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Good news and challenges face North Carolina Eastern Region with collective efforts to develop a defense-aerospace sector as one of the bright spots, said John Chaffee, the 13-county regional economic development group director.

Chaffee welcomed more than 400 business, industry, government, and education leaders to the Greenville Hilton on January 6, 2011 for a State of the Region report including spokesmen in each segment and U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., with the keynote address.

Martin Lancaster, former N.C. Community College System president and congressman, introduced four members of an Eastern North Carolina defense-aerospace sector panel. It included Rick Davis, Kinston site operator for Spirit Aero-Systems, "world's largest independent supplier of aircraft and a catalyst for that sector," and its newest major regional industry.

Davis said he can be a spokesman for the workforce of Eastern North Carolina as enthusiastic, energetic, skilled workers showed passion to get the company open last year and got the job done. That and the state and region "living up to every promise to our company" has Spirit committed to the military-aerospace cluster

further developing in the region. "I can't emphasize enough that we appreciate the hard work and continued support," said Davis. He said that from July to December the company's Kinston facility started production and in December finished, packed and delivered an aircraft spar — a major structural component — to the company's Scotland plant. They also shipped a 65-foot-long, 75-foot-wide panel in April to prove out the delivery system. Davis said "2011 is going to be all about logistics" for Spirit as "we move thousands of parts from suppliers across the globe to our site." Chaffee showed defense-aerospace employment charts with Spirit currently employing 175 workers and an expectation of 450 to be employed by the end of 2011, and 750 by the end of 2012.

Mary Beth Fennell, industrial business operations director at Fleet Readiness Center East at Cherry Point air station, said the future looks bright for the 3,500 employees working there on 130 aircraft this year and 23,000 components for others. Also on the panel were Mike Stahl with Honeywell International in Rocky Mount and Vince Misciagna with AAR Structures and Systems Group in Goldsboro. Speaking for ECU's commitment to help lift a region weighted with unemployment, Deirdre Mageean, vice chancellor for Research

and Graduate Studies, said "your university stands proudly with you as a resource and partner." She said ECU will seek to be "a national model for how a university can help transform a region" with research for natural resources, health issues, and science for emerging industries. Mageean said ECU will focus on developing distance education to make its resources available to all "no matter where they live" and continue to develop programs to accommodate education for the region's military population.

Source: newbernsj.com



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Vision

Our vision for the eastern counties of North Carolina is a highly skilled workforce with an educational attainment level that meets the needs of the 21st Century workplace, so that local firms can compete in a technologically advanced global economy.

Mission

Our mission is to ensure that our workforce development system is customer focused, demand-driven and accountable in preparing our current and future workforce to meet the changing needs of a highly-competitive global economy.

Value Added

We add economic value to our communities by ensuring that quality education, job training, and employment opportunities are available for job/training seekers and employers alike, thereby improving the quality of life for our citizens throughout eastern North Carolina.

Key Strategies

- Engage business and community leaders in addressing workforce issues and promote strategies to improve education levels & basic workplace skills.
- Strengthen alliances with economic development to identify and address the workforce needs of current and future industries.
- Implement a community awareness plan that promotes the WDB, JobLink Career Centers, and partner services.
- Identify and implement effective employment and training strategies that result in employment opportunities for all citizens.



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Directors Corner

Dear Colleagues,

Much continues to be at stake in the workforce development arena. On the National front, the Senate held two votes on competing appropriations measures to fund the federal government for the rest of FY2011. The House-passed bill (H.R. 1) failed on a vote of 44-56, while the Senate version fell on a vote of 42-58. The current continuing resolution was set to expire on March 18, but House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers introduced a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the federal government at current levels through April 8.

The legislation (H.J. Res 48) would cut approximately \$6 billion in spending. There have been five stopgap funding measures since the fiscal year began on October 1, 2010. Another short-term CR will allow congressional leaders time to continue negotiations on a long-term plan to keep the government running through the end of the fiscal year. [For more details on the bill and the list of cuts, go to <http://appropriations.house.gov>.]

On the State front, the Governor announced a sweeping consolidation that affects numerous state agencies. The plans are to restructure state government to make it more efficient. Organizations will be streamlined. Core services will be prioritized. Many divisions, programs and sections will no longer exist as we currently know them. The goal is to create a leaner, more nimble state government that will focus on efficiencies, priorities and cost savings.

As apart of those efforts, the Governor announced that the NC Employment Security Commission will be consolidated into the Department of Commerce. Though it is too early to know the details and transition timeline, this is good news in many ways for North Carolina's businesses and job-seekers. Since 1995, North Carolina has been working toward establishing an integrated Workforce Development System, known as NC JobLink Career Centers. This consolidation will allow the state to fully align and solidify those efforts. The Governor has created a website that identifies outlines her plan at www.setgovernmentstraight.nc.gov

With change in the air, the Board, staff, JobLink partners, and WIA service providers have continued its focus on JobsNow to work together during these challenging times to ensure high quality employment and training services are available. From July - December, a record number of over 34,000 individuals visited our nine local JobLink Center seeking services. With employment rates at nearly 10%, one service that remains untapped for local employers is the newly funded National Emergency Grant On-the-Job training program which will reimburse employers a portion of the wages during the training period. As businesses begin hiring this Spring, we anticipate this program will be a great benefit in jump starting employment opportunities for many long-term displaced workers.

While we are uncertain of what actions will transpire over the next couple of months as it relates to the federal budget, let us embrace the change of Spring with optimism and a renewed sense of urgency and commitment to making North Carolina's Workforce Investment System work for the citizens and local businesses of North Carolina.

-Tammy Childers



Workforce Day of Action

Join the National Association of Workforce Boards and thirteen other national organizations in a [Workforce Day of Action](#) on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Workforce development programs are an important part of the nation's economic recovery and job creation effort, yet the House Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Appropriations bill (HR 1) [zeroes out all funding](#) for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) state and local employment and training programs, a cut of over \$3.6 billion for the coming year (beginning this July).

[Sign up today to participate in the Workforce Day of Action](#) and stand united with the National Association of Workforce Boards and other national workforce organizations on Thursday, March 24 in support of adequate funding for workforce education and training programs.

Thank you all for rallying to support all of our efforts to educate our policy makers on the importance of federal workforce and training programs. If you have not taken these following actions already, please do so ASAP.

[Sign the Restore WIA Funding Virtual Petition](#) - Sign and share the link with your colleagues and customers.

[Sign the Congress Letter of Support](#) - Workforce Investment Board chairs, sign the support letter to Congress.

[Visit Workforce Investment Works and submit your stories](#) - Almost 1,000 stories have been submitted to date. This is your vehicle to showcase your workforce organization to your local elected officials and on a national front.

[Join and share the Facebook Workforce Cause Page](#) - Weigh in on the proposed budget cuts and share it with your colleagues and customers.

Keep up with campaign updates on our Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/WorkforceInvest>.

\$776,650 in grants to be awarded in Eastern North Carolina

The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center announced it had awarded 46 grants totaling \$5.4 million to create jobs, provide clean water and promote economic development in rural counties. The grants will create or retain 1,400 jobs and assist projects in more than 40 counties. The center's board of directors approved the grants Feb. 22. The grants were made possible by appropriations of the N.C. General Assembly.

The center awarded 42 grants worth \$5 million for projects creating jobs in rural communities. The projects will serve nearly 240 businesses, create 670 jobs and retain an additional 700 jobs. Projects include the extension of water and sewer service to new or expanding businesses, renovation of vacant buildings for new business locations, construction or renovation of health care facilities, and innovative local and regional economic development projects.

Below is a breakdown of the grant funded in the Eastern Region:

Nash County, \$32,000 for a medical center serving southwestern Nash, Franklin, Johnston and Wilson counties. The center will provide primary care full

time and offer space for specialty physicians on a part-time basis. The project will create four jobs.

Pitt County, \$400,000 for construction of a children's hospital at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The project will create 50 jobs.

James Sprunt Community College, \$59,650 to purchase tortilla manufacturing equipment for the college's Eastern Carolina Food Ventures Kitchen. A start-up company being incubated at the kitchen will purchase local corn as an ingredient in its tortillas. Potential sales in Duplin and surrounding counties are estimated at \$4.5 million annually. The project will create nine jobs and serve six businesses.

Pamlico Community College, \$75,000 for an entrepreneurial development program targeting low-income residents and ex-offenders exiting the prison system. The program will include a matched savings program (individual development accounts), financial literacy and business training, and mentoring. The project will create two jobs and

two businesses.

North Carolina's Eastern Region, \$210,000 for a program assisting counties in becoming certified as Work Ready Communities. The regional partnership is working with CFED on a 16-month demonstration of the process.

The N.C. Rural Economic Development Center is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop sound economic strategies that improve the quality of life in rural North Carolina, with a special focus on individuals with low to moderate incomes and communities with limited resources. The center operates a multifaceted program that includes conducting research into rural issues; testing promising rural development strategies; advocating for policy and program innovations; and building the productive capacity of rural leaders, entrepreneurs and community organizations.

Source: ncruralcenter.org

Craven County Schools WIA Students Tour Fleet Readiness East Aboard Cherry Point MCAS

Craven WIA Students Takes on Service Project

Craven County School's Workforce Investment classes from New Bern High School and Havelock High School recently toured Fleet Readiness Center at Cherry Point. Students were treated to a personal on-board tour of Pedro, the rescue helicopter.

They also met with representatives from Human Resources who discussed job opportunities aboard base. They were told how to apply for positions and what kind of internships were available.



Craven County Schools WIA students at West Craven High School sponsored Troops in Afghanistan Service Project. Personal hygiene items and non-perishable foods were collected from the three high schools, West Craven, New Bern, and Havelock and mailed to the 183 Maintenance Company, presently deployed to Shindand, Afghanistan.

Phyllis Smith, case manager at West Craven High School learned of the needs from her son, Ryan, a former graduate of West Craven who is currently deployed to Afghanistan. The WIA youth wanted to make a difference and turned this service project into a leadership project. Donations from staff and FBLA at West Craven assisted with the postage. Twenty-one boxes packed full were mailed to the servicemen and woman.

Source: Craven County Schools

Mark Best, Craven Community College Receives Statewide Recognition from the N.C. Community College System

Best Named as 2011 NCCCS Staff Person of the Year



Mark Best, the college's director of Craven Community College's workforce readiness programs, was named the N.C. Community College System's Staff Person of the Year for 2011. His career at the college spans 25 years, and he is a 1974 graduate of West Craven High. He earned his bachelor's degree at Fayetteville State University in 1978.

"I am so proud to represent Craven at the system level," Best said in a news release. "I want to thank all of my colleagues here for their support and encouragement." As the college's workforce readiness director, Best schedules and manages short-term classes designed to teach basic computer skills, interviewing techniques, résumé writing, and other skills. He works closely with the unemployed and underemployed, the release states. He has also recently helped to organize career fairs, to build partnerships with area organizations, and he has worked one-on-one with people searching for the right path, according to the release.

"Mark wants people to know what's available for them here at Craven, and he has worked hard to ensure that we, at the college, remain focused on the educational needs of our community," said Layne Harpine, Craven's dean of continuing education.

The Staff Person of the Year Award was established in 2001, according to the website nccommunitycolleges.edu, to recognize "excellent performance and com-

mitment to the community college mission" of non-teaching staff at the system's 58 community colleges.

Catherine Chew, president of Craven Community College, said Best's years of dedication to the college and its mission made him a perfect choice for the honor. "Mark has had such a positive impact on so many people's lives," Chew said. Best is the third employee from Craven Community College to receive a statewide honor from the system, according to the release. In 2004, Si Seymour, then the college's interim vice president for instruction, received the system's Staff Person of the Year Award. Philip Evancho, then the college's fine arts director, received the system's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990.

Best will be formally recognized at an April 14 system event in Raleigh. The award, sponsored by BB&T, comes with a cash prize, a certificate and a plaque. The college's foundation will also receive \$2,000.

Source: newbernsj.com

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North Carolina Career Readiness Certification

The Year in Review 2010

Thanks to all of the NC CRC partners for your hard work in building North Carolina's skilled workforce with the North Carolina Career Readiness Certificate (NC CRC). Due to your contributions, **North Carolina is now ranked as the 5th highest state in the nation for the number of CRCs issued!** The total of NC CRCs issued as of December 2010 in North Carolina is 66,706. The distribution by certificate level is as follows: Gold- 19%, Silver- 57%, and Bronze- 24%.

These percentages are in line with the distribution percentages for the nation, which are Gold-20%, Silver-53%, Bronze-27%. See Regional Partnership charts below for additional detail about distribution across the state. The NC CRC website (www.crcnc.org) also provides real-time workforce development information by using the Talent Pipeline search option. 2010 was an incredible year with the number of individuals who earned an NC CRC increasing by 38% as compared to the NC CRCs earned in 2009 (19,123 in 2009, to 26,386 in

2010). The community colleges and partners did an excellent job of integrating the NC CRC into the JobsNOW "12 in 6" initiative programs. 7,423 CRCs were issued through the JobsNOW training programs. The **Performance Incentive Grant** provided an essential source of funds for individuals in need of assistance to earn a NC Career Readiness Certificate. Over 8,200 individuals earned an NC CRC with funding provided by the Performance Incentive Grant. These funds are available through June 30, 2011.

There are approximately 150 high schools providing students with an opportunity to earn an NC CRC and over 250 employers across the state recognizing the NC CRC as value-added or requiring the NC CRC for employment. The NC Career Readiness Certificate is integrated into all areas of the community college programs including Basic Skills, Continuing Education, and Curriculum. The certificate is used in some programs as a pre-requisite and is part of the instruction in other programs. Other state agencies such as

Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Corrections have found the NC CRC to be a credential that provides an "extra edge" for their clients. T

he year 2010 saw the debut of the first annual combined NC CRC/ HRD Training Academy with a fantastic sharing of information and best practices. The type of employers recognizing the NC CRC is increasing and continuing to diversify. The highest prevalence of use is currently in the following industries: Manufacturing and Advanced Manufacturing, Employment and Staffing Agencies, Health Care Facilities, and Public Safety organizations. The 4th quarter 2010 CRC rankings by community college service area are available on www.crcnc.org. Click on Presentations and scroll down to 2010 Fourth Quarter CRC Standings.

Source: NCCCS

North Carolina Workforce Development Boards Partner with the Local Community College to Provide NC CRC Support and Funding

Workforce Board	% of Certificates Issued	Workforce Board	% of Certificates Issued
Cape Fear	1.4%	Lumber River	8.1%
Capital Area	2.4%	Mountain Area	3.4%
Centralina	11.3%	Northeastern	1.4%
Charlotte Mecklenburg	1.8%	Northwestern Piedmont	5%
Cumberland County	1.3%	Pee Dee	2.6%
Davidson Works	2.4%	Region C	4.5%
Durham	1.0%	Region Q	4.0%
Eastern Carolina	18.4%	Regional Partnership	4.0%
Gaston County	3.4%	Southwestern	1.6%
Guilford County	5.9%	Triangle South	1.8%
High Country	1.5%	Turning Point	5.4%
Kerr-Tar	3.6%	Western Piedmont	4.0%

ASPIRE – Assessing Skills for Performance in a Rebounding Economy

Career Readiness Certificate February Report

ASPIRE emphasizes vertical and horizontal integration of WorkKeys and CRC in a number of workforce components including K-12 schools, community colleges, Workforce Development Boards, economic development organizations, non-profits, and business and industry. By leveraging resources available from WDBs (through Workforce Investment Act - WIA programs for dislocated workers and low income adults and youth), ASPIRE maximizes the impact of funds as it develops a model for others in the region and in the state.

Capitalizing on the availability of successful, working models (such as the Wayne Occupational Readiness Keys for Success Initiative (WORKS) in Wayne County and Lenoir CC's model HRD program), ASPIRE will facilitate the development of similar projects through mentoring, guiding and advising the other members of the alliance.

ASPIRE Alliance Members

Carteret Community College
Coastal Carolina Community College
Craven Community College
James Sprunt College
Lenoir Community College
Pamlico Community College
Pitt Community College
Wayne Community College

Source: Data Report/FEB2011 | [WCDA, Inc.]

ASPIRE Alliance CRCs Awarded by County / July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

COUNTY	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
Carteret	26	95	22	143
Craven	81	247	113	441
Duplin	76	197	43	316
Greene	125	194	27	346
Jones	10	31	8	49
Lenoir	284	393	92	769
Onslow	59	227	86	372
Pamlico	23	62	40	125
Pitt	91	199	99	389
Wayne	367	902	236	1505

ASPIRE Alliance CRCs by Community College / July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

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Craven CC	81	247	113	441
James Sprunt CC	76	197	43	316
Lenoir CC	390	578	118	1086
Pamlico CC	23	62	40	125
Pitt CC	91	199	99	389
Wayne CC	367	902	236	4377

*NOTE: When comparing CRCs awarded by assessment sites and counties for the ASPRE Alliance, figures may be different.

Source: Data Report/FEB2011 |

Register Now to Participate in this Free Webinar

The importance of **Entrepreneurship** to the future of Southern communities is the focus of a new Southern Growth resource guide, to be released via a webinar on **March 28, 2011**. The guide is the fourth in Southern Growth's *Seeing the Future* series, a set of resource guides designed to help Southern communities better understand current economic trends and to plan ahead for the opportunities of the future. Learn what Southern Growth sees as the importance of entrepreneurship.

Hear from **Deborah Markley**, *Managing Director of the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship*, about how communities are using entrepreneurship as a key economic development strategy. Get tips on how to get started in your community.

Date: March 28, 2011
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Registration: The webinar is **free**, but please register in advance at

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N.C. to Receive \$46 Million in Federal Funds for Small Business Loans

Community banks can leverage more than \$800 million in assistance to small, local businesses

North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue recently announced that North Carolina will receive \$46.1 million in federal funds for the N.C. Capital Access Program (NC-CAP) at the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. The money, allocated through the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, will allow community banks to help leverage more than \$800 million in credit for North Carolina small businesses.

North Carolina is one of the first two states to have their applications approved by the U.S. Treasury Department. Gov. Perdue called on Congress to fund the Jobs Act in October, vowing that North Carolina would put the money to work immediately. Between 1994 and 2008, NC-CAP helped North Carolina lending institutions make 1,850 small business loans totaling more than \$103 million, helping save or create more than 27,000 jobs. NC-CAP is a loan loss reserve program that encourages financial institutions to make small business loans.

"Expanding access to credit for small businesses is critical for speeding North

Carolina's economic recovery. Two-thirds of new jobs are created by small businesses, and they employ our friends, neighbors and family members," said Gov. Perdue. "We will use these federal funds to help those small businesses to grow, and that helps communities across our state. Small businesses depend on access to credit in order to hire and expand, and this funding will better position main street entrepreneurs to create new jobs and invest in their local communities," said Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner. "Innovative public-private lending partnerships like the State Small Business Credit Initiative have a proven track record, and I am pleased this funding is on its way to North Carolina to support job creation and economic growth."

"I feel this is a very important program that will allow small businesses and manufacturers the opportunity to work through North Carolina bankers to acquire much needed capital," said U.S. Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC).

Source: nccommerce.com

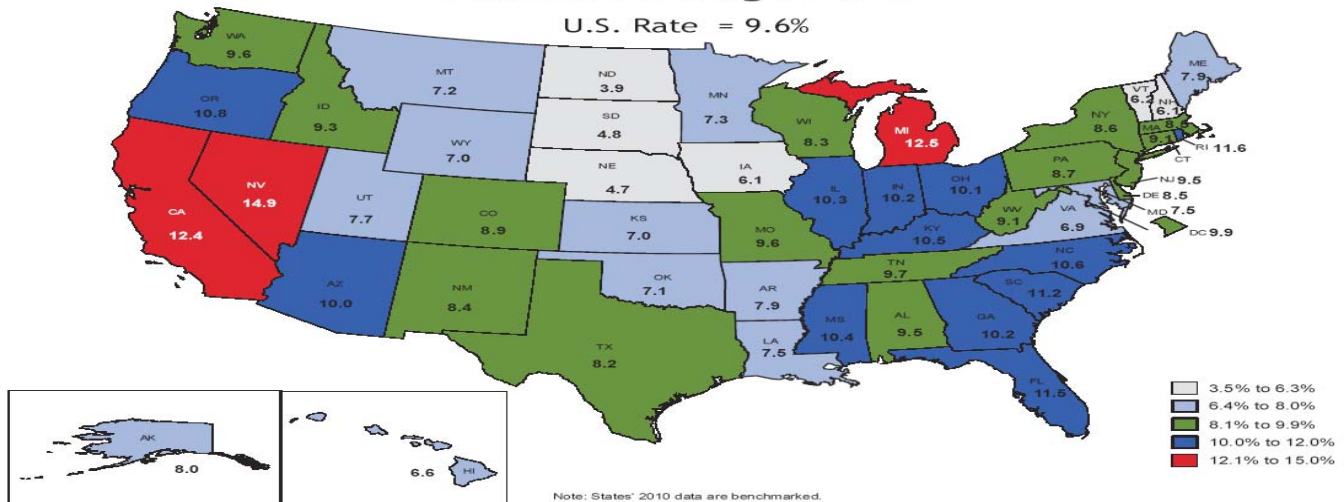
North Carolina



The numbers tell the story:

- #1 for business, according to Site Selection magazine
- 3rd best state for Business in America, according to Forbes
- 2nd in the nation for job creation (Sept. 2009 - Sept. 2010)
- 30,000 new jobs promised by companies moving to or expanding in N.C.
- 5th in the nation for personal income growth since June 2009
- 10 percent increase in corporate profits

Unemployment Rates By State, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Average 2010



During 2010, annual average unemployment rates rose in 31 states and the District of Columbia, declined in 18 and was unchanged in one state, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). For North Carolina, the annual average unemployment rate was 10.6 percent. Nevada recorded the highest rate, 14.9 percent, followed by Michigan (12.5%) and California (12.4%). According to the BLS, this was the first time since 2005 that Michigan did not post the highest unemployment rate among the states. North Dakota reported the lowest jobless rate of 3.9 percent in 2010, followed by Nebraska (4.7%) and South Dakota (4.8%). The unemployment rates for our neighboring states were Georgia (10.2%), South Carolina (11.2%), Tennessee (9.7%), and Virginia (6.9%).

February 2011 Regional Snapshot

Quick Facts

Announced Business Closings And Layoffs For 12 Months Ending December 2010*

Closings	34
Layoffs	1

Source: LMID

*Totals are not comprehensive, representing only the totals reported.

Gender of Individuals Filing Initial Claims December 2010

Male	61%
Female	39%

Source: WRER Unit, LMID

Age Range of Individuals Filing Initial Claims December 2010

16-19	2%
20-24	11%
25-34	26%
35-44	22%
45-54	23%
55-64	13%
65 or Older	3%

Source: WRER Unit, LMID

Duration of Unemployment Insurance Benefits For 12 Months Ending Dec. 31, 2010*

Carteret	18.4
Craven	16.3
Duplin	16.3
Greene	18.0
Jones	17.2
Lenoir	17.1
Onslow	16.9
Pamlico	16.2
Wayne	17.8

*Duration is the number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments.

		December 2010	November 2010	December 2009
Carteret	Labor Force	31,913	32,260	33,536
	Employed	29,176	29,582	30,473
	Unemployed	2,737	2,678	3,063
	Rate %	8.6	8.3	9.1
Craven	Labor Force	41,961	42,252	43,441
	Employed	37,848	38,112	38,906
	Unemployed	4,113	4,140	4,535
	Rate %	9.8	9.8	10.4
Duplin	Labor Force	23,350	24,296	25,051
	Employed	21,283	22,071	22,781
	Unemployed	2,067	2,225	2,270
	Rate %	8.9	9.2	9.1
Greene	Labor Force	8,983	8,989	9,061
	Employed	8,155	8,192	8,126
	Unemployed	828	797	935
	Rate %	9.2	8.9	10.3
Jones	Labor Force	4,642	4,697	4,823
	Employed	4,201	4,230	4,318
	Unemployed	441	467	505
	Rate %	9.5	9.9	10.5
Lenoir	Labor Force	26,652	26,972	27,860
	Employed	23,931	24,133	24,721
	Unemployed	2,721	2,839	3,139
	Rate %	10.2	10.5	11.3
Onslow	Labor Force	64,314	65,062	64,184
	Employed	59,277	59,898	58,900
	Unemployed	5,037	5,164	5,284
	Rate %	7.8	7.9	8.2
Pamlico	Labor Force	5,339	5,342	5,541
	Employed	4,866	4,900	5,002
	Unemployed	473	442	539
	Rate %	8.9	8.3	9.7
Wayne	Labor Force	52,391	53,123	51,834
	Employed	48,109	48,631	47,033
	Unemployed	4,282	4,492	4,801
	Rate %	8.2	8.5	9.3
Eastern Carolina WDB	Labor Force	259,545	262,993	265,331
	Employed	236,846	239,749	240,260
	Unemployed	22,699	23,244	25,071
	Rate %	8.7	8.8	9.4
North Carolina	Labor Force	4,440,663	4,470,596	4,488,354
	Employed	4,010,124	4,025,809	3,997,906
	Unemployed	430,539	444,787	490,448
	Rate %	9.7	9.9	10.9
United States	Labor Force	153,156,000	153,698,000	152,693,000
	Employed	139,159,000	139,415,000	137,953,000
	Unemployed	13,997,000	14,282,000	14,740,000
	Rate %	9.1	9.3	9.7

December 2010 data are preliminary, while November 2010 data are revised, and December 2009 data are benchmarked.

Total Registered Applicants Active 7/01/2010-12/31/2010

	Carteret	Craven	Duplin	Greene	Jones	Lenoir	Onslow	Pamlico	Wayne
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	1,247	1,614	647	247	199	789	2,174	145	1,482
Clerical	833	1,292	607	217	98	797	1,752	113	1,503
Sales	399	457	174	56	47	240	745	37	492
Domestic Sales	42	74	19	*	*	26	66	8	50
Other Services	1,033	1,378	827	220	131	1,150	2,103	125	1,896
Ag., Forestry & Fishery	96	198	261	30	28	79	169	17	206
Processing	41	126	701	66	12	274	100	16	645
Machine Trade	171	369	367	124	51	321	345	44	575
Benchwork	70	386	107	85	48	518	167	35	246
Structural Work	694	1,004	533	181	155	597	1,259	139	777
Motor Freight & Transp.	152	221	196	47	33	182	337	34	314
Pgk. & Material Handling	243	332	644	106	40	484	260	31	837
Miscellaneous	22	52	18	*	*	20	66	7	34

Active Applicants YTD for the period 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 *Data of three or less are suppressed.

Unemployment Insurance Claims*

	December 2010		December 2009	
	Initial Claims	Benefits Paid	Initial Claims	Benefits Paid
Carteret	535	\$806,601	662	\$1,235,196
Craven	939	\$1,008,837	864	\$1,611,303
Duplin	388	\$538,893	559	\$761,199
Greene	147	\$149,420	266	\$291,171
Jones	80	\$112,849	111	\$159,855
Lenoir	376	\$611,596	736	\$1,033,588
Onslow	724	\$932,674	900	\$1,253,476
Pamlico	89	\$98,750	93	\$183,619
Wayne	666	\$890,285	1,018	\$1,552,653

*WRER Unit, Labor Market Information Division, Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	December 2010	December 2009	Yearly Change
Carteret	1,023	1,469	-446
Craven	1,281	1,876	-595
Duplin	737	970	-233
Greene	232	423	-191
Jones	166	242	-76
Lenoir	714	1,235	-521
Onslow	1,205	1,711	-506
Pamlico	126	208	-82
Wayne	1,089	1,840	-751

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Average Industry Employment and Weekly Wages For 2nd Qtr. 2010

	Avg Qtr. Empl	Avg Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	5,984	\$522.30
Construction	9,970	\$635.40
Manufacturing	19,670	\$682.19
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	39,674	\$535.95
Information	2,365	\$589.77
Financial Activities	6,258	\$688.19
Prof. & Business Services	19,003	\$632.07
Ed. & Health Services	52,209	\$651.44
Leisure & Hospitality	23,982	\$251.86
Other Services	4,906	\$422.11
Public Administration	21,792	\$888.81

Source: NAICS Employment and Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Unit, LMI Division, Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

New Corporations*

	December 2010	December 2009
Carteret	19	24
Craven	32	35
Duplin	6	15
Greene	2	4
Jones	2	2
Lenoir	19	15
Onslow	30	44
Pamlico	2	1
Wayne	33	31

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April 7, 2011, 6:00 pm

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at the ECWDB offices in New Bern

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April 21, 2011, 6:00 pm

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at the ECWDB offices in New Bern

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