

State Unemployment Rate Unchanged Through April

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North Carolina's unemployment rate remained steady at 10.8 percent through April.

The North Carolina Employment Security Commission also reports employment made a small gain, while the number of unemployed workers slightly decreased.

While the unemployment rate hasn't seen a jump of over a percentage point since January, the rate is almost double of April 2008's 5.7 percent unemployment rate.

The state's unemployment rate remains substantially higher than the national average of 8.9 percent.

Local government and education services saw the most job gains last month, while furniture and fabricated metal production and textile mills saw the most job losses.

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The NC ESC is scheduled to release their county-by-county numbers on Friday.