

EASTERN CAROLINA

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

JULY 2024

Newsletter

ECWDB Message

The National Association of Workforce Boards Holds July Board Meeting in New Bern, NC

On July 16, 2024, close to 40 members and guests of the National Association of Workforce Boards held their summer meeting in New Bern, NC, hosted by the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board. On Wednesday, July 17th the members boarded a bus and toured the rural and coastal areas of Eastern North Carolina. This trip took them to Pamlico County featuring a ride on the Minnesott-Cherry Branch ferry, part of the NC Ferry System. The bus then arrived at Parker Offshore near Beaufort NC for a tour of their boat manufacturing facility, hosted by Sheila Glazewski, ECWDB board member, and other members of the Parker Offshore team. This tour included refreshments and gifts while Parker staff shared the importance of their relationship with Carteret Community College for job training.

The tour continued to Newport NC to visit Veneer Technologies, where Mike Kraszeski, ECWDB board member, and his team shared a tour of the manufacturing plant as well as how they have developed strategies to address employee *continued on page 2...*

Eastern Carolina WDB | June 2024 Data*

MONTHLY TRENDS

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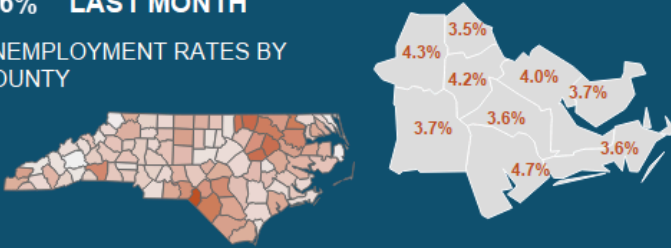
Unemployed Individuals **11,416**

4.2%

North Carolina 3.6%
United States 4.1%

3.6% **LAST MONTH**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY



Employed Individuals **262,765**

Labor Force **274,181**

-2,236

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

570

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM ONE YEAR AGO

NUMBER OF EMPLOYED OVER LAST 5 YEARS



past 90 days from July 23, 2024

WHO'S HIRING

Wayne County Public Schools	406
UNC Health Care System	255
CarolinaEast Health System	227
Onslow County School District	218
Walmart Inc.	153
Food Lion	146
Butterball, LLC	140
McDonald's Corporation	140

WHAT JOBS

Registered Nurses	353
Retail Salespersons	178
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	134
Fast Food and Counter Workers	103
First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep and Servers	98
Physical Therapists	95
Physicians, All Other	87
Customer Service Representatives	83

METRO JOBS

Goldsboro MSA	100	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	Industry Detail
Jacksonville MSA	100	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	Industry Detail
New Bern MSA	100	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	Industry Detail

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

\$894,328,860
2.9% CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO

JOB OPENINGS

10,009
-203 CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

*June 2024 data is preliminary. Taxable Retail Sales data reflect May 2024 and Job Openings data reflect April 2024.

NAWB Visits New Bern, NC

housing, by developing the "Veneer Village" to provide homes for workers. This has helped with recruiting and retention of their workforce. They also hire workers through prison work-release as well as through the local re-entry efforts.

The group then was provided a traditional Eastern North Carolina BBQ lunch by Moore's Olde Tyme BBQ on the campus of Carteret Community College in Morehead City, hosted by Perry Harker and his team.

The group then returned to New Bern and boarded two trollies, chartered from New Bern Tours and Convention Services, for a guided tour of Historic Downtown New Bern.

The Trollies then took the group to the VOLT Center for a tour hosted by Eddie Foster and his team from Craven Community College. This was followed by a traditional Eastern North Carolina seafood buffet prepared and served by Meghan Margaram and her students in the Culinary Arts program.

On Thursday, the group held informational sessions at the Double Tree Hotel including a visit from "Governor William Tryon," also known sometimes as Bill Green.

Thank you to sponsorships from the National Association of Workforce Boards, the North Carolina Workforce Commission, the North Carolina Association of Workforce Boards, and other board sponsors.

New Bern, and the Eastern North Carolina Workforce Board nine-county area were pleased to serve a host for this group of visitors from across the country so we could show them how we do it in The Heart of Eastern North Carolina.



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