

Media Release

Caroline County Unemployment Drop Largest in Region

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Caroline County's unemployment dropped by 1.1% to 8.4% in March, the largest decline in the Fredericksburg Region according to the Virginia Employment Commission.

Caroline improved from an unemployment rate of 9.5% in February. Historically, February registers the highest or near the highest unemployment of any month during the year in Caroline. The 8.4% figure represents the lowest unemployment rate in the County within a twelve month period, tying May of 2010.

Though unemployment throughout the region declined in March, Caroline's dropped the farthest from February to March.

Stafford and Spotsylvania recorded 5.4% and 5.6% respectively; King George reported 7.5% and Fredericksburg lowered to 9.7%.

Nationally, North Dakota had the lowest unemployment in March at 4.2% while Nevada suffered the highest unemployment at 13.2%. Virginia ranked 8th among the states; while in the Commonwealth Arlington had the lowest unemployment, 3.9% and Martinsville the highest, 17.8%.

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