

The state's seasonally adjusted July unemployment rate was 8.9 percent, increasing 0.1 of a percentage point from June's revised rate. The national rate declined to 7.4 percent from June's 7.6 percent. North Carolina's July 2013 unemployment rate was 0.7 of a percentage point lower than a year ago. The number of people employed decreased 13,735 over the month to 4,278,516, and increased 14,902 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 1,527 over the month to 417,841, and declined 36,644 over the year. Employment increased 8,200 to 4,053,600 in July, with the major industry with the largest over-the-month increase was Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 5,200, followed by Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,700. The next unemployment update is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2013 when the county unemployment rates for July 2013 will be released.