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North Carolina's February Employment Figures Released

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The state's seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, decreasing 0.2 points from January's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.1 points to 6.2 percent.

North Carolina's February 2021 unemployment rate increased 2.1 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 4,804 over the month to 4,746,591 and decreased 175,050 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 10,931 over the month to 286,788 and increased 103,294 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly

establishment survey, increased 14,400 to 4,452,900 in February. Major industries experiencing increases were Professional & Business Services, 6,700; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 3,900; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,400; Construction, 1,900; Manufacturing, 700; Education & Health Services, 500; Financial Activities, 300; Information, 100; and Mining & Logging, 100. Major in-

dustries experiencing decreases were Other Services, 1,300; and Government, 900. Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates since February 2020

Since February 2020, Total Nonfarm jobs decreased 173,700 with the Total Private sector decreasing by 133,700 and Government decreasing by 40,000. Major industries experiencing increases were Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 13,200; and Professional & Business Services, 7,300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 84,900; Government, 40,000; Education & Health Services, 34,300; Manufacturing, 18,800; Other Services, 13,500; Construction, 1,600; Information, 600; Financial Activities, 400; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Scam Alert: Cheating on **Homework Leads to Extortion Scam**

College and high school students who hire "tutors" to complete their class assignments are finding themselves the victims of extortion cons. The Better Business Bureau BBB Scam Tracker (bbb.org/scamtracker) has gotten reports about scam tutors who make money by threatening to report cheating students.

How the Scam Works You are struggling in class and search online for a tutoring company that can help - not by teaching you the material but by doing the work for you. Victims report paying a couple hundred dollars for "help" with assignments for math and technology classes.

As soon as you pay up, things don't go as you expect. Instead of helping you complete your homework, the company instead demands more money. They may claim it's for "additional research" or make another excuse. When you refuse to pay, the "tutor" turns on you. They send threatening emails or text messages claiming they will contact your school and expose you as a cheater. One victim reported to Scam Tracker: "Once you ask for your money back, they will try to email your school or teacher to tell them that you use them and they did your homework.

Tips to Avoid a Homework Helper Scam Hiring someone to complete your school assignments is cheating. But if you want to hire a tutor to help you understand the class material, follow these tips.

- · Ask for referrals. Asking friends, family, and teachers if they have any recommendations. Some schools even offer Honor Society students as free or reduced-cost tutors, so asking at school is a great place to start.
- · Check references. You should ask the individual tutor or tutoring service for references, and then contact them. It's best to speak to at least three references. Ask about their experience with the tutor and what sort of results they saw.
- Decide availability and rates up front. While tutors may charge extra for additional sessions before a big test, this should all be discussed and negotiated upfront. Last minute surprises and demands are signs of a less-than-scrupulous business.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program throughout the year, even during the pandemic. Normally they distribute coats and blankets to several of the churches and schools in Anson County as well as directly to those people in need. For now, if you or someone in your household needs a coat, children and adults, call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or 704-294-0480 and tell her what you need. She will deliver the coat to you.

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