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### North Carolina's October Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, decreasing 0.2 of a percentage point from September's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent.

North Carolina's October 2021 unemployment rate decreased 2.7 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 11,009 over the month to 4,825,767 and increased 138,415 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 6,223 over the month to 208,126 and decreased 132,870 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 31,200 to 4,554,300 in October. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 12,800; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 7,500; Education & Health Services, 3,900; Manufacturing, 3,700; Construction, 2,200; Professional & Business Services, 1,800; Other Services, 900; and Information, 200. Major industries experiencing decreases were Financial Activities, 900; Government, 800; and Mining & Logging, 100.

#### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates since October 2020

	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021
N.C.	6.8	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1
U.S.	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.6

Please note: 2020 numbers have undergone annual revision

Since October 2020, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 151,400 with the Total Private sector increasing by 150,500 and Government increasing by 900.

Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 48,400; Professional & Business Services, 33,500; Manufacturing, 21,400; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 18,900; Construction, 16,100; Information, 5,600; Other Services, 3,900; Financial Activities, 1,700; Education & Health Services, 1,000; and Government, 900. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged over the year.

### Local Connections to Wright Brothers' Flight Centennial

The Wright Brothers' flight in North Carolina was in December 1903. In 2003 a centennial celebration seemed appropriate, so plans began at Kitty Hawk, and a search was on to find a sculptor and a company that could create a replica of the Wrights Brothers' Flyer. This led to Wingate University sculptor, Stephen Smith, and the team at Commercial Piping and Fabrication, Inc., located between Marshville and Wingate and owned by father and son, Lynn, and Chip Raye, respectively.

John Tompkins wrote in The Enquirer Journal on September 24, 2003, "Instead of a 605-pound brittle spruce and ash woodcraft, this one is a 10,000-pound stainless steel structure designed to last for years. When complete the flier will come with 60 feet of take-off track, a statue of Orville Wright piloting and statues of brother Wilber, a photographer, and a little boy on the ground capturing the moment aviation became a reality."

Chip Raye and Michael Harris spent the most time assembling parts and frameworks they had to create. The challenge was to create a sturdy, not bulky, replica that could withstand hurricanes and tourists climbing on it. Steve Merritt from the North Carolina Department of Transportation visited the site to offer input and advice about transporting the replica to Kitty Hawk. The original plans were obtained from the Smithsonian Institution so that the replica was as true to the original as possible.

When installed at Kitty Hawk, the full-size model was placed at the end of the track, ready for take-off. Chip said the work had been hard, but as more and more of the steel became a plane, the more excited he became. "Mike Harris can tell you; this was the most fun I've had, and I think he'd tell you he enjoyed this job more than any other one he's done."

Word of the project spread, and many local folks dropped by to see the progress. The owners were very gracious to the visitors and enjoyed sharing. The local chambers of commerce, the newspapers, and local governments enjoyed the publicity and excitement. Two people who were particularly interested were Grace Daniels and her son John, both from Wingate. The photographer at the original Wright Brothers flight was John Daniels, father-in-law of Grace and grandfather of the younger John.

On October 1, 2003, then-governor Michael Easley remarked, "The work of art features the Wright Flyer, with Orville Wright on board, as it started to leave the ground with Wilber Wright running alongside the plane, and John Daniels, a helper and Outer Banks native who snapped a picture of the plane as it went aloft. Daniels' photograph of the December 17, 1903, first flight is considered one of the most famous in history."

On November 12, 2003, a recognition ceremony was held at Commercial Piping and Fabrication to honor the workers who helped build the Wright Brothers' sculptures, the Wright Flyer, and to pay tribute to Stephen Smith and his achievement. Libby Evans, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, was on hand at the celebration. At this time two young boys, Andrew, and Nathan Latta, climbed on the statue of Orville Wright aboard the Flyer, and a photographer from the newspaper took their photo and ran it in the next edition.

Courtesy of the Marshville Museum and Civic Center



### Lilesville Community Festival is December 4

Everyone is invited to come to Hatcher Park, located at 206 Cowan Street in Lilesville, for the Lilesville Community Festival on Saturday, December 4, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be vendors with items for Christmas gifts, face painting, a food truck, a free food giveaway (limited supplies), activities for all ages, Covid vaccinations, flu shots, displays by the Wadesboro and Lilesville police departments and the Lilesville Fire Department, voter registration and many other vendors and information booths. There will also be a Grinch photo shoot with Talisha Heilig.

For more information contact Priscilla Little at 704-695-7770 or Jamie Varela at 321-202-3465.

### Free Event, "A Night with the Grinch" in Lockhart-Taylor Center Parking Lot

Partnership for Children and South Piedmont Community College is hosting "A Night with the Grinch," a carpool cinema and literacy night on Friday, December 17, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the parking lot of SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center. Carpool Cinema is free and open to the public.

The event will begin with a reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Suess, followed by a game of Flash Thinking then a showing of the movie *The Grinch*.

"A Night with the Grinch is a fun way for families to spend quality time together while working on literacy and numeracy skills through the activities we have prepared," said Tracy Harrington of the Anson County Partnership for Children. "Santa and The Grinch will be on-site to visit children of all ages at each car. Participants are encouraged to stay in their cars for safety. Our special guests and carhops will visit each individual car."

Every person will receive 10 tickets to "purchase" snacks such as popcorn, water, juice, oranges and lollipops. Those attending can bring other food to eat inside their car. No grills, large coolers, alcohol or glass are allowed. The community is asked to carpool because space is limited. All children must always be accompanied by adults during the entire event.

For more information contact Tracy Harrington at 704-694-4036 or visit the Partnership's Facebook page.



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### FOREVER TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

This event is open to all community members. Please join us on:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 6PM**

**Leavitt Funeral Home 2036 Morven Road in Wadesboro**

If you would like to place an ornament on the Forever Tree in honor or in memory of someone, please contact: Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator at Anson Community Hospice (704) 695-1595. The deadline is December 3.

Or mail completed form to: Anson Community Hospice at 1119 US Highway 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

We request a \$10 donation per ornament. Donations are tax-deductible and will help fund grief support for the community.

Place \_\_\_\_\_ ornament(s) in **HONOR** of: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ ornament(s) in **MEMORY** of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* RSVP for Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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