

# Spring Fashions

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## Anson's Unemployment Rate Steady at 5.1% in February

**Anson County** Anson County's unemployment rate for February was 5.1%, the same as January's 5.1% rate. Here are other past rates: 2021: December 4.4%; November 4.7%; October 5.2%; September 4.9%; August 5.8%; July 5.9%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The 2020 rates were: December 7.1%; November 7.2%; October 7.2%; September 8.5%; August 8%; July 10%; June 7.9%; May 10.1%; and April 8.2%.

In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic.

**Statewide** Statewide the unemployment rate for February was 3.7%. In January it was 3.8%. Here are other statewide past rates: 2021: December 3.2%; November 3.4%; October 3.6%; September 3.8%; August 4.4%; July 4.6%; June 4.9%; May 4.5%; April 4.4%; March 4.6%; February 5.6%; January 6%. 2020: December 6%; November and October 6.1%; September 7%; August 6.8%; July 8.9%.

Anson's total labor force in February was 10,115. Of that number 9,603 were employed and 512 were unemployed. In January the total labor force was 10,135, with 9,615 employed and 520 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 50 of North Carolina's counties in February, increased in 12, and remained unchanged in 38. Hyde County had the highest unemployment rate at 8.9 percent while Orange County had the lowest at 2.5 percent.

Nine of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases, one increased, and five remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 6.2 percent while Durham-Chapel Hill had the lowest a 2.9 percent. The February not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.7 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in February by 31,233 to 4,846,145, while those unemployed decreased by 3,385 to 185,915. Since February 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 222,253, while those unemployed decreased 96,602.

## Anson Middle School PTO Bearcat Pride 5K

**Where:** Uptown Wadesboro

**When:** Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.

**Course Information:** The 5k Run/Walk will begin and end in front of Wadesboro Police Department, located on South Rutherford Street.

The Bearcat Pride 5k run/walk will help support the AMS PTO by raising funds to support students and staff. The AMS PTO gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.

- There's a special registration price of \$10 for students ages 5-18. (Special pricing will show once you check out.)
- Register by April 15 and you will receive a free t-shirt.
- Online Registration Deadline ends Tuesday, April 26, at 11:59 p.m. Race Day Registration will be \$25.

Register online at [runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk). The course map can be found at [mapmyrun.com/routes/view/4905431194](https://mapmyrun.com/routes/view/4905431194)

## Pechmann Fishing Education Center April Schedule

The Pechmann Fishing Education Center in Fayetteville released its April schedule, which includes both in-person and virtual classes. The education center is managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Each course is led by Wildlife Commission staff or trained volunteers. Most events are free, and a North Carolina fishing license is not required.

### April class schedule:

- April 6: Soft Plastic Rigging & Presentation, 6:30 – 9 p.m. Ages 12 and older.
- April 7: Kayak Fishing Classroom (Virtual), 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- April 9: Kayak Fishing Outing, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- April 11: Topwater Bass Basics for Women (Virtual), 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- April 12: Fly-fishing Techniques for Smallmouth Bass (Virtual), 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- April 12: Basic Fly-Casting Workshop, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ages 13 and older.
- April 18 & 19: Catfish College, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ages 11 – 15.
- April 20 & 21: Catfish College, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ages 11 – 15.
- April 21 - 22: Introductory Fishing for Adults, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- April 22: Fly-Fishing Basics: Understanding & Selecting Fly-fishing Equipment (Virtual), 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- April 22: Kayak Fishing Classroom (Virtual), 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- April 23: Kayak Fishing Outing, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- April 23: Family Fishing Workshop, 9 a.m. – noon.
- April 26: A Bear Goes Fishing Adventure, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Cub scouts only.
- April 27: Rod Building Primer (Virtual), 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- April 27: Catfishing Basics for Women, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- April 28: Intermediate Fly-tying Workshop, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ages 10 and older.
- April 29: Family Fishing Workshop, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration for all workshops and classes is available online at: [ncwildlife.org/learning/education-centers/pechmann](https://ncwildlife.org/learning/education-centers/pechmann), or by calling 910-868-5003.

**About the Pechmann Fishing Education Center** The John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center in Fayetteville, N.C. was built in 2007 and is the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's newest education facility. It's the only fishing education center of its kind in the state. Center instructors teach a variety of aquatic programs to anglers of all ages and abilities, usually free of charge. The center is funded by grants and the sales of recreational licenses offered by the Wildlife Commission.

## "Sons Need Their Fathers" Health Fair

A Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 at the Wadesboro Park, located at 1000 Gatewood Road, just off Morven Road. The "Sons Need Their Fathers" Health Fair will feature Covid testing and vaccinations, health screenings, a guest speaker, a balloon release, and free food.

Organizer Tasha Coleman said, "This Health Fair is in memory of my brother "JC" Coleman. We lost him on July 22, 2020, due to a massive heart attack. This was totally unexpected. JC was only 33 years old. I try to remember the positive things about him instead of why God took him from me so soon. My desire is to turn my grief into an initiative to help other grieving families while educating others about the importance of going to the doctor and getting regular routine health screenings."

If you would like to attend the Health Fair, please RSVP Coleman by Wednesday, April 13 at 704-961-6299.

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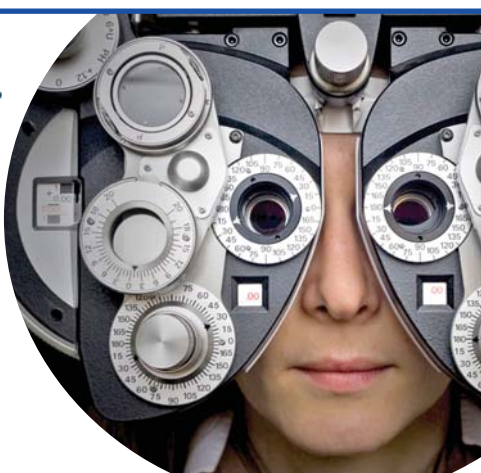
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