

What Happened in North Carolina after EUC Ended in July 2013?

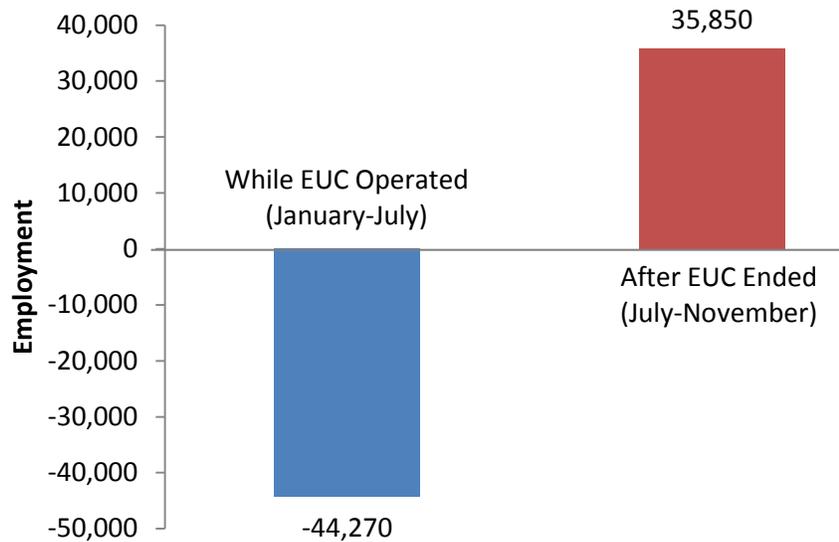
Unemployment Fell and Employment Rose – Sharply

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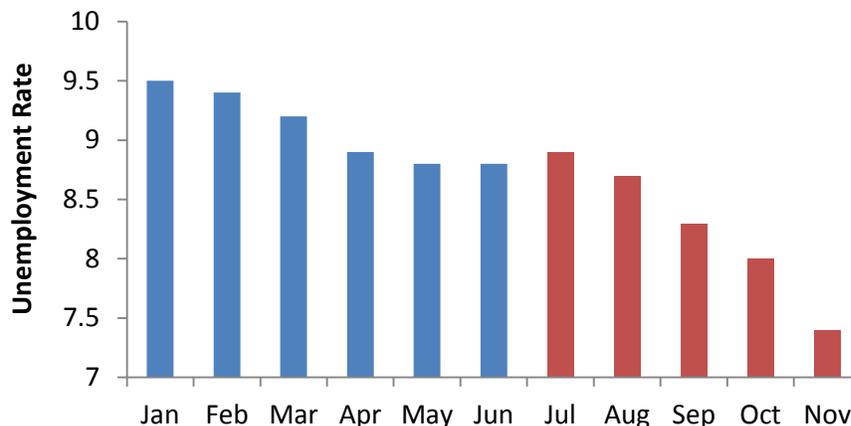
The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program ended in North Carolina in July 2013. That happened because the State reformed its UI system, including by reducing the size of weekly UI checks. That reduction violated the Federal “non-reduction rule,” which triggered the end of the Federal EUC program throughout the State.

What happened since then contradicts “expert” claims that the EUC program “creates jobs.” Employment – which had been falling while EUC operated – has risen by over 35,000 since EUC ended. And the unemployment rate fell a full percentage point and a half (from 8.9% to 7.4%) in just 4 months.

Change in the Number of Employed Individuals in North Carolina, 2013



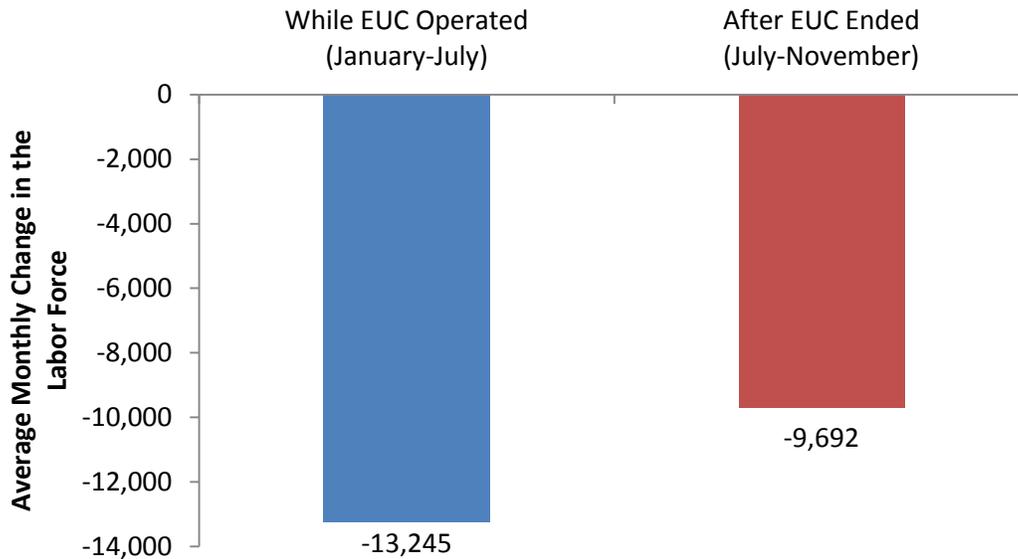
Unemployment Rate in North Carolina, 2013



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#).

Some have suggested this decline in the unemployment rate is all due to the long-term unemployed dropping out of the labor force. In fact, the decline in the labor force has slowed since EUC expired. That’s right. In a typical month in North Carolina last year, more people dropped out of the labor force while EUC operated than since EUC ended in July.

Average Monthly Change in the Labor Force in North Carolina, 2013



Key Labor Data for North Carolina, 2013

Month	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
January	4,322,922	453,425	9.5
February	4,318,025	446,828	9.4
March	4,307,301	434,546	9.2
April	4,302,496	419,016	8.9
May	4,303,455	416,171	8.8
June	4,292,251	416,314	8.8
July	4,278,652	418,228	8.9
August	4,275,100	409,178	8.7
September	4,287,928	390,298	8.3
October	4,294,465	371,749	8.0
November	4,314,502	343,611	7.4
Change (January-July)	-44,270	-35,197	-0.6
Change (July-November)	+35,850	-76,617	-1.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#).