

# Number of North Carolina unemployed



= 10,000\*

In February 1983, the state's jobless rate hit 10.2 percent, and some economists worry that the rate could rise that high again. Here's how unemployment would look today – based on the labor force in September 2008 – if joblessness rose that high again.



**Total 1983: 298,920**

**Total 2008 (projected): 467,100**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

\*Figures are rounded