

# Press Release

## Caroline Unemployment Down in September

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**Bowling Green, VA**—Caroline County unemployment dropped in September to 8.1%, down from 8.3% in August.

Similar declines in unemployment were noted throughout the region with modest lowering of the unemployment rates of communities in the Fredericksburg region.

Fredericksburg remained in double digits at 10%, down from 10.1%; King George reported at 7.3%, down from 7.5%; Spotsylvania came in at 5.5% from August's 5.6%; and Stafford declined slightly as well from 5.5% to 5.4%.

The Commonwealth also enjoyed a slight drop to 6.4% from 6.5% while the national unemployment rate punched through the 9% barrier to 8.8% with higher than expected hiring data reported.

Around Virginia, Martinsville enjoyed a significant drop in unemployment from 19.4% down to 16.7% while still suffering the highest joblessness in the Commonwealth. Arlington found room to reduce its already lowest rate in Virginia to 3.8% from 3.9%. Williamsburg, a community to watch as a predominately tourism driven economy, saw an increase in unemployment to 15.1% from August's 14.5%. As an unrefined indicator, it maybe suggestive that the tourism industry has more time to wait before a full recovery can be expected.

Caroline County does have an employer hiring at present and encourages all citizens interested in working at McKesson Corporation's Ruther Glen facility to apply on line at: <http://www.careers.mckesson.com> .

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