

TRIANGLE SOUTH

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES * NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | July 2010 | June 2010 | May 2010 | July 2009 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Chatham | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 8.9 |
| Harnett | 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 11.9 |
| Lee | 11.6 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 14.5 |
| Sampson | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.6 |
| Triangle South | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 10.9 |
| North Carolina | 9.9 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 11.1 |
| North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted) | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 11.0 |

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

*July 2010 data are preliminary, while other 2010 data are revised and July 2009 data are benchmarked.

AREA QUICK FACTS

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE JULY 2010 *

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Chatham | 34043 |
| Harnett | 47895 |
| Lee | 26695 |
| Sampson | 31078 |
| Triangle South | 139711 |
| Statewide | 4541470 |

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics

*Not Seasonally Adjusted

UI BENEFITS PAID TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS DURING JULY 2010

\$138,833,733

NC UI AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT JULY 2010

\$287.27

NC MAXIMUM WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT AMOUNT

\$505

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, LMID

UNEMPLOYMENT AVERAGE DURATION RATE *

| | July 31, 2010 | July 31, 2009 | Duration Change |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Chatham | 18.9 | 15.9 | 3.0 |
| Harnett | 18.1 | 14.7 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 18.2 | 15.1 | 3.1 |
| Sampson | 17.2 | 13.8 | 3.4 |
| North Carolina | 18.5 | 15.1 | 3.4 |

*Average Duration is defined as the number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments.

NEW CORPORATIONS

| | July 2010 | July 2009 |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Chatham | 16 | 16 |
| Harnett | 28 | 20 |
| Lee | 18 | 18 |
| Sampson | 4 | 10 |

Source: NC Department of the Secretary of State

GENDER & AGE OF INDIVIDUALS FILING INITIAL CLAIMS TRIANGLE SOUTH WDB JULY 2010

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------|-----|
| 16-19 | 2% | Male | 56% |
| 20-24 | 10% | Female | 44% |
| 25-34 | 22% | | |
| 35-44 | 25% | | |
| 45-54 | 24% | | |
| 55-64 | 14% | | |
| 65 or Older | 3% | | |

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, LMID

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS ACTIVITY—JULY 2010

| | Total Initial Claims | Separated Claims | Attached Claims | Benefits Paid |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Chatham | 375 | 187 | 188 | \$654,965 |
| Harnett | 654 | 370 | 284 | \$1,258,421 |
| Lee | 335 | 225 | 110 | \$834,985 |
| Sampson | 436 | 231 | 205 | \$588,536 |
| North Carolina | 64,963 | 35,568 | 29,395 | \$138,833,733 |

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING UI BENEFITS

| | July 2010 | July 2009 |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chatham | 719 | 1,321 |
| Harnett | 1,424 | 2,364 |
| Lee | 840 | 2,053 |
| Sampson | 778 | 1,064 |
| North Carolina | 145,255 | 234,803 |

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

**TRIANGLE SOUTH QUARTERLY WORKFORCE INDICATORS
3RD QTR 2009**

| Quarterly Workforce Indicators | Mid-Carolina Local Area Council of Govt's WDB (Q3) | Mid-Carolina Local Area Council of Govt's WDB (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs) | North Carolina (Q3) | North Carolina (Avg: Selected +3 Prior Qtrs) |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|--|
| Total Employment | 77,551 | 80,191 | 3,693,354 | 3,828,092 |
| Net Job Flows | -1,580 | -997 | -67,699 | -56,658 |
| Job Creation | 3,696 | 4,304 | 172,453 | 173,399 |
| New Hires | 17,178 | 16,088 | 633,166 | 616,978 |
| Separations | 20,543 | 19,858 | 822,083 | 784,876 |
| Turnover | 9.90% | 9.50% | 8.90% | 8.80% |
| Avg. Monthly Earnings | \$2,652.00 | \$2,729.25 | \$3,358.00 | \$3,443.50 |
| Avg. New Hire Earnings | \$1,619.00 | \$1,785.00 | \$2,048.00 | \$2,131.50 |

| Industry | Hiring Growth (2008 Q3, 2009 Q3) | Hiring Growth (%) (2008 Q3, 2009 Q3) | Hiring (2009 Q3) | Hiring (2008 Q3) |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Support Activities for Agriculture & Forestry | 107 | 50.3% | 266 | 159 |
| Crop Production | 81 | 39.6% | 245 | 164 |
| Construction of Buildings | 18 | 30.0% | 69 | 51 |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities | 14 | 5.9% | 244 | 230 |
| Food Manufacturing | 12 | 3.7% | 328 | 316 |
| Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof. & Similar Orgs. | 10 | 40.0% | 30 | 20 |
| Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction | 8 | 14.8% | 58 | 50 |
| Private Households | 7 | 60.8% | 15 | 8 |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores | 5 | 90.9% | 8 | 3 |
| Nonstore Retailers | 4 | 33.3% | 14 | 10 |

Source: Local Employment Dynamics (LED), <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/index.html>

TOTAL REGISTERED APPLICANTS ACTIVE 7/1/2010-7/31/2010

| | Chatham | Harnett | Lee | Sampson |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----|---------|
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 430 | 821 | 458 | 409 |
| Clerical | 210 | 640 | 361 | 511 |
| Sales | 75 | 200 | 149 | 152 |
| Domestic Services | 5 | 22 | 11 | 16 |
| Other Services | 207 | 623 | 426 | 613 |
| Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery | 35 | 57 | 41 | 197 |
| Processing | 97 | 121 | 161 | 242 |
| Machine Trade | 186 | 332 | 296 | 213 |
| Benchwork | 51 | 222 | 156 | 143 |
| Structural Work | 156 | 514 | 360 | 275 |
| Motor Freight & Transportation | 52 | 148 | 66 | 144 |
| Packaging & Material Handling | 116 | 295 | 322 | 273 |
| Miscellaneous | 11 | 39 | 21 | 15 |

Source: ES-UI Reporting Unit, Labor Market Information Division

Note: Program Year 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011

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