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North Carolina’s March County and Area Employment Figures Released

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 99 of North Carolina’s counties in March and remained the same in one. All 14 of the State’s metro areas experienced rate decreases.

Graham County had the highest unemployment rate at 17.8 percent while Orange County had the lowest at 5.6 percent. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 12.5 percent experienced the highest rate and Durham-Chapel Hill at 6.7 percent had the lowest. The March not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 8.9 percent.

	<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>56</i>	<i>44</i>
<i>February (Revised)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>60</i>

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates fell in 78 counties, increased in 14 and remained unchanged in eight. Twelve metro areas experienced rate decreases, while one experienced an increase and one remained the same.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in March by 17,248 to 4,273,673, while those unemployed fell 26,855 to 419,546. Since March 2012, the number of workers employed statewide increased 32,155, while those unemployed decreased 22,262.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

The statewide unemployment rate release for *April 2013* is scheduled for *Friday, May 17, 2013*.

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Annual Revisions

Monthly labor force statistics for the state and substate areas are revised by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) through the annual revision process. This updates the historical monthly labor force statistics to reflect revised population controls; seasonal factors, employment estimates, and unemployment insurance claims. The annual revisions are a standard part of the estimation process and take place this same time every year in each state nationwide. Both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data are subject to revisions back to 2008.

Starting with the January 2013 national labor force statistics, BLS incorporated population controls that reflect the Census population estimates for 2012. BLS did not revise historical data based on the new population controls; therefore, labor force statistics for January 2013 are not directly comparable with the figures for December 2012 or earlier periods.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Benchmarking

Monthly Nonfarm payroll employment estimates for the state and substate areas are also subject to annual revisions required by the BLS. The employment estimates are adjusted through a process that overlays these sample-based estimates with actual employment data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program that has been adjusted to reflect CES employment definitions. The seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted series are subject to revisions from 1990 forward.

The 2013 Release Schedule is also available online at: http://www.ncesc1.com/pmi/rates/PressReleases/NC_Release_Dates_2013.pdf

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary Statewide and County Data for

March 2013

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate
STATEWIDE	4,693,219	419,546	8.9	JOHNSTON	82,161	6,470	7.9
ALAMANCE	73,255	6,476	8.8	JONES	4,284	390	9.1
ALEXANDER	17,682	1,530	8.7	LEE	26,821	2,976	11.1
ALLEGHANY	4,281	472	11.0	LENOIR	28,834	2,765	9.6
ANSON	10,910	1,187	10.9	LINCOLN	39,802	3,708	9.3
ASHE	11,697	1,415	12.1	MCDOWELL	20,344	2,134	10.5
AVERY	7,494	919	12.3	MACON	15,116	1,722	11.4
BEAUFORT	20,610	2,163	10.5	MADISON	10,087	781	7.7
BERTIE	8,163	1,001	12.3	MARTIN	11,220	1,199	10.7
BLADEN	14,990	1,817	12.1	MECKLENBURG	502,149	44,028	8.8
BRUNSWICK	50,798	5,009	9.9	MITCHELL	6,911	948	13.7
BUNCOMBE	127,659	8,936	7.0	MONTGOMERY	11,108	1,106	10.0
BURKE	39,384	4,012	10.2	MOORE	37,833	3,296	8.7
CABARRUS	92,340	7,626	8.3	MOORE	37,833	3,296	8.7
CALDWELL	38,085	4,061	10.7	NASH	45,521	5,382	11.8
CAMDEN	4,440	348	7.8	NEW HANOVER	107,671	9,431	8.8
CARTERET	31,653	2,818	8.9	NORTHAMPTON	8,551	858	10.0
CASWELL	10,745	947	8.8	ONSLOW	68,389	5,785	8.5
CATAWBA	73,081	7,369	10.1	ORANGE	74,711	4,217	5.6
CHATHAM	34,178	2,103	6.2	PAMLICO	5,334	529	9.9
CHEROKEE	9,909	1,206	12.2	PASQUOTANK	17,090	1,843	10.8
CHOWAN	6,109	622	10.2	PENDER	24,279	2,409	9.9
CLAY	4,439	398	9.0	PERQUIMANS	5,306	532	10.0
CLEVELAND	50,293	4,955	9.9	PERSON	20,262	1,926	9.5
COLUMBUS	23,504	2,793	11.9	PITT	90,067	7,772	8.6
CRAVEN	42,550	4,252	10.0	POLK	9,162	642	7.0
CUMBERLAND	142,119	13,787	9.7	RANDOLPH	73,100	7,087	9.7
CURRITUCK	13,141	1,016	7.7	RICHMOND	19,430	2,329	12.0
DARE	20,911	3,096	14.8	ROBESON	55,588	6,840	12.3
DAVIDSON	77,831	7,438	9.6	ROCKINGHAM	43,711	4,920	11.3
DAVIE	20,526	1,670	8.1	ROWAN	71,560	6,358	8.9
DUPLIN	24,716	2,329	9.4	RUTHERFORD	26,741	3,372	12.6
DURHAM	147,706	10,183	6.9	SAMPSON	31,583	2,563	8.1
EDGECOMBE	24,502	3,397	13.9	SCOTLAND	12,977	2,083	16.1
FORSYTH	178,139	14,981	8.4	STANLY	30,569	2,677	8.8
FRANKLIN	28,709	2,342	8.2	STOKES	23,796	1,878	7.9
GASTON	100,422	9,654	9.6	SURRY	32,805	3,183	9.7
GATES	4,879	352	7.2	SWAIN	6,737	1,122	16.7
GRAHAM	3,737	666	17.8	TRANSYLVANIA	12,304	1,202	9.8
GRANVILLE	26,859	2,500	9.3	TYRRELL	2,291	272	11.9
GREENE	9,870	934	9.5	UNION	102,209	7,713	7.5
GUILFORD	252,812	22,748	9.0	VANCE	19,173	2,354	12.3
HALIFAX	22,008	2,787	12.7	WAKE	489,768	33,663	6.9
HARNETT	49,963	4,987	10.0	WARREN	7,891	919	11.6
HAYWOOD	28,947	2,554	8.8	WASHINGTON	6,059	746	12.3
HENDERSON	51,571	3,468	6.7	WATAUGA	23,894	2,055	8.6
HERTFORD	9,597	962	10.0	WAYNE	54,963	4,834	8.8
HOKE	22,856	2,025	8.9	WILKES	29,446	3,056	10.4
HYDE	2,476	335	13.5	WILSON	40,753	4,957	12.2
IREDELL	82,948	7,383	8.9	YADKIN	19,017	1,643	8.6
JACKSON	20,380	1,931	9.5	YANCEY	7,967	910	11.4

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Estimates subject to monthly and annual revisions.

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES

County	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change	County	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change
STATEWIDE	8.9	9.5	9.4	-0.6	-0.5	JOHNSTON	7.9	8.3	8.3	-0.4	-0.4
ALAMANCE	8.8	9.3	9.3	-0.5	-0.5	JONES	9.1	10.5	11.3	-1.4	-2.2
ALEXANDER	8.7	9.2	10.0	-0.5	-1.3	LEE	11.1	11.8	11.6	-0.7	-0.5
ALLEGHANY	11.0	11.9	11.8	-0.9	-0.8	LENOIR	9.6	10.2	9.9	-0.6	-0.3
ANSON	10.9	11.5	10.9	-0.6	0.0	LINCOLN	9.3	10.2	9.9	-0.9	-0.6
ASHE	12.1	13.0	11.4	-0.9	0.7	MCDOWELL	10.5	11.1	11.4	-0.6	-0.9
AVERY	12.3	12.6	12.3	-0.3	0.0	MACON	11.4	12.5	11.4	-1.1	0.0
BEAUFORT	10.5	11.0	10.8	-0.5	-0.3	MADISON	7.7	8.4	9.8	-0.7	-2.1
BERTIE	12.3	12.7	11.8	-0.4	0.5	MARTIN	10.7	11.5	11.1	-0.8	-0.4
BLADEN	12.1	13.0	11.9	-0.9	0.2	MECKLENBURG	8.8	9.2	9.3	-0.4	-0.5
BRUNSWICK	9.9	11.2	10.7	-1.3	-0.8	MITCHELL	13.7	14.9	11.5	-1.2	2.2
BUNCOMBE	7.0	7.5	7.7	-0.5	-0.7	MONTGOMERY	10.0	10.6	11.1	-0.6	-1.1
BURKE	10.2	10.8	10.7	-0.6	-0.5	MOORE	8.7	9.5	8.6	-0.8	0.1
CABARRUS	8.3	8.7	8.9	-0.4	-0.6	NASH	11.8	12.1	12.0	-0.3	-0.2
CALDWELL	10.7	11.5	12.1	-0.8	-1.4	NEW HANOVER	8.8	9.7	9.1	-0.9	-0.3
CAMDEN	7.8	8.8	8.0	-1.0	-0.2	NORTHAMPTON	10.0	11.4	10.3	-1.4	-0.3
CARTERET	8.9	9.7	9.1	-0.8	-0.2	ONSLow	8.5	8.8	8.6	-0.3	-0.1
CASWELL	8.8	9.4	9.6	-0.6	-0.8	ORANGE	5.6	5.9	5.9	-0.3	-0.3
CATAWBA	10.1	10.7	10.9	-0.6	-0.8	PAMLICO	9.9	10.2	9.2	-0.3	0.7
CHATHAM	6.2	6.9	8.0	-0.7	-1.8	PASQUOTANK	10.8	11.4	10.5	-0.6	0.3
CHEROKEE	12.2	13.5	13.3	-1.3	-1.1	PENDER	9.9	10.9	11.2	-1.0	-1.3
CHOWAN	10.2	10.9	10.1	-0.7	0.1	PERQUIMANS	10.0	10.7	9.4	-0.7	0.6
CLAY	9.0	10.2	9.8	-1.2	-0.8	PERSON	9.5	10.2	9.8	-0.7	-0.3
CLEVELAND	9.9	10.5	10.2	-0.6	-0.3	PITT	8.6	9.0	9.0	-0.4	-0.4
COLUMBUS	11.9	12.9	12.3	-1.0	-0.4	POLK	7.0	7.6	7.8	-0.6	-0.8
CRAVEN	10.0	10.3	9.5	-0.3	0.5	RANDOLPH	9.7	10.4	9.9	-0.7	-0.2
CUMBERLAND	9.7	10.2	9.7	-0.5	0.0	RICHMOND	12.0	12.8	12.5	-0.8	-0.5
CURRITUCK	7.7	9.9	8.4	-2.2	-0.7	ROBESON	12.3	13.0	12.6	-0.7	-0.3
DARE	14.8	18.7	15.0	-3.9	-0.2	ROCKINGHAM	11.3	11.9	11.3	-0.6	0.0
DAVIDSON	9.6	10.1	10.1	-0.5	-0.5	ROWAN	8.9	9.5	9.8	-0.6	-0.9
DAVIE	8.1	8.8	8.7	-0.7	-0.6	RUTHERFORD	12.6	13.8	13.2	-1.2	-0.6
DUPLIN	9.4	9.9	9.4	-0.5	0.0	SAMPSON	8.1	8.5	8.3	-0.4	-0.2
DURHAM	6.9	7.1	7.5	-0.2	-0.6	SCOTLAND	16.1	16.5	16.9	-0.4	-0.8
EDGECOMBE	13.9	15.2	14.2	-1.3	-0.3	STANLY	8.8	9.3	9.7	-0.5	-0.9
FORSYTH	8.4	8.8	8.7	-0.4	-0.3	STOKES	7.9	8.3	9.0	-0.4	-1.1
FRANKLIN	8.2	8.7	9.0	-0.5	-0.8	SURRY	9.7	10.4	9.9	-0.7	-0.2
GASTON	9.6	10.2	10.4	-0.6	-0.8	SWAIN	16.7	18.1	16.4	-1.4	0.3
GATES	7.2	7.4	6.8	-0.2	0.4	TRANSYLVANIA	9.8	10.7	10.1	-0.9	-0.3
GRAHAM	17.8	20.1	19.1	-2.3	-1.3	TYRRELL	11.9	12.8	12.0	-0.9	-0.1
GRANVILLE	9.3	9.7	9.4	-0.4	-0.1	UNION	7.5	7.9	8.2	-0.4	-0.7
GREENE	9.5	9.8	9.5	-0.3	0.0	VANCE	12.3	12.9	12.8	-0.6	-0.5
GUILFORD	9.0	9.4	9.4	-0.4	-0.4	WAKE	6.9	7.3	7.6	-0.4	-0.7
HALIFAX	12.7	13.4	12.9	-0.7	-0.2	WARREN	11.6	12.2	12.2	-0.6	-0.6
HARNETT	10.0	10.6	10.6	-0.6	-0.6	WASHINGTON	12.3	12.7	12.6	-0.4	-0.3
HAYWOOD	8.8	9.8	9.3	-1.0	-0.5	WATAUGA	8.6	8.9	8.7	-0.3	-0.1
HENDERSON	6.7	7.3	7.4	-0.6	-0.7	WAYNE	8.8	9.2	8.7	-0.4	0.1
HERTFORD	10.0	10.6	10.2	-0.6	-0.2	WILKES	10.4	11.0	10.9	-0.6	-0.5
HOKE	8.9	9.1	8.9	-0.2	0.0	WILSON	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
HYDE	13.5	15.7	13.7	-2.2	-0.2	YADKIN	8.6	9.3	9.3	-0.7	-0.7
IREDELL	8.9	9.6	9.6	-0.7	-0.7	YANCEY	11.4	13.1	11.0	-1.7	0.4
JACKSON	9.5	10.5	10.2	-1.0	-0.7						

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**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
MULTICOUNTY SMALL LABOR MARKET AREA
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

Metropolitan Statistical Area	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE	7.2	7.8	7.9	-0.6	-0.7
BURLINGTON	8.8	9.3	9.3	-0.5	-0.5
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL, NC-SC	8.8	9.4	9.5	-0.6	-0.7
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	6.7	7.0	7.3	-0.3	-0.6
FAYETTEVILLE	9.6	10.0	9.6	-0.4	0.0
GOLDSBORO	8.8	9.2	8.7	-0.4	0.1
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT	9.4	9.9	9.8	-0.5	-0.4
GREENVILLE	8.7	9.1	9.0	-0.4	-0.3
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON	10.1	10.8	11.0	-0.7	-0.9
JACKSONVILLE	8.5	8.8	8.6	-0.3	-0.1
RALEIGH-CARY	7.1	7.5	7.8	-0.4	-0.7
ROCKY MOUNT	12.5	13.2	12.8	-0.7	-0.3
WILMINGTON	9.2	10.3	9.8	-1.1	-0.6
WINSTON-SALEM	8.4	8.8	8.8	-0.4	-0.4

Micropolitan Statistical Area	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change
ALBEMARLE	8.8	9.3	9.7	-0.5	-0.9
BOONE	8.6	8.9	8.7	-0.3	-0.1
BREVARD	9.8	10.7	10.1	-0.9	-0.3
DUNN	10.0	10.6	10.6	-0.6	-0.6
ELIZABETH CITY	10.1	10.8	9.9	-0.7	0.2
FOREST CITY	12.6	13.8	13.2	-1.2	-0.6
HENDERSON	12.3	12.9	12.8	-0.6	-0.5
KILL DEVIL HILLS	14.8	18.7	15.0	-3.9	-0.2
KINSTON	9.6	10.2	9.9	-0.6	-0.3
LAURINBURG	16.1	16.5	16.9	-0.4	-0.8
LINCOLNTON	9.3	10.2	9.9	-0.9	-0.6
LUMBERTON	12.3	13.0	12.6	-0.7	-0.3
MOREHEAD CITY	8.9	9.7	9.1	-0.8	-0.2
MOUNT AIRY	9.7	10.4	9.9	-0.7	-0.2
NEW BERN	9.9	10.3	9.6	-0.4	0.3
NORTH WILKESBORO	10.4	11.0	10.9	-0.6	-0.5
ROANOKE RAPIDS	11.9	12.9	12.2	-1.0	-0.3
ROCKINGHAM	12.0	12.8	12.5	-0.8	-0.5
SALISBURY	8.9	9.5	9.8	-0.6	-0.9
SANFORD	11.1	11.8	11.6	-0.7	-0.5
SHELBY	9.9	10.5	10.2	-0.6	-0.3
SOUTHERN PINES-PINEHURST	8.7	9.5	8.6	-0.8	0.1
STATESVILLE-MOORESVILLE	8.9	9.6	9.6	-0.7	-0.7
THOMASVILLE-LEXINGTON	9.6	10.1	10.1	-0.5	-0.5
WASHINGTON	10.5	11.0	10.8	-0.5	-0.3
WILSON	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1

Multicounty Small Labor Market Area	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change
JACKSON-SWAIN	11.3	12.4	11.8	-1.1	-0.5

**COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS
MONTHLY AND YEARLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGES**

Combined Statistical Area	March 2013	February 2013	March 2012	OTM Change	OTY Change
ASHEVILLE-BREVARD	7.3	8.0	8.0	-0.7	-0.7
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-SALISBURY, NC-SC	9.0	9.6	9.7	-0.6	-0.7
GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM-HIGH POINT	9.1	9.6	9.5	-0.5	-0.4
LUMBERTON-LAURINBURG	13.0	13.6	13.4	-0.6	-0.4
RALEIGH-DURHAM-CARY	7.1	7.5	7.8	-0.4	-0.7

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
Preliminary Data for March 2013

County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	74,711	4,217	5.6%	1	SURRY	32,805	3,183	9.7%	51
CHATHAM	34,178	2,103	6.2%	2	TRANSYLVANIA	12,304	1,202	9.8%	52
HENDERSON	51,571	3,468	6.7%	3	CLEVELAND	50,293	4,955	9.9%	53
WAKE	489,768	33,663	6.9%	4	BRUNSWICK	50,798	5,009	9.9%	54
DURHAM	147,706	10,183	6.9%	5	PAMLICO	5,334	529	9.9%	55
BUNCOMBE	127,659	8,936	7.0%	6	PENDER	24,279	2,409	9.9%	56
POLK	9,162	642	7.0%	7	MONTGOMERY	11,108	1,106	10.0%	57
GATES	4,879	352	7.2%	8	HARNETT	49,963	4,987	10.0%	58
UNION	102,209	7,713	7.5%	9	CRAVEN	42,550	4,252	10.0%	59
CURRITUCK	13,141	1,016	7.7%	10	HERTFORD	9,597	962	10.0%	60
MADISON	10,087	781	7.7%	11	PERQUIMANS	5,306	532	10.0%	61
CAMDEN	4,440	348	7.8%	12	NORTHAMPTON	8,551	858	10.0%	62
JOHNSTON	82,161	6,470	7.9%	13	CATAWBA	73,081	7,369	10.1%	63
STOKES	23,796	1,878	7.9%	14	CHOWAN	6,109	622	10.2%	64
SAMPSON	31,583	2,563	8.1%	15	BURKE	39,384	4,012	10.2%	65
DAVIE	20,526	1,670	8.1%	16	WILKES	29,446	3,056	10.4%	66
FRANKLIN	28,709	2,342	8.2%	17	MCDOWELL	20,344	2,134	10.5%	67
CABARRUS	92,340	7,626	8.3%	18	BEAUFORT	20,610	2,163	10.5%	68
FORSYTH	178,139	14,981	8.4%	19	CALDWELL	38,085	4,061	10.7%	69
ONSLow	68,389	5,785	8.5%	20	MARTIN	11,220	1,199	10.7%	70
WATAUGA	23,894	2,055	8.6%	21	PASQUOTANK	17,090	1,843	10.8%	71
PITT	90,067	7,772	8.6%	22	ANSON	10,910	1,187	10.9%	72
YADKIN	19,017	1,643	8.6%	23	ALLEGHANY	4,281	472	11.0%	73
ALEXANDER	17,682	1,530	8.7%	24	LEE	26,821	2,976	11.1%	74
MOORE	37,833	3,296	8.7%	25	ROCKINGHAM	43,711	4,920	11.3%	75
STANLY	30,569	2,677	8.8%	26	MACON	15,116	1,722	11.4%	76
NEW HANOVER	107,671	9,431	8.8%	27	YANCEY	7,967	910	11.4%	77
MECKLENBURG	502,149	44,028	8.8%	28	WARREN	7,891	919	11.6%	78
WAYNE	54,963	4,834	8.8%	29	NASH	45,521	5,382	11.8%	79
CASWELL	10,745	947	8.8%	30	TYRRELL	2,291	272	11.9%	80
HAYWOOD	28,947	2,554	8.8%	31	COLUMBUS	23,504	2,793	11.9%	81
ALAMANCE	73,255	6,476	8.8%	32	RICHMOND	19,430	2,329	12.0%	82
HOKE	22,856	2,025	8.9%	33	ASHE	11,697	1,415	12.1%	83
ROWAN	71,560	6,358	8.9%	34	BLADEN	14,990	1,817	12.1%	84
IREDELL	82,948	7,383	8.9%	35	WILSON	40,753	4,957	12.2%	85
CARTERET	31,653	2,818	8.9%	36	CHEROKEE	9,909	1,206	12.2%	86
CLAY	4,439	398	9.0%	37	BERTIE	8,163	1,001	12.3%	87
GUILFORD	252,812	22,748	9.0%	38	AVERY	7,494	919	12.3%	88
JONES	4,284	390	9.1%	39	VANCE	19,173	2,354	12.3%	89
GRANVILLE	26,859	2,500	9.3%	40	ROBESON	55,588	6,840	12.3%	90
LINCOLN	39,802	3,708	9.3%	41	WASHINGTON	6,059	746	12.3%	91
DUPLIN	24,716	2,329	9.4%	42	RUTHERFORD	26,741	3,372	12.6%	92
GREENE	9,870	934	9.5%	43	HALIFAX	22,008	2,787	12.7%	93
JACKSON	20,380	1,931	9.5%	44	HYDE	2,476	335	13.5%	94
PERSON	20,262	1,926	9.5%	45	MITCHELL	6,911	948	13.7%	95
DAVIDSON	77,831	7,438	9.6%	46	EDGECOMBE	24,502	3,397	13.9%	96
LENOIR	28,834	2,765	9.6%	47	DARE	20,911	3,096	14.8%	97
GASTON	100,422	9,654	9.6%	48	SCOTLAND	12,977	2,083	16.1%	98
RANDOLPH	73,100	7,087	9.7%	49	SWAIN	6,737	1,122	16.7%	99
CUMBERLAND	142,119	13,787	9.7%	50	GRAHAM	3,737	666	17.8%	100

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY RANKINGS
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County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank	County	Labor Force	Unemployed	Rate	Rank
ORANGE	74,800	4,407	5.9%	1	RANDOLPH	73,461	7,666	10.4%	51
CHATHAM	34,393	2,364	6.9%	2	JONES	4,393	460	10.5%	52
DURHAM	147,896	10,569	7.1%	3	JACKSON	19,997	2,096	10.5%	53
WAKE	489,848	35,537	7.3%	4	CLEVELAND	50,859	5,350	10.5%	54
HENDERSON	51,669	3,792	7.3%	5	HERTFORD	9,689	1,027	10.6%	55
GATES	4,866	360	7.4%	6	HARNETT	50,263	5,335	10.6%	56
BUNCOMBE	127,806	9,641	7.5%	7	MONTGOMERY	11,107	1,182	10.6%	57
POLK	9,199	695	7.6%	8	TRANSYLVANIA	12,353	1,319	10.7%	58
UNION	101,897	8,036	7.9%	9	PERQUIMANS	5,313	568	10.7%	59
JOHNSTON	82,196	6,803	8.3%	10	CATAWBA	73,315	7,866	10.7%	60
STOKES	23,938	1,997	8.3%	11	BURKE	39,501	4,270	10.8%	61
MADISON	10,111	849	8.4%	12	CHOWAN	6,089	661	10.9%	62
SAMPSON	32,362	2,739	8.5%	13	PENDER	24,131	2,629	10.9%	63
CABARRUS	92,148	8,003	8.7%	14	WILKES	29,823	3,286	11.0%	64
FRANKLIN	28,762	2,498	8.7%	15	BEAUFORT	21,148	2,332	11.0%	65
FORSYTH	179,020	15,688	8.8%	16	MCDOWELL	20,843	2,322	11.1%	66
DAVIE	20,697	1,821	8.8%	17	BRUNSWICK	50,706	5,687	11.2%	67
CAMDEN	4,460	393	8.8%	18	PASQUOTANK	17,110	1,954	11.4%	68
ONSLow	68,983	6,087	8.8%	19	NORTHAMPTON	8,652	990	11.4%	69
WATAUGA	24,261	2,158	8.9%	20	CALDWELL	38,278	4,389	11.5%	70
PITT	90,160	8,108	9.0%	21	ANSON	10,913	1,255	11.5%	71
HOKE	22,859	2,089	9.1%	22	MARTIN	11,451	1,318	11.5%	72
MECKLENBURG	500,874	45,831	9.2%	23	LEE	26,915	3,169	11.8%	73
ALEXANDER	17,722	1,635	9.2%	24	ROCKINGHAM	43,903	5,241	11.9%	74
WAYNE	55,346	5,112	9.2%	25	ALLEGHANY	4,437	530	11.9%	75
YADKIN	19,168	1,775	9.3%	26	NASH	45,623	5,524	12.1%	76
ALAMANCE	73,378	6,824	9.3%	27	WILSON	40,404	4,936	12.2%	77
STANLY	30,491	2,848	9.3%	28	WARREN	7,854	960	12.2%	78
CASWELL	10,760	1,013	9.4%	29	MACON	15,206	1,897	12.5%	79
GUILFORD	253,216	23,913	9.4%	30	AVERY	7,689	966	12.6%	80
MOORE	37,928	3,597	9.5%	31	WASHINGTON	6,344	805	12.7%	81
ROWAN	71,956	6,864	9.5%	32	BERTIE	8,318	1,059	12.7%	82
IREDELL	82,463	7,928	9.6%	33	TYRRELL	2,332	298	12.8%	83
NEW HANOVER	106,917	10,329	9.7%	34	RICHMOND	19,352	2,483	12.8%	84
GRANVILLE	27,029	2,614	9.7%	35	COLUMBUS	23,585	3,039	12.9%	85
CARTERET	32,127	3,110	9.7%	36	VANCE	19,283	2,492	12.9%	86
GREENE	9,874	965	9.8%	37	ROBESON	55,753	7,225	13.0%	87
HAYWOOD	29,135	2,866	9.8%	38	ASHE	11,772	1,526	13.0%	88
CURRITUCK	13,379	1,318	9.9%	39	BLADEN	15,070	1,964	13.0%	89
DUPLIN	25,050	2,480	9.9%	40	YANCEY	7,775	1,015	13.1%	90
DAVIDSON	78,928	7,963	10.1%	41	HALIFAX	22,111	2,969	13.4%	91
GASTON	100,356	10,198	10.2%	42	CHEROKEE	9,856	1,330	13.5%	92
PAMLICO	5,402	549	10.2%	43	RUTHERFORD	26,932	3,729	13.8%	93
CUMBERLAND	142,446	14,490	10.2%	44	MITCHELL	6,819	1,016	14.9%	94
LINCOLN	39,375	4,019	10.2%	45	EDGECOMBE	24,866	3,782	15.2%	95
LENOIR	28,854	2,950	10.2%	46	HYDE	2,594	406	15.7%	96
PERSON	20,397	2,088	10.2%	47	SCOTLAND	12,876	2,128	16.5%	97
CLAY	4,366	447	10.2%	48	SWAIN	6,650	1,201	18.1%	98
CRAVEN	43,133	4,453	10.3%	49	DARE	20,197	3,771	18.7%	99
SURRY	32,707	3,396	10.4%	50	GRAHAM	3,803	766	20.1%	100

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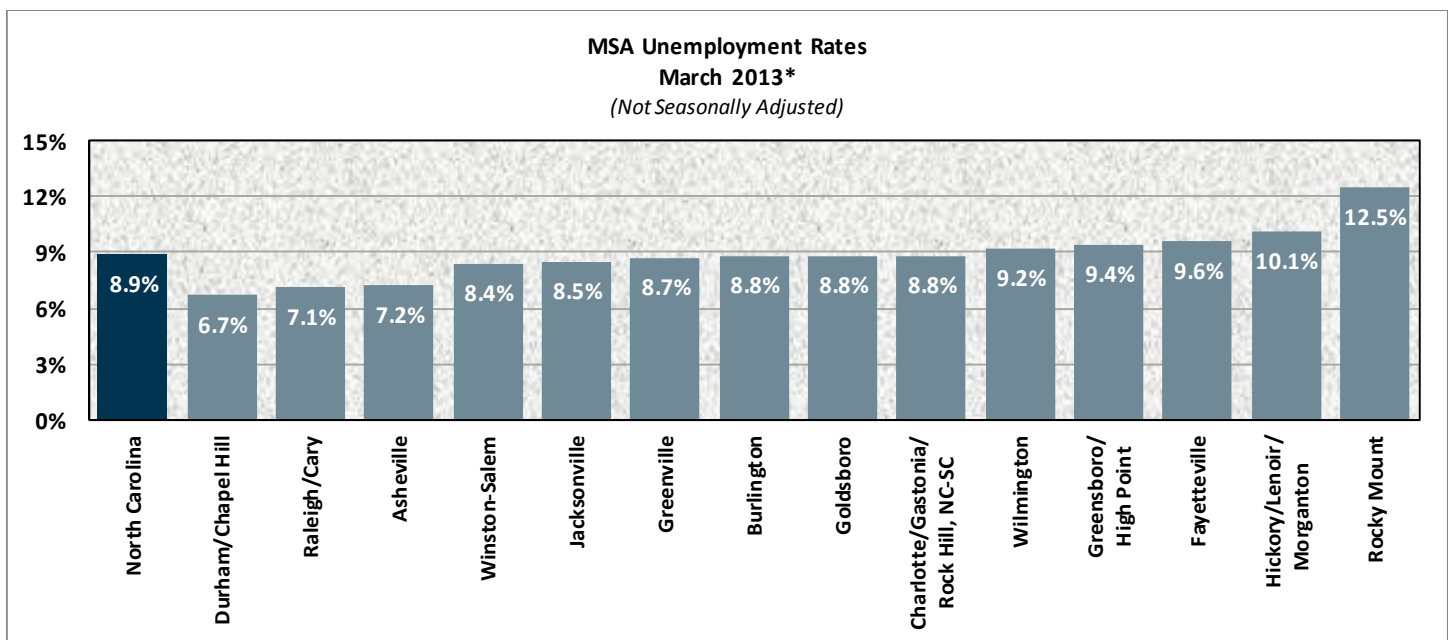
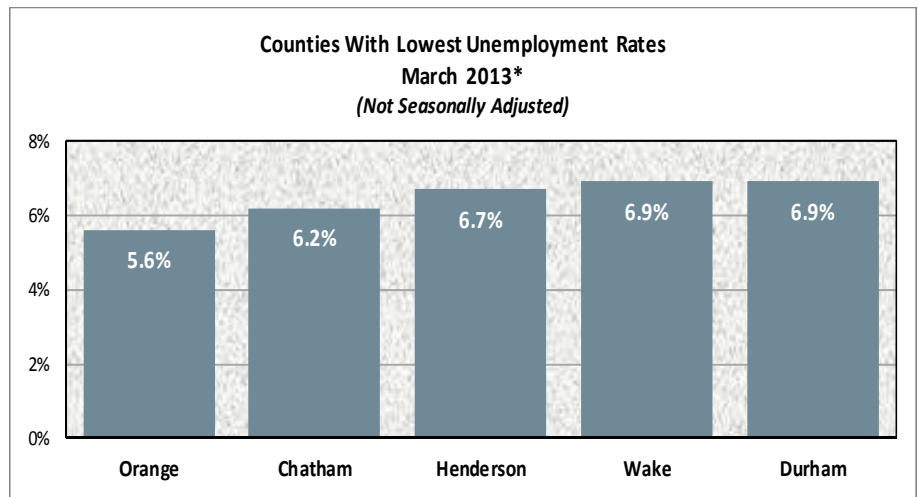
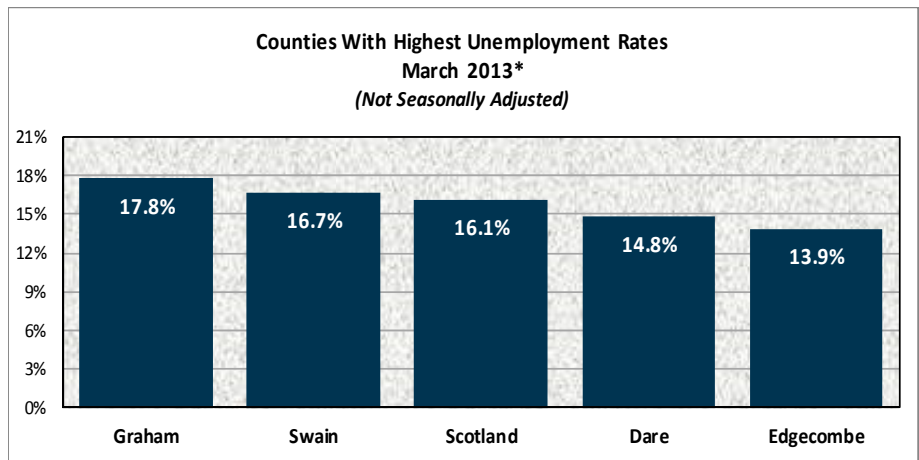
NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS MARCH 2013

North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 8.9 percent in March. This was a 0.6 of a percentage-point decrease from February's revised rate of 9.5 percent, and a 0.5 percentage-point decline over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 99 counties, with the exception of Wilson County, which remained unchanged. Thirty-six counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 8.9 percent rate.

Graham County recorded March's highest unemployment rate at 17.8 percent, decreasing 2.3 percentage points from the previous month. Swain County had the second-highest rate at 16.7 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 5.6 percent, followed by Chatham at 6.2 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in March at 12.5 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent, which decreased 0.3 of a percentage point from the previous month. Raleigh/Cary followed at 7.1 percent.



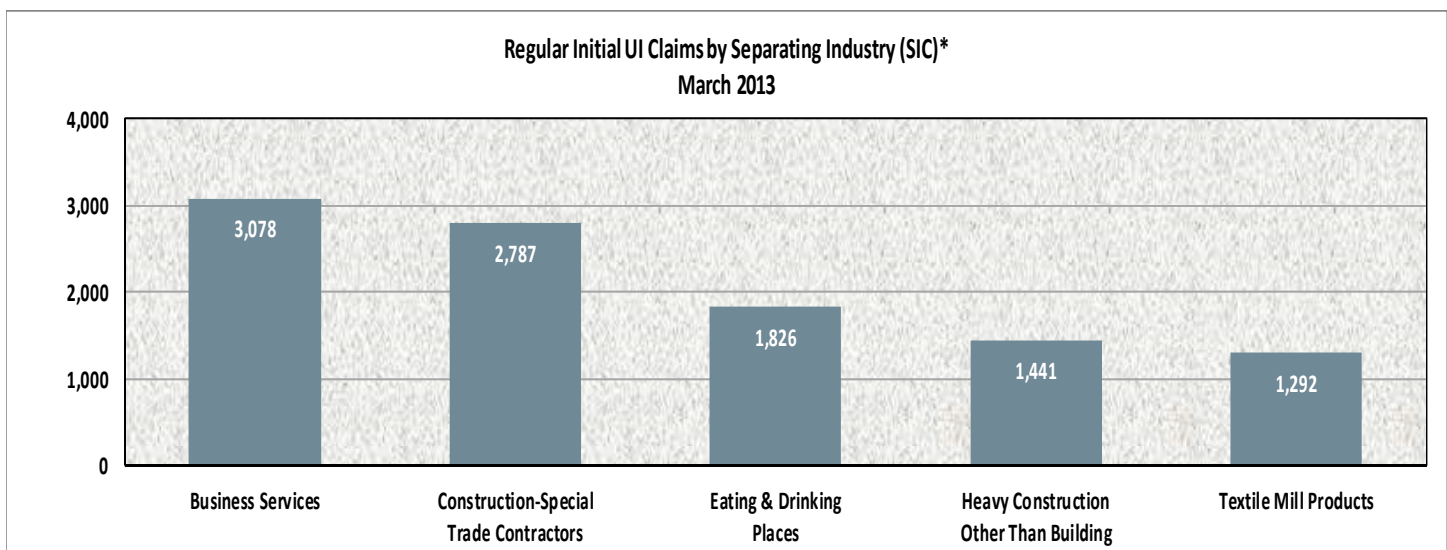
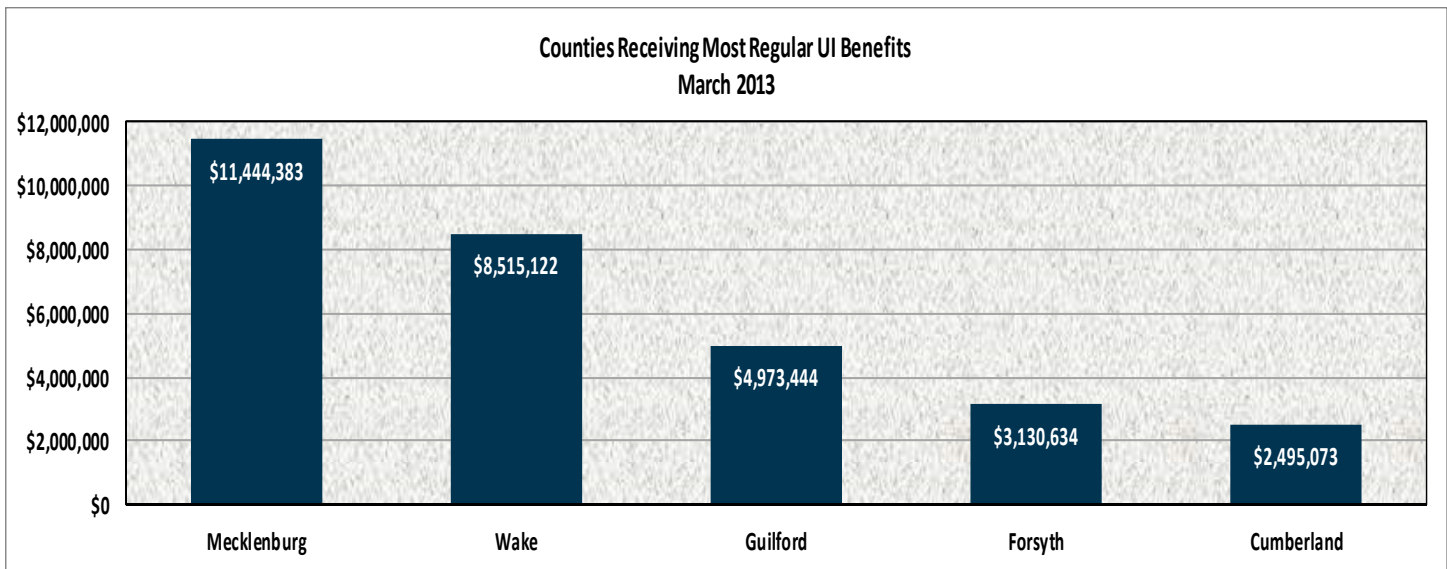
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In March 2013, there were 44,155 Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims filed in North Carolina. Counties with the largest number of claims filed and benefits received are shown in the graphs.

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 2013						
County	Transactions		Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Attached To Payroll	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	3,575	729	1,703	1,927	1,080	1,142
Wake	2,541	603	1,134	1,027	1,102	983
Guilford	2,468	1,117	1,092	1,280	819	955
Forsyth	1,610	714	672	638	584	614
Davidson	1,242	850	402	184	752	540

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 25,106 for the month ending March 2013, decreased 3,549 from the prior month. Sixteen percent were Attached New Initial Claims. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 28,265, of which 18 percent were Attached. For the month ending March 2011, New Claims totaled 33,203, of which 20 percent were Attached Claims.



*Many Initial Claims were nonclassifiable by separating industry.

<i>Asheville MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(1,500) 0.9%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(6,100) 3.6%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>			
	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	3.1%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.9%		
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	200	1.1%		
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,800	5.7%		
Nonfarm	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%		
Employment	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	100	1.8%		
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.6%	Professional & Business Services	500	3.2%		
	Education & Health Services	400	1.2%	Education & Health Services	1,600	5.1%		
173,700	Leisure & Hospitality	500	2.1%	Leisure & Hospitality	2,400	11.1%		
	Other Services	100	1.5%	Other Services	100	1.5%		
Rate = 7.2	Government	200	0.7%	Government	-400	-1.4%		

<i>Burlington MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(200) 0.3%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(-300) -0.5%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>			
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	4.2%	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	8.7%		
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%	Manufacturing	-100	-1.1%		
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	300	2.6%		
Nonfarm	Information	0	0.0%	Information	0	0.0%		
Employment	Financial Activities	0	0.0%	Financial Activities	-100	-5.3%		
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-500	-6.9%		
	Education & Health Services	-100	-0.9%	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		
58,400	Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.5%	Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%		
	Other Services	0	0.0%	Other Services	0	0.0%		
Rate = 8.8	Government	0	0.0%	Government	-100	-1.4%		

<i>Charlotte/ Gastonia/ Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(6,600) 0.8%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(19,000) 2.3%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>			
	Mining, Logging & Construction	400	1.1%	Mining, Logging & Construction	200	0.5%		
	Manufacturing	-300	-0.4%	Manufacturing	-200	-0.3%		
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-0.1%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	3,800	2.2%		
Nonfarm	Information	0	0.0%	Information	400	1.8%		
Employment	Financial Activities	400	0.6%	Financial Activities	-200	-0.3%		
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	3,000	2.1%	Professional & Business Services	4,400	3.2%		
	Education & Health Services	-700	-0.8%	Education & Health Services	600	0.7%		
861,500	Leisure & Hospitality	3,200	3.4%	Leisure & Hospitality	7,100	7.8%		
	Other Services	-200	-0.7%	Other Services	-500	-1.7%		
Rate = 8.8	Government	900	0.7%	Government	3,400	2.8%		

<i>Durham/ Chapel Hill MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(1,000) 0.3%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(7,200) 2.6%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>			
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	1.5%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.5%		
	Manufacturing	-100	-0.3%	Manufacturing	800	2.5%		
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.6%		
Nonfarm	Information	0	0.0%	Information	400	12.1%		
Employment	Financial Activities	100	0.8%	Financial Activities	0	0.0%		
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.3%	Professional & Business Services	1,700	4.6%		
	Education & Health Services	-100	-0.2%	Education & Health Services	2,600	4.5%		
288,700	Leisure & Hospitality	500	2.2%	Leisure & Hospitality	800	3.5%		
	Other Services	200	2.0%	Other Services	200	2.0%		
Rate = 6.7	Government	200	0.3%	Government	600	0.9%		

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Fayetteville MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(400) 0.3%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(600) 0.5%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 4.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	200 2.2%	
	Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100 0.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200 0.9%
	Nonfarm	Information	0 0.0%	Information	-100 -7.1%
	Employment	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-200 -4.8%
	Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	100 0.7%
	130,200	Education & Health Services	-100 -0.7%	Education & Health Services	-200 -1.4%
	Rate = 9.6	Leisure & Hospitality	300 2.1%	Leisure & Hospitality	100 0.7%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	0 0.0%	
	Government	-100 -0.2%	Government	500 1.2%	
Goldsboro MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(200) 0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(400) 0.9%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*	<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*	
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*	
	Total	<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*	<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*
	Nonfarm	<i>Information</i>	*	<i>Information</i>	*
	Employment	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*
	Mar-13	<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*	<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*
	43,100	<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*	<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*
	Rate = 8.8	<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*	<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*
	<i>Other Services</i>	*	<i>Other Services</i>	*	
	Government	100 1.0%	Government	200 2.1%	
Greensboro/ High Point MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(1,600) 0.5%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-1,500) -0.4%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.6%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-500 -3.7%	
	Manufacturing	-100 -0.2%	Manufacturing	-600 -1.1%	
	Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,000 1.4%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	2,100 3.0%
	Nonfarm	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	Employment	Financial Activities	100 0.6%	Financial Activities	-300 -1.6%
	Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	-2,500 -5.2%
	341,000	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	700 1.5%
	Rate = 9.4	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -0.7%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	100 0.8%	
	Government	400 0.9%	Government	-300 -0.6%	
Greenville MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(300) 0.4%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(2,400) 3.0%	
	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -3.7%	
	Manufacturing	0 0.0%	Manufacturing	600 8.6%	
	Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100 -0.9%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300 -2.6%
	Nonfarm	Information	0 0.0%	Information	0 0.0%
	Employment	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	100 3.7%
	Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%	Professional & Business Services	200 2.8%
	82,000	Education & Health Services	100 1.0%	Education & Health Services	100 1.0%
	Rate = 8.7	Leisure & Hospitality	0 0.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	400 4.8%
	Other Services	0 0.0%	Other Services	0 0.0%	
	Government	300 1.1%	Government	1,400 5.2%	

*Data not collected for these industrial sectors.

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<i>Hickory/ Lenoir/ Morganton MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(700) 0.5%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(1,400) 1.0%	
	<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.9%		Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.9%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%		Manufacturing	-600	-1.6%	
	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-100	-0.4%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	0.4%	
Total	Information	0	0.0%		Information	0	0.0%	
Nonfarm	Financial Activities	0	0.0%		Financial Activities	0	0.0%	
Employment	Professional & Business Services	200	1.5%		Professional & Business Services	1,200	9.7%	
Mar-13	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		Education & Health Services	100	0.6%	
143,300	Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.7%		Leisure & Hospitality	800	7.0%	
	Other Services	100	2.3%		Other Services	0	0.0%	
Rate = 10.1	Government	200	0.8%		Government	-300	-1.2%	

<i>Jacksonville MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(100) 0.2%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(1,100) 2.3%	
	<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*			<i>Mining, Logging & Construction</i>	*		
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	*			<i>Manufacturing</i>	*		
Total	<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*			<i>Trade, Transp. & Utilities</i>	*		
Nonfarm	<i>Information</i>	*			<i>Information</i>	*		
Employment	<i>Financial Activities</i>	*			<i>Financial Activities</i>	*		
Mar-13	<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*			<i>Professional & Business Services</i>	*		
	<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*			<i>Education & Health Services</i>	*		
48,500	<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*			<i>Leisure & Hospitality</i>	*		
	<i>Other Services</i>	*			<i>Other Services</i>	*		
Rate = 8.5	Government	100	0.7%		Government	400	2.7%	

<i>Raleigh/ Cary MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(2,700) 0.5%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(10,300) 2.0%	
	<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	600	2.3%		Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,200	-7.6%	
	Manufacturing	100	0.4%		Manufacturing	600	2.3%	
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	200	0.2%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,300	1.4%	
Nonfarm	Information	0	0.0%		Information	500	2.8%	
Employment	Financial Activities	0	0.0%		Financial Activities	-300	-1.1%	
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	700	0.7%		Professional & Business Services	4,400	4.7%	
	Education & Health Services	-200	-0.3%		Education & Health Services	1,600	2.5%	
525,900	Leisure & Hospitality	900	1.6%		Leisure & Hospitality	2,100	3.9%	
	Other Services	200	0.9%		Other Services	1,300	6.2%	
Rate = 7.1	Government	200	0.2%		Government	1,000	1.1%	

<i>Rocky Mount MSA</i>	Over-the-Month Employment Change		(200) 0.4%		Over-the-Year Employment Change		(-1,000) -1.7%	
	<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>		<u>Industry</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%		Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-8.0%	
	Manufacturing	0	0.0%		Manufacturing	0	0.0%	
Total	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	100	0.9%		Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-500	-4.3%	
Nonfarm	Information	*			Information	*		
Employment	Financial Activities	*			Financial Activities	*		
Mar-13	Professional & Business Services	100	1.7%		Professional & Business Services	200	3.5%	
	Education & Health Services	0	0.0%		Education & Health Services	-200	-2.9%	
57,000	Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.9%		Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%	
	Other Services	*			Other Services	*		
Rate = 12.5	Government	100	0.9%		Government	-200	-1.8%	

*Data not collected for these industrial sectors.

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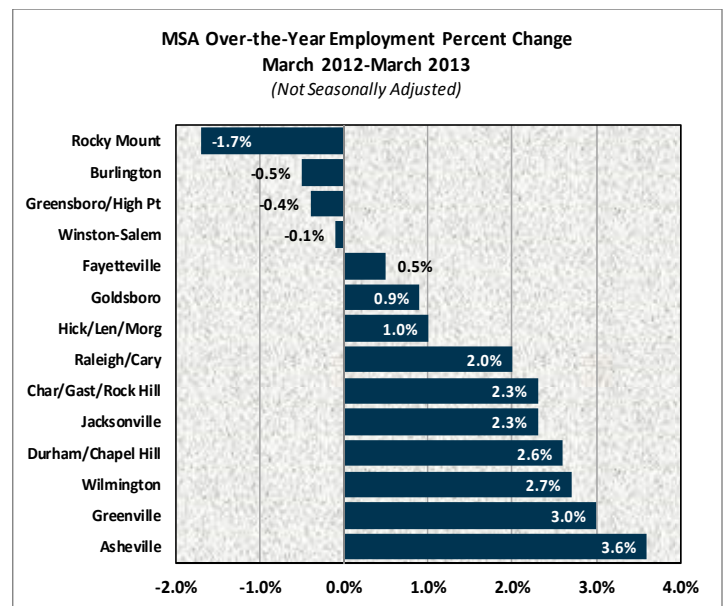
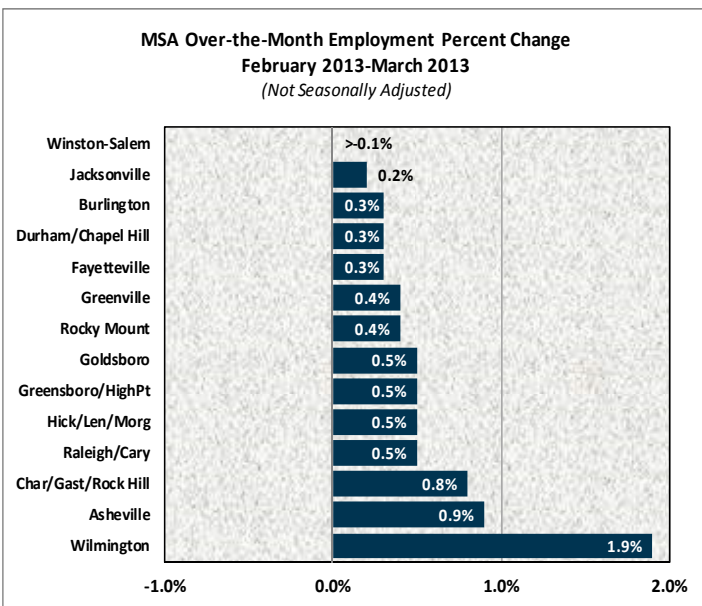
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Wilmington MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(2,600) 1.9%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(3,600) 2.7%
Industry	Change	Industry	Change	Industry
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.4%
	Manufacturing	-100 -1.4%	Manufacturing	-200 -2.7%
Total Nonfarm Employment Mar-13	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	0 0.0%
	Information	0 0.0%	Information	-100 -3.3%
	Financial Activities	100 1.6%	Financial Activities	200 3.3%
	Professional & Business Services	400 2.6%	Professional & Business Services	900 6.1%
	Education & Health Services	0 0.0%	Education & Health Services	400 2.3%
	Leisure & Hospitality	1,800 8.9%	Leisure & Hospitality	2,000 10.0%
	Other Services	100 2.0%	Other Services	200 4.1%
	Government	200 0.7%	Government	300 1.1%
Rate = 9.2				

Winston-Salem MSA	Over-the-Month Employment Change	(-100) >-0.1%	Over-the-Year Employment Change	(-300) -0.1%
Industry	Change	Industry	Change	Industry
	Mining, Logging & Construction	100 1.4%	Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
	Manufacturing	-100 -0.5%	Manufacturing	-300 -1.5%
Total Nonfarm Employment Mar-13	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	-300 -0.8%	Trade, Transp. & Utilities	600 1.6%
	Information	0 0.0%	Information	-100 -5.3%
	Financial Activities	0 0.0%	Financial Activities	-100 -0.9%
	Professional & Business Services	200 0.7%	Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.3%
	Education & Health Services	-300 -0.7%	Education & Health Services	-300 -0.7%
	Leisure & Hospitality	200 1.0%	Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -0.5%
	Other Services	100 1.3%	Other Services	100 1.3%
	Government	0 0.0%	Government	0 0.0%
Rate = 8.4				

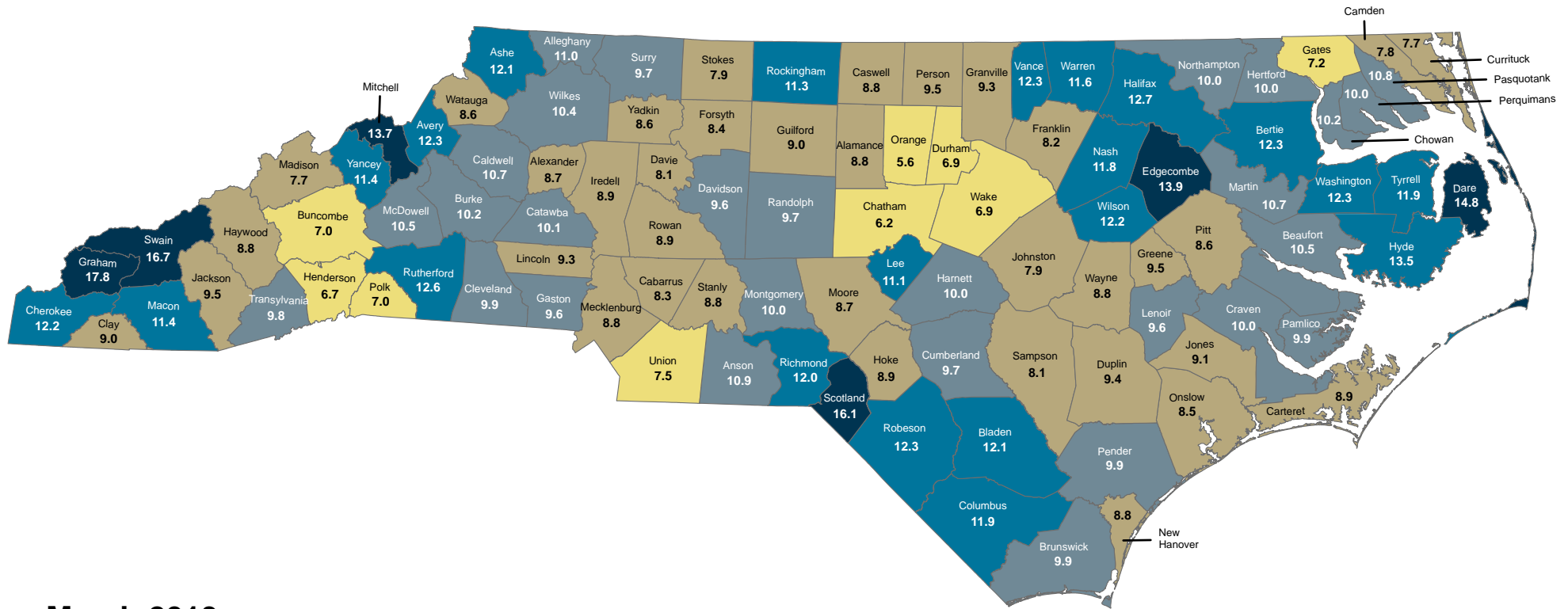
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Over the month, net industry employment increased in 13 of 14 MSAs. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill MSA had the largest net employment increase with 6,600, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 2,700 and Wilmington with 2,600. Wilmington experienced the greatest percentage increase at 1.9 percent. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series. Over the year, employment rose in 10 MSAs. Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill MSA had the largest net employment increase with 19,000, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 10,300, and Durham/Chapel Hill, 7,200. Asheville had the greatest percentage increase at 3.6 percent.

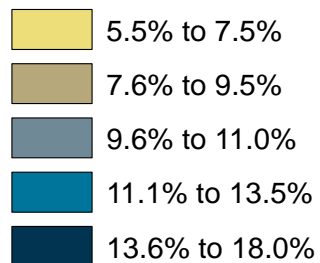


North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

March 2013



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- ▲ 0 Counties Higher Than Previous Month
- ▼ 99 Counties Lower Than Previous Month
- = 1 County Same as Previous Month

North Carolina Rate 8.9%
Not Seasonally Adjusted

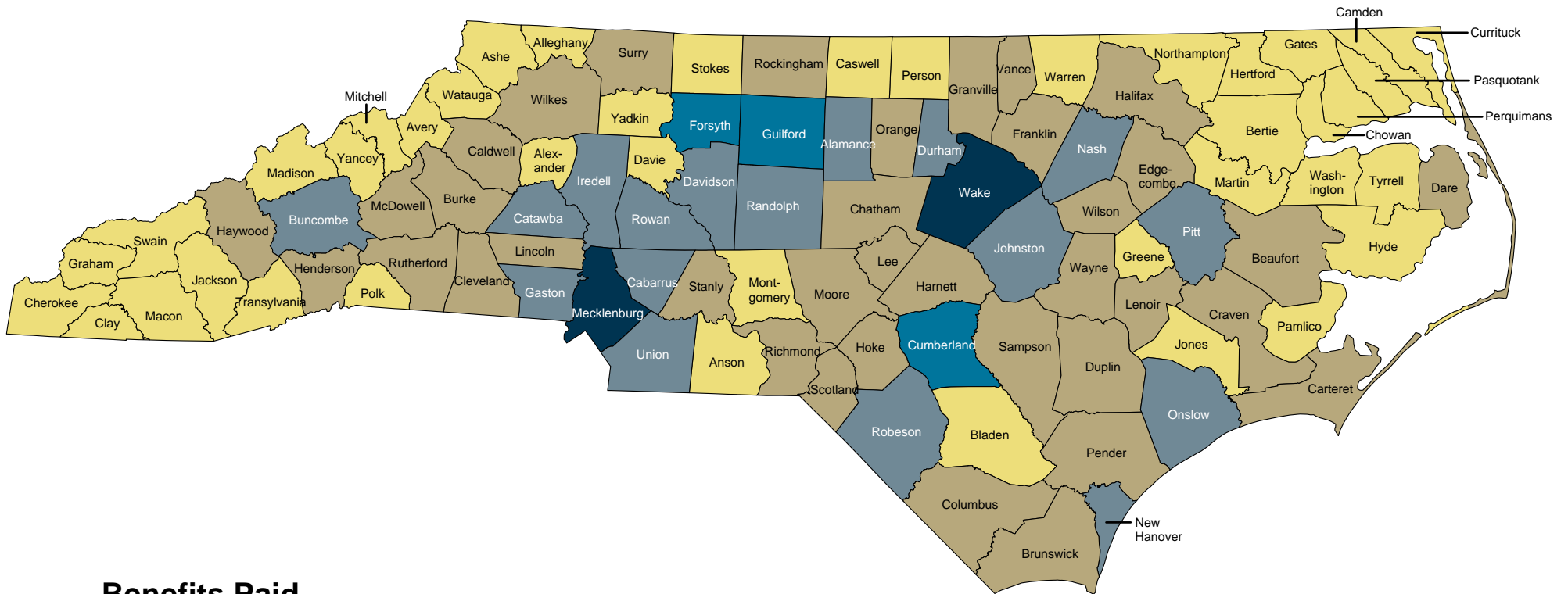
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North Carolina

UI Benefits Paid by County

April 2012-March 2013

Total All Programs



Benefits Paid



Statewide \$2,692,682,831

Note: All programs include Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members (UCX), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier I (EUCI), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier II (EUCII), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier III (EUCIII), Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier IV (EUCIV), Extended Benefits (EB) and Federal Additional Compensation (FAC). County data does not sum to statewide total.

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