



THE EXPRESS • April 9, 2025 • Page 2 Anson County's February Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for February was 4.5%. In January it was 4.7%.

Anson's labor force in February was 8,897, 8,495 employed and 402 unemployed. In January the labor force was 8,908, with 8,489 employed and 419 unemployed. Statewide the unemployment rate for February was 3.7%. In January it was 4.0%. Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 95 counties in February 2025, increased in four, and remained unchanged in one. Hyde County had the highest unemployment rate at 8.6 percent while Camden County had the lowest at 2.6%.

All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Asheville had the highest rate at 5.5 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 3.0 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.7 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 71 counties, increased in 21, and remained unchanged in eight. Twelve metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year, one increased, and two remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in February by 2,690 to 5,075,410, while those unemployed decreased by 14,166 to 195,636. Since February 2024, the number of workers employed statewide increased 15,202, while those unemployed decreased 3,891.

Pick It Up, N.C.: Spring Litter Sweep Starts Saturday

North Carolina's roads are about to get a spring cleaning and it's not just the pollen getting swept away. The N.C. Department of Transportation's Spring Litter Sweep kicks off April 12 and runs through April 26. This biannual cleanup event invites residents across the state to bag litter and beautify roadsides, all while helping protect North Carolina's natural charm.

Every spring and fall, the Litter Sweep rallies volunteers to roll up their sleeves, grab some gloves, and remove roadside trash.

"We're excited to see volunteers out there starting Saturday and throughout the entire sweep," said Jeremy Goodwin, NCDOT's Roadside Environmental engineer. "Their hard work ensures our roadsides stay clean and welcoming for everyone. Every bag of litter picked up is a win for our state. These folks aren't just cleaning up, they're showing pride in their communities and making North Carolina safer and more beautiful for everyone." NCDOT maintenance crews will also be doing their part, collecting litter and hauling

away filled bags. Volunteers can request free cleanup supplies, including gloves, safety vests and trash

bags, from their local NCDOT county maintenance office. (Info at *ncdot.gov/littersweep.*) Joining the Litter Sweep is easy. Just bring a good attitude, a love for clean communities and a strong dislike for roadside clutter.

For more information or to get involved, visit *ncdot.gov/littersweep* and share your cleanup efforts on social media using #LitterSweepNC.



Anson Middle School Students Earn Recognition

Congratulations to Anson Middle School students Demontre Smith, Valeria Ayala and Taliyah Lee for earning a Bearcat Way Recognition on April 3. Keep doing things the Bearcat Way! They are pictured above with AMS Principal Arthur Jackson.



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