

EASTERN CAROLINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

ECWDB Holds Employer Forum in Pamlico County

The Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, Inc. (ECWDB) recently participated in a highly productive meeting hosted by Pamlico County Schools, bringing together local business leaders to discuss workforce needs and potential partnerships. This gathering is part of a series of convenings that will allow businesses from all nine counties in our region to have their voices heard, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of workforce needs across Eastern Carolina. The meeting aligns perfectly with our mission to collaborate with community partners in developing a highly skilled workforce that meets the evolving needs of employers in our region. It began with an impressive breakfast prepared by Pamlico County High School's culinary students under Chef Keith Reese's guidance, exemplifying the kind of career readiness initiatives we aim to support. *continued on page 2...*

Eastern Carolina WDB | July 2024 Data*

MONTHLY TRENDS

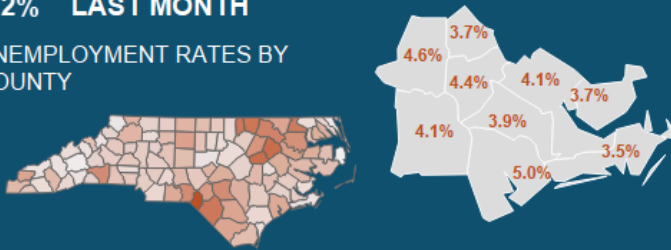
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Unemployed Individuals **11,765**

4.4%

4.2% LAST MONTH

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY



North Carolina 3.7%
United States 4.3%

Employed Individuals **257,927**

Labor Force
269,692

-4,974

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

-58

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM ONE YEAR AGO

NUMBER OF EMPLOYED OVER LAST 5 YEARS



past 90 days from September 3, 2024

WHO'S HIRING

Wayne County Public Schools	361
UNC Health Care System	245
CarolinaEast Health System	213
Butterball, LLC	152
McDonald's Corporation	136
Walmart Inc.	124
Food Lion	115
Carteret Health Care	107

WHAT JOBS

Registered Nurses	201
Retail Salespersons	182
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	105
Fast Food and Counter Workers	97
Physicians, All Other	86
Customer Service Representatives	84
First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep and Servers	81
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	80

METRO JOBS

Goldsboro MSA

100
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Industry Detail

Jacksonville MSA

-100
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Industry Detail

New Bern MSA

0
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Industry Detail

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

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

\$945,686,051

5.0% CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO

JOB OPENINGS

9,873

-219 CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Pamlico County Employer Forum

At the heart of our recent meeting was the invaluable input from local businesses. We heard firsthand accounts of the challenges they face in finding qualified workers and the specific skills they need in their industries. This input is not just important, it's crucial. It will shape our future initiatives and programs, ensuring they are tailored to the real needs of our local business communities. As a direct result of these discussions, the ECWDB is committed to developing targeted follow-up actions. And you, our esteemed audience, will play a key role in this. We plan to utilize our standing committees, comprised of educators, business leaders, and workforce development professionals, to design tailored training programs that address the specific needs highlighted during this meeting and future convenings across our nine-county region. Additionally, we will be gathering interest in forming Business Sector Partnerships where like-minded businesses can convene and guide the work in our region while creating the opportunity for a better economy for both businesses and individuals. The insights gained from this series of meetings will inform our future policy recommendations and resource allocations, ensuring that our efforts remain aligned with the real-world needs of our diverse local business communities. By fostering this ongoing dialogue and collaboration across all counties we serve, we aim to create a more resilient and adaptable workforce that can drive economic growth throughout the entire Eastern Carolina region.



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