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North Carolina footing \$700 million in SNAP benefits for the first time would be the equivalent of 8,900 K-12 public school teacher positions.

Four in five families participating in SNAP in NC have either a child, a senior, or an adult with a disability in the household. Each dollar in support for paying for groceries through SNAP frees up household resources for other essential needs like rent, utilities, or child care.

SNAP contributes nearly \$2.8 billion to North Carolina’s economy, and has a multiplier effect, with every \$1 invested in SNAP benefits generating between \$1.50 and \$1.80 for local economies. SNAP cuts would mean people have less to spend at NC’s more than 9,200 SNAP retailers, which would hurt farmers, the larger food distribution pipeline, and local economies overall, especially in rural areas and small towns.

SNAP is playing a vital role in supporting western North Carolinians impacted by Hurricane Helene. The 25 western NC counties most impacted by Helene still have higher enrollment in SNAP in April 2025 than they did in September 2024 before the storm hit. Notably, immediately after the storm, SNAP received 169,000 applications – the highest number of applications since Hurricane Florence in 2018.

Last week, Governor Stein sent a letter to Congress laying out the implications for North Carolina if SNAP cuts move forward.

Visit this site to read his letter: [governor.nc.gov May 8 letter](https://governor.nc.gov/May%208%20letter).

North Carolina's April Employment Figures Released

The state’s seasonally adjusted April 2025 unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, changed from March’s revised rate. The national rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent.

North Carolina’s unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed decreased 81 over the month to 5,098,151 and increased 1,063 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 1,173 over the month to 196,360 and increased 7,959 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 18,100 to 5,094,100 in April. Major industries experiencing increases were Professional & Business Services, 4,500; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 4,000; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,800; Private Education & Health Services, 2,200; Manufacturing, 2,100; Other Services, 1,500; Government, 900; Construction, 200; Information, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100. The only major industry experiencing a decrease was Financial Activities, 400.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates since April 2024

	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
N.C.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
U.S.	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2

Since April 2024, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 76,700 with the Total Private sector increasing by 60,900 and Government increasing by 15,800. Major industries experiencing increases were Private Education & Health Services, 20,300; Professional & Business Services, 17,800; Government, 15,800; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 11,300; Construction, 6,700; Other Services, 5,400; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 3,300; Financial Activities, 1,700; and Mining & Logging, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases over the year were Manufacturing, 5,300; and Information, 600.

Flat Rock Church Cemetery Maintenance Fund

There is now a Cemetery Fund set up through Truist Bank to keep and maintain the Flat Rock Church Cemetery. Every Truist location will be capable of accepting a donation. Please obtain a receipt for your records.

Donations are gratefully accepted for ancestors’ final resting place.

For details please contact Deaconess Chris Clemons Polk at feford1954@aol.com. Thank you in Advance.

Town of Lilesville

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

When: **Monday, June 2, 2025**

Where: **Lilesville Fire Department
202 West Wall Street
Lilesville NC 28091**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Lilesville Proposed FY 2025-26 budget has been submitted to the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk at 114 East Wall Street, Lilesville, NC 28091. The Lilesville Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget during it's regular meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing and may provide comments. The budget ordinance is scheduled for adoption by the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information regarding the Annual Budget, please call

704-848-4711

Lynn B. Whitlock, Town Clerk / Finance Officer

Statement from the Governor on Proposed Cuts to SNAP

Governor Josh Stein released this statement on proposed federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):

“SNAP helps 1.4 million North Carolinians put food on the table. Congress’s proposed cuts are unprecedented and would make North Carolina pay up to \$700 million to continue current benefits, all so that the wealthiest Americans can receive even bigger tax cuts. If Congress goes forward with these plans, our state will be forced into perilous budget decisions – should North Carolinians lose access to food, or should we get rid of other essential services? I urge our members of Congress to reject this budget proposal so that North Carolina families don’t go hungry.”

Currently, the federal government covers 100% of food benefits for SNAP participants. Now, Congress has proposed shifting food benefit costs to states for the first time in the program’s history.

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If interested you may bring your resume to the office:

Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition

204 East Wade Street in Wadesboro

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Or you can mail your resume:

P.O. Box 694

Wadesboro, NC 28170

Please do not submit resume by social media. It will not be accepted.

For any questions please call 704-694-4499 and ask for Karen. EOE

TOWN OF MORVEN

Housing Rehabilitation Construction Services

“GENERAL CONTRACTOR SOLICITATION”

The Town of Morven recently received \$750,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division to provide housing rehabilitation services for approximately (12) low/moderate income, owner occupied single-family properties. All properties are located within the Town of Morven. The Town of Morven is soliciting the services of qualified, licensed General Contractors / firms to complete the housing construction activities.

PURPOSE: The County’s purpose in issuing this notice is to ensure qualified, licensed general contractors are made aware of this program and are provided an opportunity bid on the project. Prior to bidding interested contractors must complete a “Contractor Application” and be approved by the Town of Morven.

GENERAL SCOPE OF ANTICIPATED SERVICES: The Town proposes to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately twelve (12) qualified residential properties. Services may include but are not limited to:

- Removal of interior walls / Electrical system upgrades / Plumbing system upgrade / Install new HVAC units / Insulate floors, walls, ceilings / Repair defective floors systems (sills, joists, piers) / / Install new siding / Install new doors and windows / Install new bath and kitchen cabinets and fixtures / Install new roof / roof system

Copies of Contractor applications can be obtained at:

Selected contractors will be issued Copies of the Work Write-Up / Bid Specifications. Please contact James Luster, Community / Economic Development Coordinator at 704-458-3106 or jluster@centralina.org to obtain a copy of the contractor application or if you have additional questions

SUBMISSIONS:

All “completed” applications must be submitted to:
**James Luster, Project Administrator, Centralina Regional Council
Morven Town Hall
301 East Main Street
Morven, NC 28119
704-458-3106 / jluster@centralina.org**

Bid-Opening will be held on May 28, 2025.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact ([Corinthia Lewis-Lemon](mailto:Corinthia.Lewis-Lemon@centralina.org), Clerk) at (704-851-9321) or at (301 E. Main Street, Morven, NC 28119) for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con ([Corinthia Lewis-Lemon](mailto:Corinthia.Lewis-Lemon@centralina.org), Clerk) al (704-851-9321) o en (301 E. Main Street, Morven, NC 28119) de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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