



December 7, 2007

Area Quick Facts:

NC Civilian Labor Force October 2007 Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Force	4,534,074
Employed	4,315,160
Unemployed	218,914
Rate	4.8

Duration of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (Weeks) For 12 Months Ending October*

	2007	2006
Cleveland	12.7	14.2
McDowell	9.2	10.2
Polk	10.6	11.4
Rutherford	12.6	14.1

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

NC Average Weekly Benefit Amount October 2007 \$273.23

NC Maximum Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefit Amount \$476

New Corporations*

	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006
Cleveland	27	27
McDowell	12	9
Polk	16	16
Rutherford	25	28

*Source: NC Department of the Secretary of State.

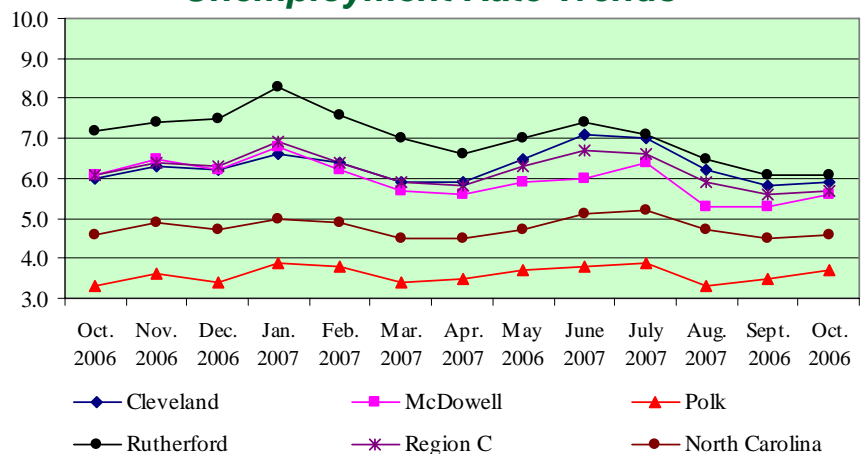
Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		October 2007	September 2007	October 2006
Cleveland	Labor Force	47,675	47,718	48,164
	Employed	44,867	44,932	45,273
	Unemployed	2,808	2,786	2,891
	Rate %	5.9	5.8	6.0
McDowell	Labor Force	20,968	21,035	21,024
	Employed	19,794	19,930	19,740
	Unemployed	1,174	1,105	1,284
	Rate %	5.6	5.3	6.1
Polk	Labor Force	9,530	9,516	9,536
	Employed	9,181	9,183	9,217
	Unemployed	349	333	319
	Rate %	3.7	3.5	3.3
Rutherford	Labor Force	29,642	29,586	29,943
	Employed	27,822	27,769	27,789
	Unemployed	1,820	1,817	2,154
	Rate %	6.1	6.1	7.2
Region C	Labor Force	107,815	107,855	108,667
	Employed	101,664	101,814	102,019
	Unemployed	6,151	6,041	6,648
	Rate %	5.7	5.6	6.1
NC	Labor Force	4,543,048	4,540,947	4,522,409
	Employed	4,333,665	4,335,900	4,315,431
	Unemployed	209,383	205,047	206,978
	Rate %	4.6	4.5	4.6

*November 2007 area/county estimates will be released on Jan. 4, 2008.

Note: When comparing area/county data to state data, use not seasonally adjusted state data as in this chart. 2006 data are benchmarked.

Unemployment Rate Trends



**Total Industry Wages
For Quarter Ending March 31, 2007**

	Cleveland Empl.	McDowell Empl.	Polk Empl.	Rutherford Empl.
Federal Government	\$570,761	\$250,413	\$41,317	\$83,823
State Government	\$7,239,779	\$6,950,395	\$536,051	\$4,254,072
Local Government	\$36,230,474	\$12,129,573	\$5,630,809	\$22,137,273
Private Industry	\$223,667,621	\$93,538,752	\$28,533,854	\$129,586,794
Total All Industries	\$267,708,635	\$112,869,133	\$34,742,031	\$156,061,962

**Unemployment Insurance
Claims — October 2007**

	Initial Claims	Benefits Paid
Cleveland	992	\$1,037,281
McDowell	514	\$397,325
Polk	86	\$67,982
Rutherford	466	\$534,604
Statewide	52,756	\$77,166,915

**Gender and Age of Individuals Filing
Initial Claims — October 2007**

	Cleveland	McDowell	Polk	Rutherford
Female	44%	46%	43%	44%
Male	56%	54%	57%	56%
16 — 19	3%	2%	1%	3%
20 — 24	8%	8%	4%	6%
25 — 34	21%	27%	29%	23%
35 — 44	24%	27%	24%	27%
45 — 54	28%	24%	20%	24%
55 — 64	13%	10%	18%	14%
65 +	3%	2%	4%	3%

Total Registered Applicants Active Anytime From 7/1/2007 - 10/31/07**

Occupation	Cleveland	McDowell	Polk	Rutherford
Professional, Technical & Managerial	892	386	82	493
Clerical	1,034	386	59	598
Sales	280	118	19	149
Domestic Services	34	8	*	18
Other Services	1,153	608	57	858
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	70	39	7	47
Processing	312	107	8	281
Machine Trade	1,004	474	68	728
Benchwork	405	225	12	304
Structural Work	778	313	41	384
Motor Freight & Transportation	200	86	14	110
Packaging & Material Handling	1,164	302	38	646
Miscellaneous	38	19	5	19

**Program Year 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008 *Number suppressed

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