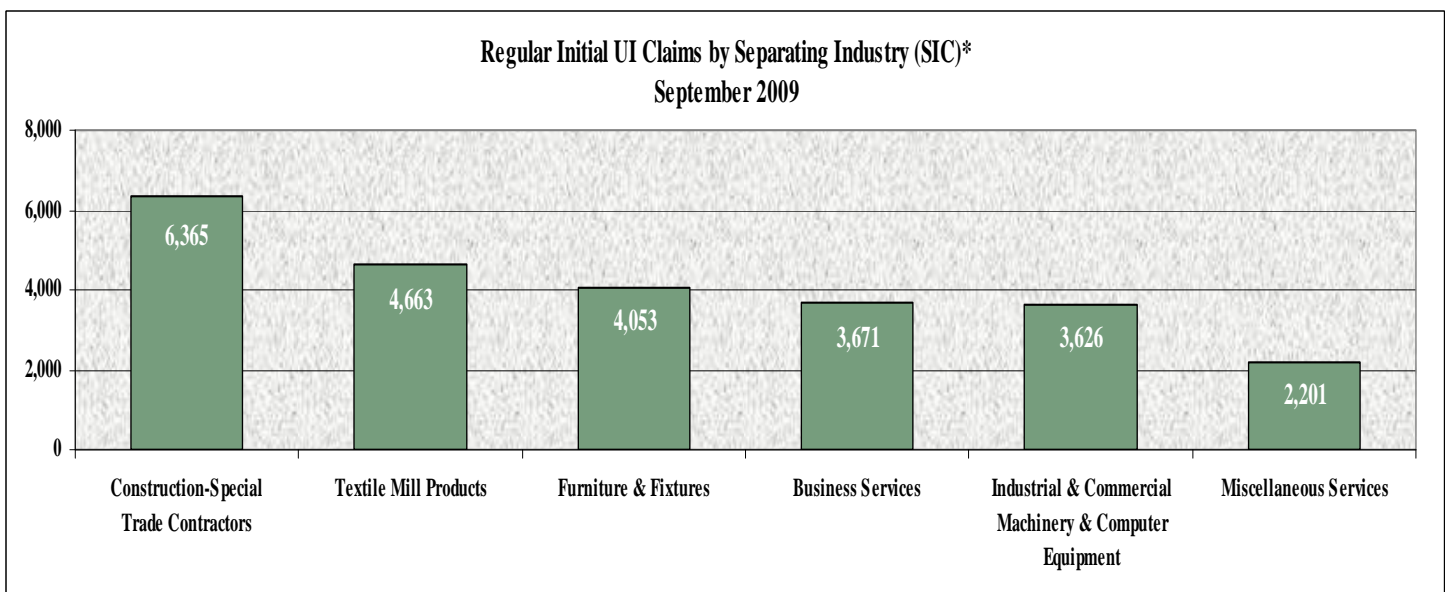
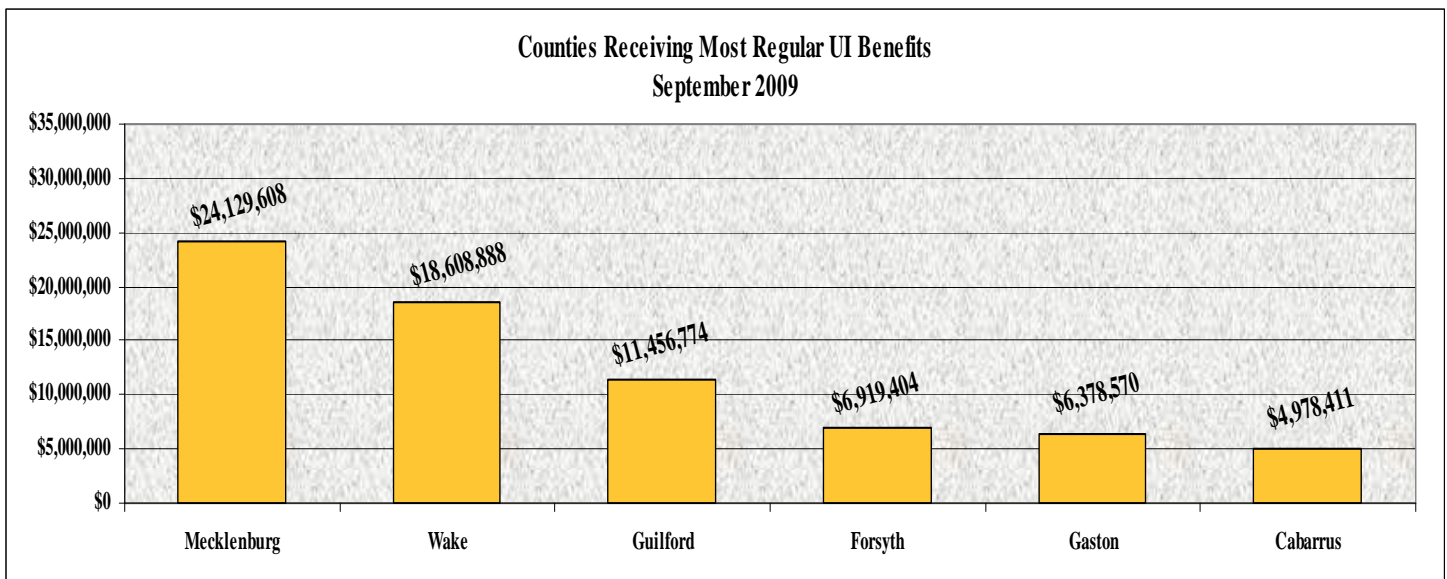
\*All September 2009 labor force data are preliminary.

In September 2009, there were 77,312 Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims filed in North Carolina. Counties with the largest number of Regular Initial UI Claims filed and total Regular UI 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, September 2009						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	5,132	988	2,185	2,290	2,078	1,639
Wake	4,150	1,254	1,631	1,335	2,153	1,447
Guilford	3,525	1,688	1,197	1,347	1,441	1,349
Catawba	3,220	2,547	1,109	234	2,228	1,452
Forsyth	2,654	1,275	847	869	1,324	1,047

New Regular Initial Claims totaling 37,242 for the month ending September 2009 decreased 2,900 from the prior month. Seventeen percent of these were Attached Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, Initial Claims totaled 36,314, of which 24 percent were Attached. For the month ending August 2007, Initial Claims totaled 22,082 and 18 percent of these were Attached.



\*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

<b>Asheville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,900) 1.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-7,900) -4.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	2,200 9.2%	Educational & Health Services	800 2.6%
	Educational & Health Services	300 1.0%	Financial Activities	-300 -5.1%
	<b>Total</b>	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const. 100 1.1%	Other Services	-400 -5.1%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Professional & Business Services 100 0.7%	Professional & Business Services	-1,100 -6.7%
	<b>Employment</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities -100 -0.3%	Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200 -5.1%
	<b>Sep-09</b>	Manufacturing -100 -0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,300 -4.0%
	<b>168,500</b>	Other Services -100 -1.3%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,300 -12.0%
	<b>Rate = 8.4%</b>	Leisure & Hospitality -500 -2.2%	Government	-1,400 -5.1%
		Manufacturing	-1,700 -8.6%	

<b>Burlington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(500) 0.9%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,900) -4.8%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	900 13.0%	Educational & Health Services	400 4.0%
	Educational & Health Services	100 1.0%	Other Services	-100 -5.9%
	<b>Total</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities -100 -0.9%	Information	-100 -16.7%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Manufacturing -100 -1.1%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -3.1%
	<b>Employment</b>	Professional & Business Services -100 -1.5%	Financial Activities	-200 -10.5%
	<b>Sep-09</b>	Leisure & Hospitality -100 -1.6%	Professional & Business Services	-500 -7.0%
	<b>57,900</b>	Financial Activities -100 -5.6%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-500 -14.7%
	<b>Rate = 11.8%</b>		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600 -5.2%
		Manufacturing	-1,100 -10.6%	

<b>Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(5,900) 0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-47,500) -5.5%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	9,000 7.9%	Government	4,600 3.9%
	Educational & Health Services	500 0.6%	Educational & Health Services	1,100 1.4%
	<b>Total</b>	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const. 100 0.2%	Information	-1,100 -5.2%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Other Services -100 -0.3%	Leisure & Hospitality	-1,600 -1.9%
	<b>Employment</b>	Information -100 -0.5%	Other Services	-2,300 -6.1%
	<b>Sep-09</b>	Professional & Business Services -500 -0.4%	Financial Activities	-4,900 -6.6%
	<b>815,800</b>	Financial Activities -800 -1.1%	Manufacturing	-9,400 -11.8%
	<b>Rate = 11.6%</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities -1,000 -0.6%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-9,400 -17.5%
	Leisure & Hospitality -1,200 -1.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-11,800 -6.7%	
		Professional & Business Services	-12,700 -9.2%	

<b>Durham/Chapel Hill Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(3,000) 1.1%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-10,000) -3.4%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>
	Government	3,600 6.4%	Government	1,700 2.9%
	Educational & Health Services	400 0.7%	Educational & Health Services	1,100 1.9%
	<b>Total</b>	Other Services -100 -0.5%	Information	-200 -5.0%
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	Financial Activities -100 -0.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	-500 -2.3%
	<b>Employment</b>	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const. -100 -1.1%	Financial Activities	-700 -5.2%
	<b>Sep-09</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities -200 -0.6%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-1,100 -11.1%
	<b>285,400</b>	Leisure & Hospitality -200 -0.9%	Other Services	-1,600 -7.8%
	<b>Rate = 7.7%</b>	Professional & Business Services -300 -0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,200 -6.4%
		Professional & Business Services	-2,400 -6.8%	
		Manufacturing	-4,100 -10.1%	

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<b>Fayetteville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,900)</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-4,000)</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Government	2,700	7.4%	Government	1,200	3.1%
	Educational & Health Services	100	0.6%	Educational & Health Services	300	2.0%
	Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.8%	Other Services	-200	-3.8%
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-100	-2.0%	Financial Activities	-200	-4.4%
	Financial Activities	-100	-2.3%	Information	-200	-9.1%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300	-1.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-2.9%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-2.2%	Professional & Business Services	-800	-6.1%
	<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Sep-09</b>					
<b>127,200</b>						
<b>Rate = 9.0%</b>						

<b>Goldsboro Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-1,900)</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Government	700	6.4%	Government	-300	-2.5%
	Educational & Health Services	*		Educational & Health Services	*	
	Financial Activities	*		Financial Activities	*	
	Information	*		Information	*	
	Leisure & Hospitality	*		Leisure & Hospitality	*	
	Manufacturing	*		Manufacturing	*	
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	*		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	*	
	Other Services	*		Other Services	*	
Professional & Business Services	*		Professional & Business Services	*		
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	*		
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Sep-09</b>						
<b>43,400</b>						
<b>Rate = 8.8%</b>						

<b>Greensboro/High Point Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(2,300)</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-21,400)</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Government	3,800	9.1%	Educational & Health Services	100	0.2%
	Educational & Health Services	400	0.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.3%
	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-100	-0.7%	Government	-300	-0.7%
	Information	-100	-1.8%	Information	-600	-10.0%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200	-0.3%	Other Services	-800	-5.3%
	Manufacturing	-200	-0.4%	Financial Activities	-900	-4.1%
	Other Services	-200	-1.4%	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-3,700	-20.2%
	Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-4,200	-5.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-1.8%	Professional & Business Services	-4,400	-9.1%	
Manufacturing			Manufacturing	-6,500	-10.9%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Sep-09</b>						
<b>346,600</b>						
<b>Rate = 11.1%</b>						

<b>Greenville Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-2,400)</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>	
	Government	1,500	6.6%	Government	500	2.1%
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-0.9%	Educational & Health Services	200	1.8%
	Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.7%	Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%
	Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%	Information	-100	-9.1%
	Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-2.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	-300	-3.6%
				Professional & Business Services	-400	-6.3%
				Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600	-5.3%
				Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-700	-17.9%
			Manufacturing	-900	-12.9%	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment Sep-09</b>						
<b>75,500</b>						
<b>Rate = 10.0%</b>						

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<i>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton Metro</i>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>		<b>(800) 0.5%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>		<b>(-11,200) -7.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>			<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	1,600	6.8%		Educational & Health Services	500	2.7%	
	Educational & Health Services	100	0.5%		Financial Activities	-100	-2.8%	
	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.9%		Information	-100	-10.0%	
<b>Total</b>	Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.0%		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-600	-11.8%	
<b>Nonfarm</b>	Other Services	-100	-1.5%		Leisure & Hospitality	-900	-7.4%	
<b>Employment</b>	Manufacturing	-200	-0.5%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-1,100	-3.9%	
<b>Sep-09</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-400	-1.5%		Government	-1,100	-4.2%	
<b>146,500</b>					Professional & Business Services	-1,200	-10.6%	
					Manufacturing	-6,600	-14.5%	
<b>Rate = 14.1%</b>								

<i>Jacksonville Metro</i>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>		<b>(300) 0.7%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>		<b>(-2,400) -5.1%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>			<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	500	4.2%		Government	-1,300	-9.5%	
	<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*			<i>Educational &amp; Health Services</i>	*		
<b>Total</b>	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*			<i>Financial Activities</i>	*		
<b>Nonfarm</b>	<i>Information</i>	*			<i>Information</i>	*		
<b>Employment</b>	<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*			<i>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</i>	*		
<b>Sep-09</b>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*			<i>Manufacturing</i>	*		
	<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*			<i>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</i>	*		
<b>45,100</b>	<i>Other Services</i>	*			<i>Other Services</i>	*		
	<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*			<i>Professional &amp; Business Services</i>	*		
<b>Rate = 8.3%</b>	<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Util.</i>	*			<i>Trade, Transp. &amp; Util.</i>	*		

<i>Raleigh/ Cary Metro</i>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>		<b>(100) 0.0%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>		<b>(-15,300) -2.9%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>			<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	2,500	2.7%		Government	2,700	2.9%	
	Educational & Health Services	700	1.2%		Educational & Health Services	1,100	1.8%	
<b>Total</b>	Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%		Other Services	200	0.7%	
<b>Nonfarm</b>	Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-100	-0.3%		Information	-500	-2.9%	
<b>Employment</b>	Financial Activities	-100	-0.4%		Financial Activities	-600	-2.2%	
<b>Sep-09</b>	Information	-100	-0.6%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-2,200	-2.4%	
	Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-1.0%		Manufacturing	-3,400	-10.5%	
<b>506,400</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600	-0.7%		Professional & Business Services	-4,100	-4.8%	
	Other Services	-600	-2.1%		Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-8,500	-22.6%	
<b>Rate = 8.6%</b>	Professional & Business Services	-1,000	-1.2%					

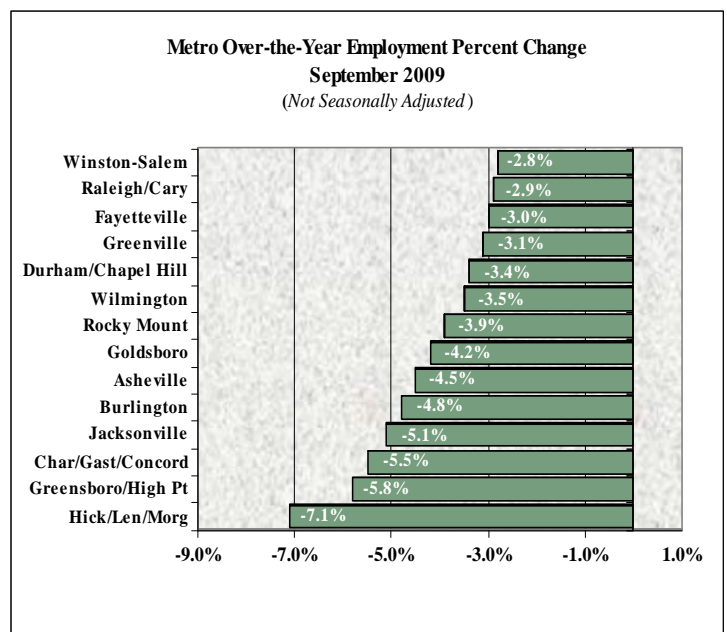
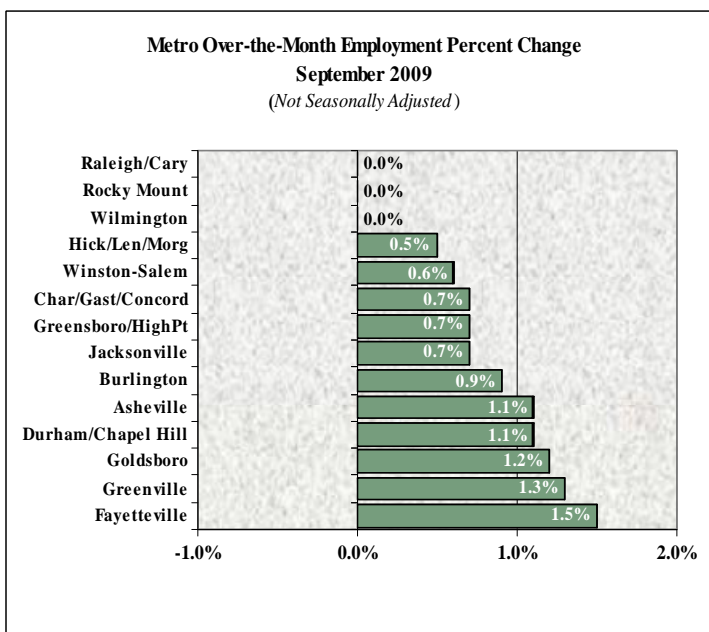
<i>Rocky Mount Metro</i>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>		<b>(0) 0.0%</b>		<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>		<b>(-2,500) -3.9%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>			<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	500	4.5%		Government	200	1.7%	
	Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.9%		Educational & Health Services	100	1.4%	
<b>Total</b>	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-2.0%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-200	-1.3%	
<b>Nonfarm</b>	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-600	-3.8%		Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-3.8%	
<b>Employment</b>	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*			Professional & Business Services	-500	-8.6%	
<b>Sep-09</b>	<i>Information</i>	*			Nat. Resources, Mining & Const.	-500	-16.7%	
	<i>Other Services</i>	*			Manufacturing	-1,200	-11.8%	
<b>61,700</b>					<i>Financial Activities</i>	*		
<b>Rate = 13.4%</b>					<i>Information</i>	*		
					<i>Other Services</i>	*		

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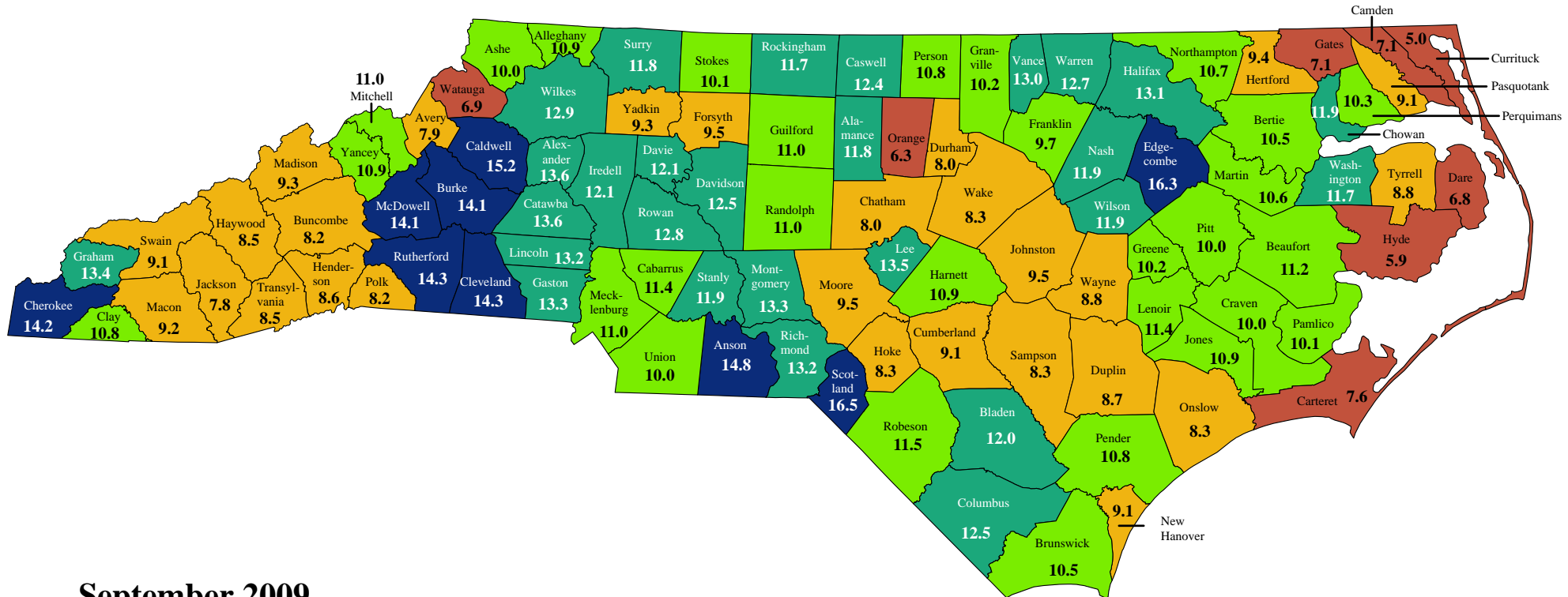
<b>Wilmington Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-5,100)</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	1,600	6.4%	Educational & Health Services	500	3.1%	
	Financial Activities	-100	-1.4%	Other Services	-100	-1.4%	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
	<b>Sep-09</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
	<b>141,800</b>			<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	
	<b>Rate = 9.7%</b>			<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	
			<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>		
			<b>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</b>	<b>-1,900</b>	<b>-17.4%</b>		
<b>Winston-Salem Metro</b>	<b>Over-the-Month Employment Change</b>	<b>(1,300)</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Employment Change</b>	<b>(-6,000)</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>Industry</b>	<b>Change</b>		
	Government	2,800	11.8%	Educational & Health Services	2,400	5.4%	
	Manufacturing	-100	-0.4%	Government	800	3.1%	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
	<b>Nonfarm</b>	<b>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>
	<b>Sep-09</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>
	<b>212,000</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>Nat. Resources, Mining &amp; Const.</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>
	<b>Rate = 9.8%</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
			<b>Trade, Transp. &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>-2,800</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>		
			<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>-2,800</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>		

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Over the month, industry employment increased in 12 of 14 Metros. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord Metro had the largest net employment increase over the month with 5,900, followed by Durham/Chapel Hill with 3,000 and Greensboro/High Point with 2,300. Fayetteville showed the greatest percentage increase at 1.5 percent. Over the year, employment fell in all 14 Metros. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord Metro experienced the largest net decrease in employment at 47,500, while Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton experienced the largest percentage decrease (7.1%).



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