

North Carolina Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 140,800 jobs have been created in North Carolina.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 20,000 jobs were created in North Carolina.

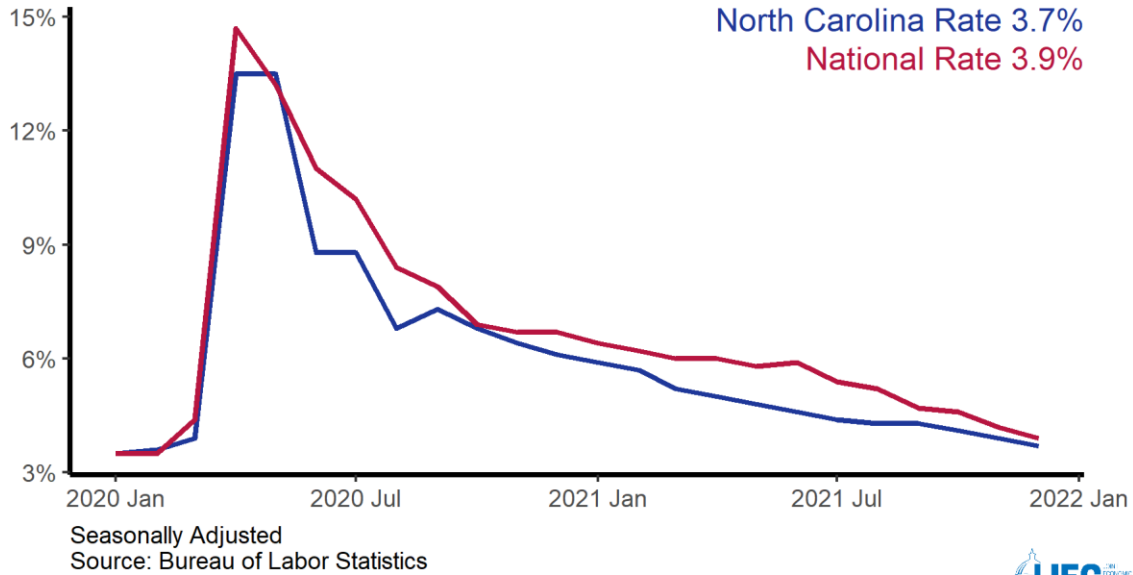
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, North Carolina	20,000	92%	140,800
Leisure and Hospitality, North Carolina	7,100	83%	47,900
Retail Trade, North Carolina	5,200	109%	5,400
Education and Health Services, North Carolina	4,200	58%	7,100
Professional and Business Services, North Carolina	2,000	148%	27,100
Manufacturing, North Carolina	1,500	99%	18,900
Construction, North Carolina	800	166%	11,400
Government, North Carolina	-700	28%	4,700

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

North Carolina Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



North Carolina Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

