

Quick Facts:

*Civilian Labor Force
North Carolina*

March 2008

Seasonally Adjusted

Employed – 4,306,624

Unemployed – 234,086

NC Unemployment Rates

March 2008

Seasonally Adjusted – 5.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted – 5.2

NC UI Average

Weekly Benefit

March 2008 – \$274.27

NC Maximum Weekly Benefit

Amount – \$476

Gender of Initial Claimants

In the Centralina WDB

March 2008

Male – 68%

Female – 32%

Age Ranges of Initial Claimants

In the Centralina WDB

March 2008

16-19 – 1%

20-24 – 6%

25-34 – 21%

35-44 – 30%

45-54 – 26%

55-64 – 14%

≥65 – 2%

Civilian Labor Force Estimates* *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

		March 2008	February 2008	March 2007
Anson	Labor Force	10,707	10,711	10,765
	Employed	9,951	9,899	9,998
	Unemployed	756	812	767
	Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.6	7.1
Cabarrus	Labor Force	81,939	81,523	81,551
	Employed	78,058	77,647	78,424
	Unemployed	3,881	3,876	3,127
	Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8	3.8
Iredell	Labor Force	81,857	81,414	80,911
	Employed	77,869	77,325	77,814
	Unemployed	3,988	4,089	3,097
	Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	3.8
Lincoln	Labor Force	41,236	40,949	40,271
	Employed	38,853	38,594	38,575
	Unemployed	2,383	2,355	1,696
	Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	4.2
Rowan	Labor Force	71,467	71,231	72,344
	Employed	67,674	67,286	69,184
	Unemployed	3,793	3,945	3,160
	Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.5	4.4
Stanly	Labor Force	31,333	31,262	31,455
	Employed	29,713	29,590	30,031
	Unemployed	1,620	1,672	1,424
	Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	4.5
Union	Labor Force	90,473	90,106	89,884
	Employed	86,186	85,732	86,590
	Unemployed	4,287	4,374	3,294
	Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	3.7
Centralina	Labor Force	409,012	407,196	407,181
	Employed	388,304	386,073	390,616
	Unemployed	20,708	21,123	16,565
	Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.2	4.1
North Carolina	Labor Force	4,515,648	4,500,091	4,500,502
	Employed	4,279,882	4,255,847	4,302,311
	Unemployed	235,766	244,244	198,191
	Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.4	4.4

*March 2008 data are preliminary, while February 2008 data are revised. 2007 data are benchmarked.

Labor Market Information Update

Unemployment Insurance Claims, March 2008

	Initial Claims	Weeks Claimed	UI Benefits Paid	Individuals Receiving Checks
Anson	168	1,420	\$267,424	349
Cabarrus	949	6,779	\$1,702,737	1,783
Iredell	1,447	7,659	\$1,956,732	2,264
Lincoln	750	4,172	\$965,032	1,164
Rowan	2,208	7,263	\$1,885,625	2,770
Stanly	493	2,893	\$689,596	804
Union	822	7,025	\$1,706,650	1,589
Statewide	54,555	417,363	\$91,396,131	106,868

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

Duration of Unemployment Insurance Benefits For 12 Months Ending March 31, 2008

Anson	Cabarrus	Iredell	Lincoln	Rowan	Stanly	Union	North Carolina
14.6	14.3	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.3	13.5	13.7

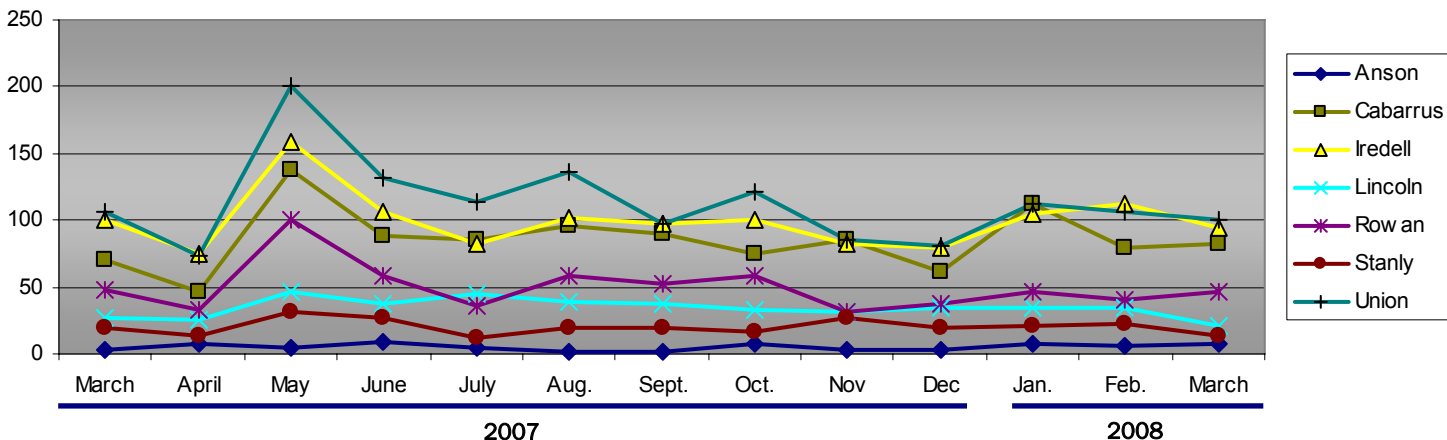
Note: Duration is the number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments.

ESC Employment Service Registered Applicants, 7/1/2007–03/31/2008

	Anson	Cabarrus	Iredell	Lincoln	Rowan	Stanly	Union
Professional, Technical & Managerial	357	2,371	2,065	807	1,525	706	1,933
Clerical	375	1,905	1,732	825	1,765	710	1,444
Sales	93	646	623	267	566	210	581
Domestic Services	4	35	40	13	34	32	44
Other Services	748	1,633	1,558	687	2,274	895	1,088
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	82	111	139	49	131	67	91
Processing	299	410	344	128	367	247	315
Machine Trade	254	784	1,208	769	1,200	488	499
Benchwork	140	415	714	480	537	265	291
Structural Work	226	1,160	1,054	568	1,611	679	912
Motor Freight & Transportation	99	466	480	208	498	194	291
Packaging & Material Handling	354	1,094	1,425	623	1,429	458	603
Miscellaneous	18	75	93	36	71	33	100

Note: Active Applicants and Job Openings YTD for the period 7/01/07–06/30/08.

New Corporations, March 2007 – March 2008



Source: Department of the NC Secretary of State