How North Carolina Compares

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- Designed as a quick reference that ranks North Carolina relative to other states
- 25 indicators including population, health, education, taxes, and expenditures

• Data were extracted from the U.S. Census Bureau and other national databanks



	4. U	nemployment	Rate
	Rank		Rate
1	1	South Dakota	3.0
		Wyoming	1.1 3 2
	3	North Dakota	
	4 5	Nebraska	3.
	5	Utah	3.4
	6	New Hampshire Oklahoma	3.8 3.8
	8	Hawaii	3.0 3.9
	9	Virginia	4.0
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	11	New Mexico	4.2
	12	West Virginia	4.3
	13	Kansas	4.4
	13 15	Maryland	4.4
	15	Montana	4.5
	16	Louisiana	4.6
	17	Wisconsin	4.7
	18	Delaware	4.8
	18	Vermont	4.8
	20	Colorado	4.9
	20 20	Idaho Texas	4.9 4.9
	23	Alabama	5.0
	24	Arkansas	5.1
	25	Massachusetts	5.3
	25	Washington	5.3
3		50-State Average	5.3
	27	Maine	5.4
	27	Minnesota	5.4
	27	New York	5.4
	27	Pennsylvania	5.4
	31 31	Arizona New Jersey	5.5 5.5
	33	Connecticut	5.7
	34	Indiana	5.9
	35	Missouri	6.1
	36	Georgia	6.2
	36	Florida	6.2
	38	North Carolina	6.3
	39	Kentucky	6.4
	39	Tennessee	6.4
	39	Oregon	6.4
	42	Illinois	6.5 6.
	4 2 14	Ohio	
	4	Alaska Nevada	67
	40	Mississippi	6.9
	46	South Carolina	6.9
	48	California	7.2
	49	Node Island	7.8
	50	Michigan	8.4



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2003-0) March 2009).

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How to Read the **Tables**

Rank above the 50-state average

Rank below the 50-state average

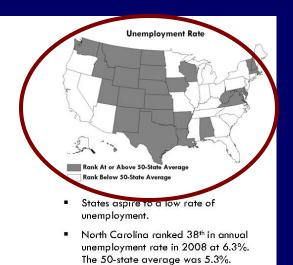
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	2	Minnesota	5.1
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	4	Massachusetts	5.2
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	24	Kentucky	6.6
	24	Texas Wisconsin	6.6
	24	Wyoming	6.8
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	28	Montana	7.0
	20	50-State Average	7.0
	29	Florida	7.2
	29	South Dakota	7.2
	31	Maryland	7.3
	31	Pennsylvania	7.3
	33	Illinois	7.4
	33	Kansas	7.4
	35	Missouri	7.5
	35	Virginia	7.5
	37	Arkansas	7.9
	37	Michigan	7.9
	39	Indiana	8.0
	40	Oklahoma	8.1
	40	West Virginia	8.1
	42	Georgia	8.2
	43	Ohio	8.3
	44	North Carolina	8.8
	45	Tennessee	8.9
	46	Delaware	9.0
	47	Alabama	9.4
	47	South Carolina	9.4
	49	Louisiana	10.1
	50	Mississippi	11.4

Measure

50-state average **North Carolina**

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	Delaware	4.8
18	Vermont	4.8
20	Colorado	4.9
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24	Arkansas	5.1
25	Massachusetts	5.3
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- In March 2009, North Carolina recorded the highest unemployment rate (10.8%) since the state started collecting the information in 1976. Only four states (California, Michigan, Oregon, and South Carolina) had a higher unemployment rate in March 2009.
- Until 2008, the overall trend in unemployment since 2003 had been one of steady decline, dropping from 6.5% in 2003 to 4.7% in 2007.
- Since 2003, North Carolina's unemployment rate has consistently ranked among the highest in the nation, with neighbors South Carolina and Tennessee experiencing similarly high rates.
- The unemployment rate is the number of people unemployed and actively looking for work divided by the labor force.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2003-09, March 2009).

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States ranked at or above the 50-State Average in gray

States ranked below the 50-State Average in white

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46	South Carolina	6.9



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Summary Table and Highlights

Summary Table includes North Carolina's rank across all indicators

 Highlights describes the indicators where North Carolina ranked in the top 20 states

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