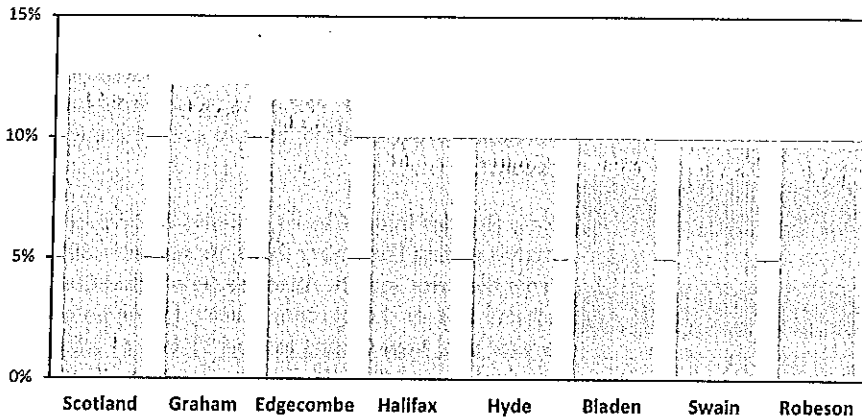


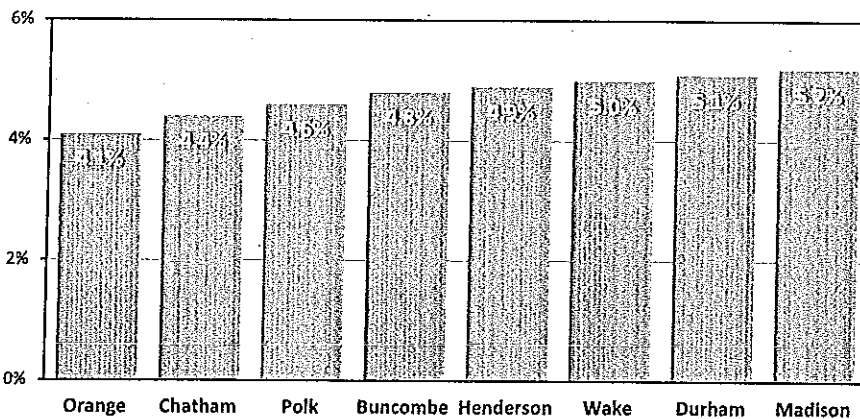
North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

December 2013

Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates
December 2013*
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates
December 2013*
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



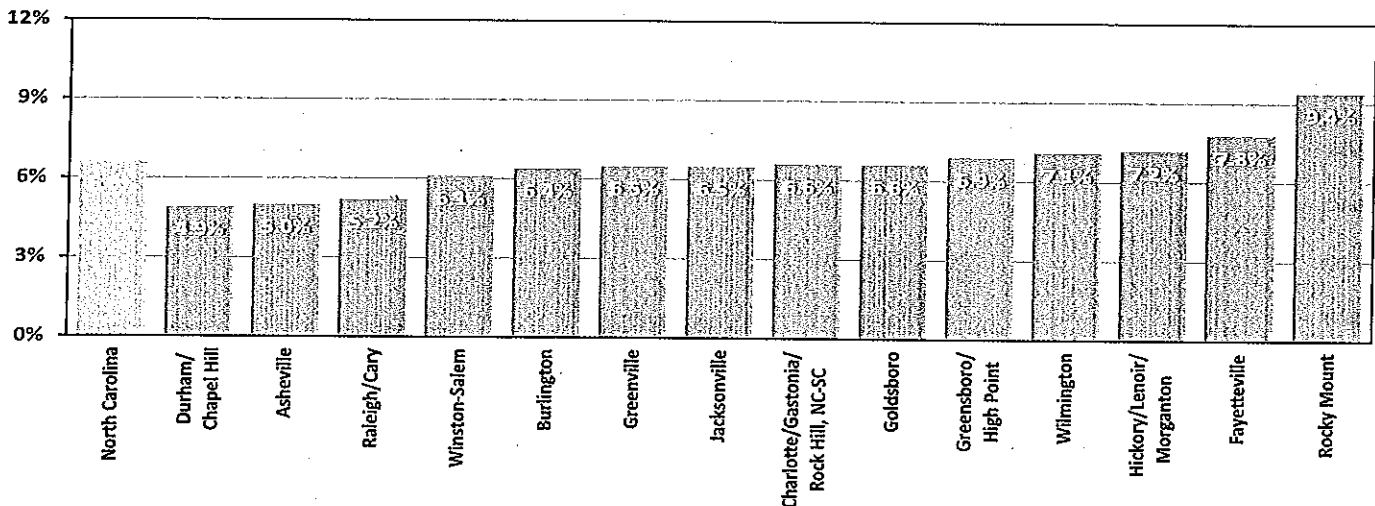
North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 6.6 percent in December. This was a 0.3 of a percentage-point decrease from November's revised rate of 6.9 percent, and a 2.8 percentage-point decline over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in 86 counties, increased in 11 and remained unchanged in three. Thirty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 6.6 percent rate.

Scotland County recorded December's highest unemployment rate at 12.6 percent, decreasing 0.9 of a percentage point from the previous month. Graham County had the second-highest rate at 12.2 percent, increasing 0.4 of a percentage point. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, followed by Chatham at 4.4 percent, and Polk at 4.6 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 December at 9.4 percent, followed by Fayetteville at 7.8 percent. Durham/Chapel Hill reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 4.9 percent, which decreased 0.2 of a percentage point from the previous month. Asheville followed at 5.0 percent.

MSA Unemployment Rates
December 2013*
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Regular Initial UI Claims December 2013

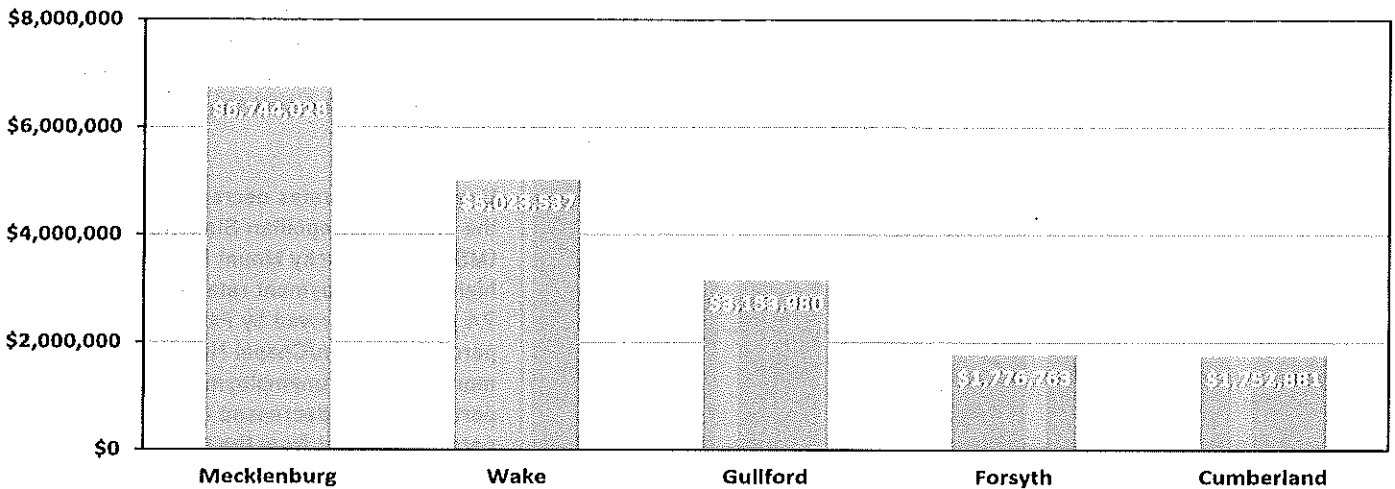
County	Transactions	Individuals			
	Initial Claims	Female	African-American	White	45 Or Older
Mecklenburg	3,079	1,494	1,811	913	1,094
Wake	2,066	972	936	880	817
Guilford	1,889	925	1,164	552	781
Forsyth	1,029	503	522	394	398
Cumberland	1,024	470	586	286	363

In December 2013, there were 33,157 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.

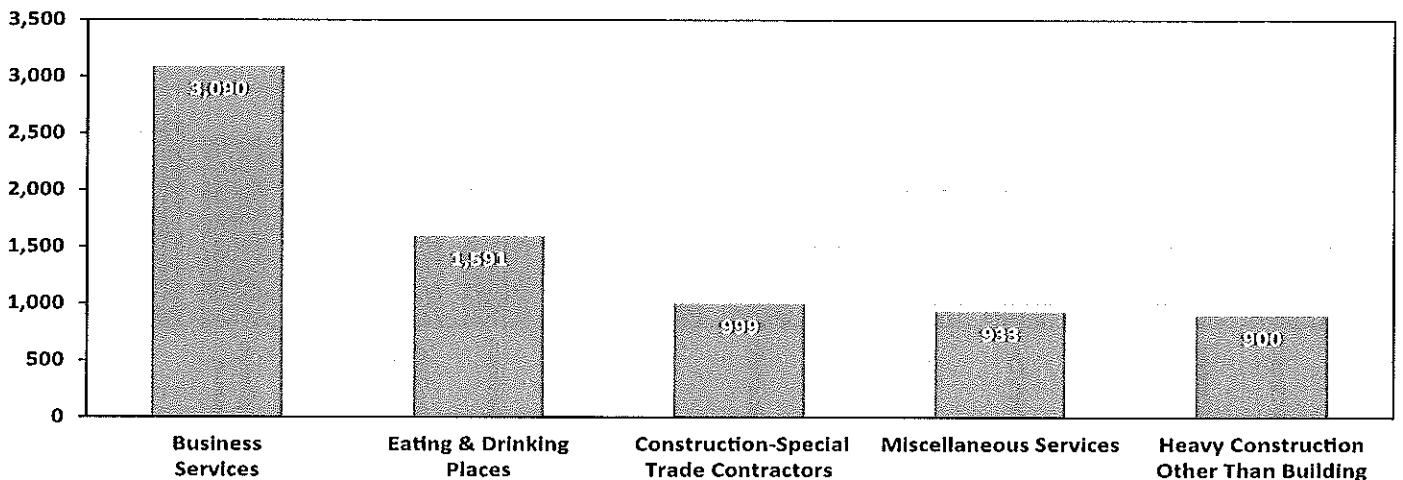
Total Regular Initial Claims are based on the number of transactions; demographic data are counts of individuals. Not all race/ethnicity and age breakouts are presented, but are available upon request.

New Regular Initial Claims, totaling 25,588 for the month ending December 2013, increased 4,385 from the prior month. Attached New Initial Claims totaled 143, or 0.6 percent. During the same period a year ago, New Claims totaled 35,697, of which 34 percent were Attached. For the month ending December 2011, New Claims totaled 39,445, of which 33 percent were Attached Claims.

Counties Receiving Most Regular UI Benefits December 2013



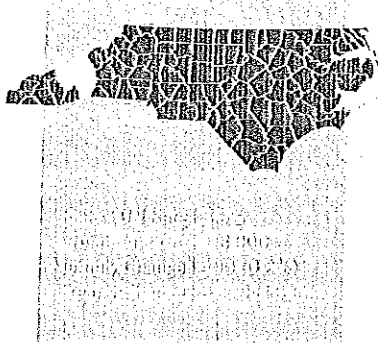
Regular Initial UI Claims by Separating Industry (SIC)* December 2013



*Many initial claims were nonclassified by separating industry. Initial claims refer to regular UI Program.

North Carolina County Labor Market Conditions

Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



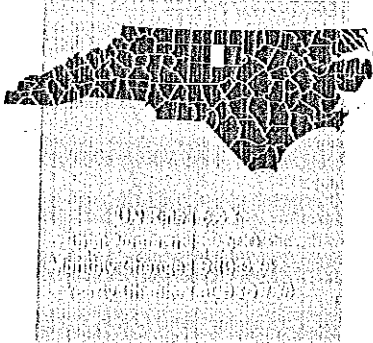
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-1.2%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	-0.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-300	-4.3%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000	2.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	200	3.6%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-1.0%
Education & Health Services	1,200	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500	6.2%
Other Services	100	1.5%
Government	-700	-2.5%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



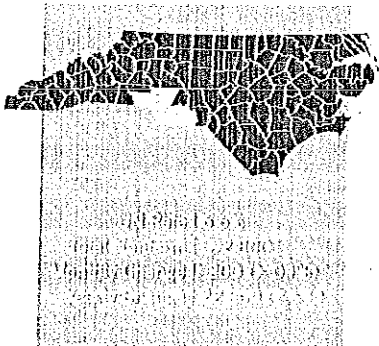
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.8%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.4%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	1.7%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-5.3%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-1.5%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	300	4.3%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%

Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



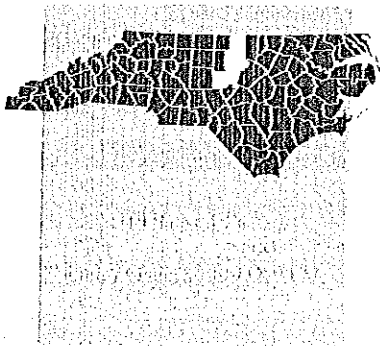
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-800	-1.8%
Manufacturing	600	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,800	1.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-400	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-0.3%
Education & Health Services	-400	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-0.7%
Other Services	400	1.4%
Government	-200	-0.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,100	7.9%
Manufacturing	700	0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,600	3.7%
Information	500	2.3%
Financial Activities	900	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	6.0%
Education & Health Services	-1,600	-1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,600	4.7%
Other Services	900	3.1%
Government	-1,100	-0.9%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-3.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-0.5%
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.4%
Other Services	100	1.0%
Government	-900	-1.3%

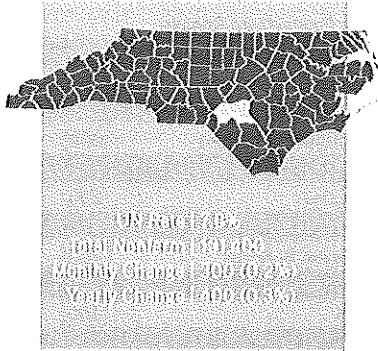
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.5%
Manufacturing	-700	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-500	-1.4%
Information	-700	-2.8%
Financial Activities	300	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	-1,800	-2.1%
Education & Health Services	1,000	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500	1.0%
Other Services	100	1.0%
Government	-3,200	-5.0%

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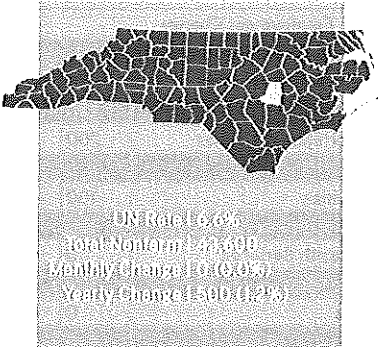
Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	1.3%
Information	-100	-7.1%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	100	2.0%
Government	-100	-0.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	3.9%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900	3.8%
Information	-100	-7.1%
Financial Activities	-100	-2.4%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-2.2%
Education & Health Services	300	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	200	1.4%
Other Services	200	4.2%
Government	-800	-2.0%

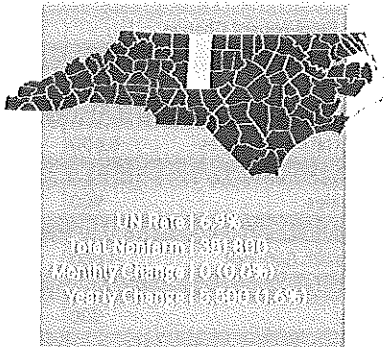
Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	-100	-1.0%

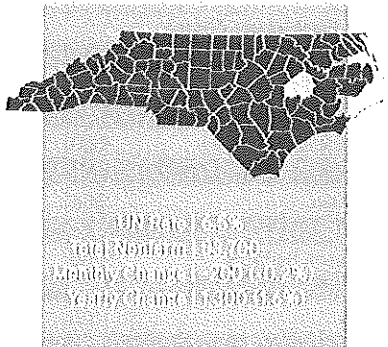
Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600	-4.5%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000	1.4%
Information	100	1.9%
Financial Activities	100	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.2%
Education & Health Services	100	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-1.2%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-200	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-0.8%
Manufacturing	-800	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,000	2.8%
Information	100	1.9%
Financial Activities	-400	-2.2%
Professional & Business Services	3,300	7.1%
Education & Health Services	-200	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	2.2%
Other Services	-100	-0.8%
Government	1,000	2.1%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



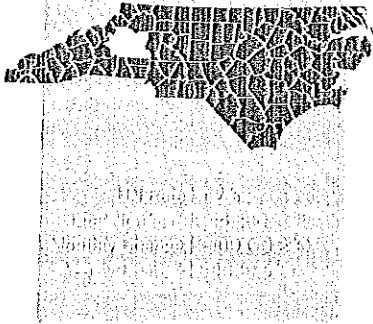
Over-the-Month Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-100	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.6%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-1.1%
Other Services	-100	-4.5%
Government	0	0.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change		
Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.6%
Manufacturing	400	5.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.4%
Information	100	11.1%
Financial Activities	100	3.6%
Professional & Business Services	300	4.1%
Education & Health Services	-800	-7.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	800	9.3%
Other Services	-100	-4.5%
Government	200	0.7%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



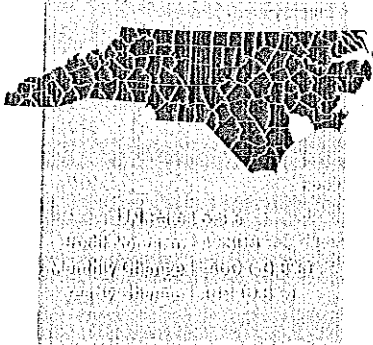
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-2.9%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-100	-0.7%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	500	0.8%
Other Services	100	2.3%
Government	-100	0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	-600	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	2.6%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	-500	-1.7%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	100	0.4%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



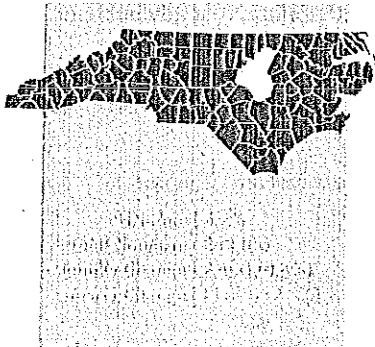
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	300	1.9%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	600	3.9%

Raleigh/Cary MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



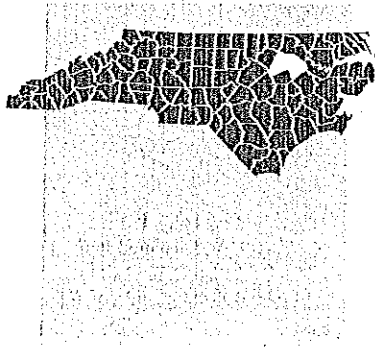
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.4%
Manufacturing	400	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,000	1.0%
Information	100	0.5%
Financial Activities	100	0.4%
Professional & Business Services	900	0.9%
Education & Health Services	-300	-0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400	2.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	500	0.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-2,500	-8.3%
Manufacturing	400	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,200	2.3%
Information	800	1.2%
Financial Activities	600	2.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,300	6.5%
Education & Health Services	1,600	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	1.1%
Other Services	800	3.6%
Government	2,200	2.4%

Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-4.2%
Manufacturing	100	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300	2.6%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.8%
Other Services	*	
Government	300	2.8%

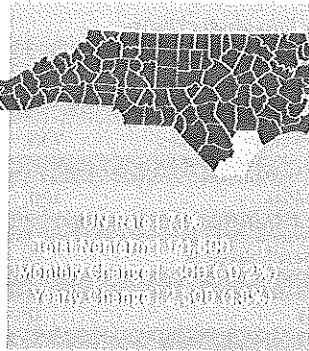
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	% Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-4.2%
Manufacturing	-200	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.5%
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	300	5.2%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.9%
Other Services	*	
Government	600	5.5%

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Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



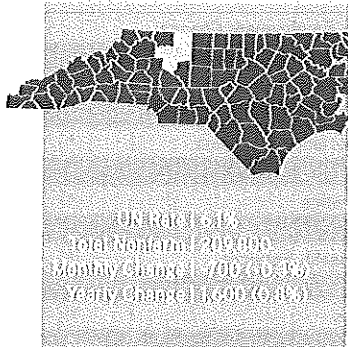
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-1.4%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	1.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600	-2.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	-100	-0.4%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-400	-5.6%
Manufacturing	100	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500	1.7%
Information	100	3.6%
Financial Activities	100	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	300	2.0%
Education & Health Services	400	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500	7.1%
Other Services	100	2.0%
Government	-200	-0.7%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | December 2013



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.8%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.3%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	100	0.9%
Professional & Business Services	300	1.1%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	-3.2%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	200	0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

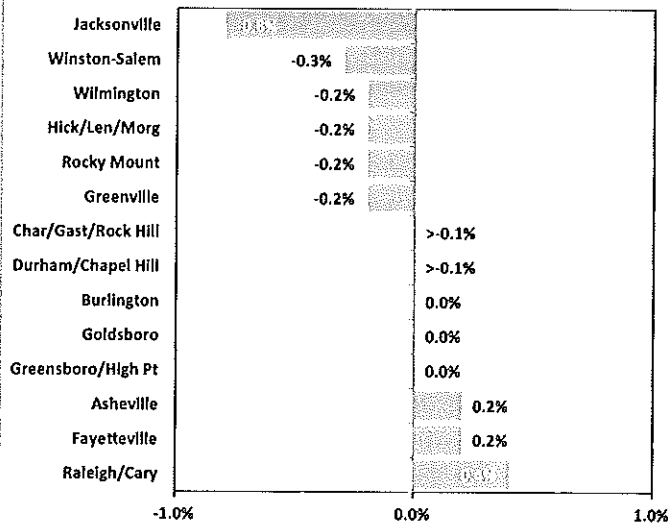
Industry	Change	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200	-2.8%
Manufacturing	-500	-2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	0.5%
Information	100	5.6%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.9%
Professional & Business Services	-1,400	-4.7%
Education & Health Services	1,400	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,300	6.5%
Other Services	-100	-1.3%
Government	900	3.5%

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Over the month, net industry employment decreased in eight of 14 MSAs. The Winston-Salem MSA had the largest net employment decrease with 700, followed by Jacksonville with 400. Jacksonville experienced the greatest percentage decrease at 0.8 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 13 MSAs. The Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill MSA had the largest net employment increase with 22,600, followed by Raleigh/Cary with 13,000, and Durham/Chapel Hill, 6,700. Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill NC-SC had the greatest percentage increase at 2.6 percent. Rocky Mount reported a net decrease of 800.

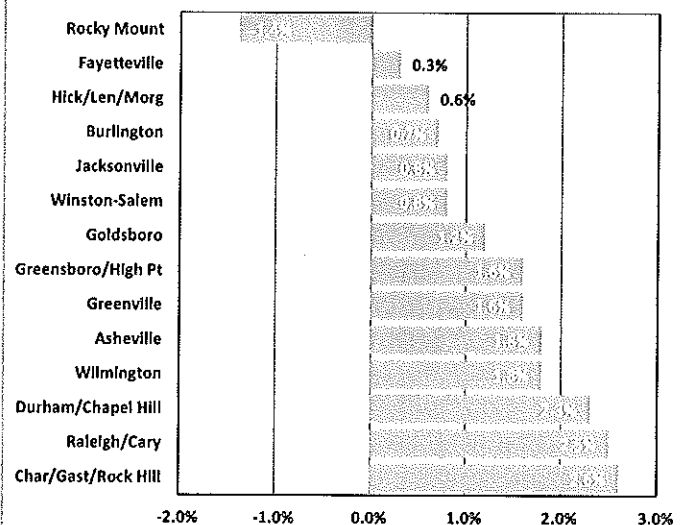
MSA Over-the-Month Employment Percent Change

November 2013-December 2013
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



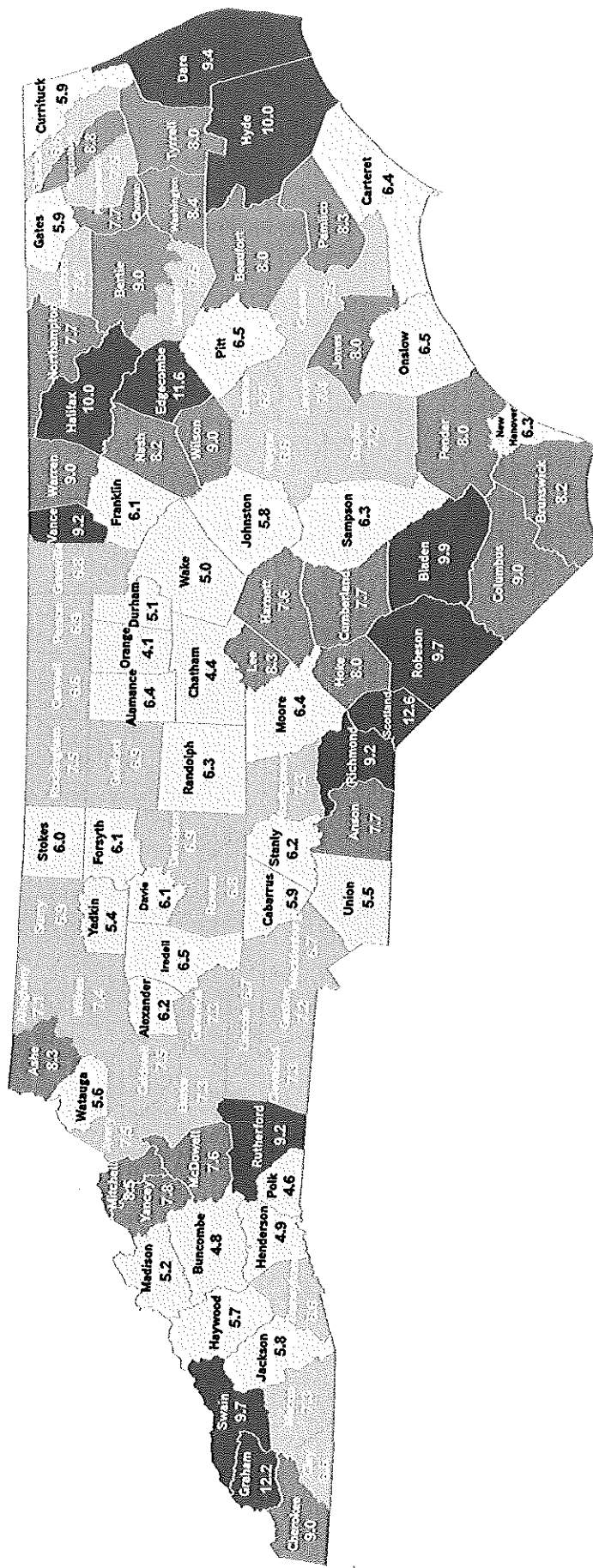
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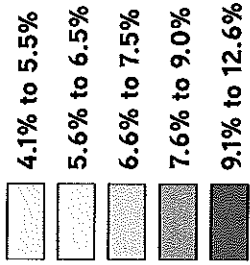


North Carolina Unemployment Rates by County

December 2013



December 2013



^ 11 Counties Higher Than Previous Month

v 86 Counties Lower Than Previous Month

= 3 Counties Same as Previous Month

**North Carolina Rate 6.6%
Not Seasonally Adjusted**

Note: December 2013 data are preliminary.
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