

POPULATION

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approximately 150,000 rural manufacturing jobs impacted the population in these areas.

The statewide loss of 310,000 manufacturing jobs caused \$12.7 billion in lost income — half of which was in rural areas, he said. Even North Carolina's advanced policies on economic development couldn't handle that loss.

"None of that can hold up against the tidal wave of the structural change in the economy because of the shift in manufacturing," Gray said, noting while many jobs went overseas, more were lost to technology.

Mitch Kokai, senior political analyst for the right-leaning John Locke Foundation, said the solution lies in rural coun-

ties making themselves more attractive to private investment by lowering tax burdens, decreasing regulation and increasing access to education.

"To the extent that these are available in rural North Carolina, that's going to make it attractive to private investment, and that attraction to investments is going to be what helps drive jobs into those areas," he said.

But Francis De Luca, president of the Civitas Institute, said improving education and the quality of life in rural areas is difficult.

"One of the problems rural counties have is that they don't have a lot of tax revenue, and so they can't do a lot of the things they need to do to be attractive to people," De Luca said. "It's kind of a chicken-egg thing."

Recent economic conversations have focused on recruiting out-of-state businesses, instead of supporting existing businesses, Gray said.

"I think the message that many rural communities are getting is that the state really isn't going to make those investments," he said. "Overall, the budget did make some changes, but it's nowhere near what's needed to turn the corner."

Plowing forward

But Gray said there's still hope, as permanent population decline is unlikely.

"I think it goes back to rural places sort of rediscovering what assets they have and building new assets that are essential for retaining young adults who live in the

21st century, not the 20th century," he said.

He said rural communities are a great place for recent college graduates to start their own businesses because they're more affordable than urban areas.

And according to the UNC Carolina Population Center, more college graduates move to North Carolina than leave — suggested by the 36 percent of non-native residents 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher. Only 19 percent of native North Carolinians boast the same level of education.

Jim Johnson, a professor in the business school at UNC, predicts college graduates will go wherever they can find jobs.

"They may end up back in North Carolina, and we would want that, but I think the nature of globalization

today is you have to vote with your feet and go where the opportunity is," he said.

He said North Carolina has become a magnet state, and he thinks it will see a lot of its population leave and then return later.

"I think we all end up making our way back home," Johnson said.

Shannon Grand, a UNC sophomore from Atlanta, said her parents bought a farm and moved to North Carolina this year, largely because she and her sister are attending universities in the Triangle area.

She said her parents moved to Atlanta before she was born for the good school systems and because farming was too expensive, but they always wanted to live on a farm.

But Grand said she will probably live in a city after

she graduates.

"The farm life is not for me," she said. "I've had to help out around the farm some and it's something I can do just occasionally when I'm visiting, but I would not like to actually live on a farm."

Edmonds said compared to the quiet lifestyle of his hometown, living in Chapel Hill has offered new perspectives — but the farm will always be his home.

"There's this idea in geography that there's a difference in space and place, and so many memories and different things I've learned on the farm have made me have a physical connection to that place and have emotional ties," he said. "I think it would be hard to sever that tie."

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CloudFactory's vice president of product marketing.

Lincoln Pennington, marketing associate and media researcher for the Reese News Lab, said the most accurate way of transcribing is with people.

"When you're trying to sell your service to lawyers, lobbyists, journalists — anyone who really cares about what's going on in the General Assembly — accuracy makes or breaks your service," Pennington said.

John Clark, executive director of Reese News Lab, said the lab did methodical testing on the best way to

generate accurate transcripts quickly. He said this was the best possible solution for the lab's approximately 40 active users, the majority of which are news organizations.

"The combination of the computers' good speed and the humans together make for transcripts that are pretty accurate," Clark said.

The accuracy of Capitol Hound is around 85 percent, according to its website.

Rochman said CloudFactory, which also has an office in Durham, finds people in countries all over the world that may not have many opportunities.

"Cloud workers" work part-time, an average of eight to 10

hours per week. Some are college students, working to help pay for tuition, while others are simply looking for a job. They work from home, cyber cafes or even school.

Anuj Kachapati, a senior production manager at CloudFactory, said becoming a cloud worker is easier than some people may think.

"You don't necessarily need to be a transcriber previously to be eligible to do this job. You just need to prove that you have the proper skillset," Kachapati said.

He said cloud workers have the opportunity for promotion.

"A lot of cloud workers have actually joined the

CloudFactory office in Nepal," he said. "So there is a definite path to promotion for (them)."

Clark and the Reese News Lab do not directly speak to the cloud workers, but Clark said they are happy with the results CloudFactory and its workers produce.

"They're a pretty good company. We've enjoyed working with them," he said.

Clark said the Reese News Lab will be expanding the Capitol Hound idea in the spring to create a new project called Campaign Hound. Subscribers will then be able to follow the campaign trails of candidates for governor and the U.S. Senate.

"We're going to take the

same kind of idea, the same kind of system and apply it to the campaign trail starting in January. So no matter where the candidates are, you

can get an alert from them or search what they are saying," Clark said.

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Thomas Bythell, an arborist at UNC, said he worked closely with artist Do-Ho Suh and believes the piece was intended to be interactive.

"He wanted it to be a resting place," Bythell said.

Bythell also posted on the Overheard at UNC page, in defense of the functionality of the monument.

"I think (the monument) signifies that the foundation of this University was built by the people it was intended to honor," he said. "And nothing is as strong as its foundation."

Suh also has artwork on display at the Ackland Art Museum. The piece, titled Floor, features plastic figurines holding up a sheet of glass on which visitors can walk, the Ackland's Public Programs Manager Allison Portnow said.

"He wanted people to really think about what it meant to be supported by these figures at the same time as something is pressing them down," Portnow said.

She said she believes the memorial evokes different reactions among students and visitors of different backgrounds.

"You can't possibly under-

stand the issue for what it really is when you don't have that experience of being marginalized on this campus," said Dawkins-Law.

Winston Crisp, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the memorial has been debated since its installation. He said dialogue about how the memorial should be used is healthy.

"I do not think it is a simple up or down sort of question," he said.

Crisp is a co-chairperson on the Task Force on UNC-Chapel Hill History, and he said the task force will certainly consider the Unsung Founders Memorial.

Dawkins-Law said changing the landscape to make the memorial more prominent might be a solution.

"The same way I wouldn't want someone to put their feet on the figurines is the same way that somebody else wouldn't want someone putting their feet on the face of Silent Sam," Dawkins-Law said. "The difference is I can do that to the Unsung Founders Memorial, but someone can't do that to Silent Sam."

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

2	7	1	6	4	9	5	3	8
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Volkswagen Type 1, familiarly

4 Yemeni neighbor

9 Old-timey oath

13 1956 Gregory Peck role

15 Add a lane to, say

16 University of New Mexico athlete

17 Irish city in a recession?

19 Watched warily

20 One with a stable job?

21 Like dotted musical notes

23 Cellphone accessories

26 Body work, briefly

27 Result of a Czech checkup?

33 Catches some rays

37 Home ec alternative

38 Louisville's KFC Yum! Center, e.g.

39 Dessert pancake

41 Part of USDA: Abbr.

42 Spirited diversions

43 Febreze targets

44 It's on the house

46 Not as pricey

47 North African dieter's light fare?

50 Originally called

51 Jackhammer sound

56 Malady

61 Thrill to pieces

62 Bibliog. catchall

63 South Korean sailors?

66 Cartoon maker of explosive tennis balls

67 Pile up

68 Jib or mizzen

69 Where to store hoes and hoses

70 Tense with excitement

71 Genetic material

**DOWN**

1 Western movie star?

2 Crewmate of Chekov and Sulu

3 Eva or Zsa Zsa

4 Part of BYOB

5 Prefix with day or night

6 Fussess

7 Small salamander

8 Present from birth

9 Like a political "college"

10 Fiesta Baked Beans maker

11 Collude with

12 Extinct bird

14 Goosy clump

18 "It's not too late to call"

22 Waterway with locks

24 JAMA subscribers

25 Much of Libya

28 "Diary of a Madman" author

29 Hubbub

30 Bone-dry

31 26-Across materials

32 Fresh talk

33 Craig Ferguson, by birth

34 Pakistani language

35 Eye-catching sign

36 Rained gently

40 City on the Ruhr

45 Cosmetics-testing org.

48 Playground piece

49 Originate (from)

52 Wistful word

53 Golden Horde member

54 Ordered pizza, perhaps

55 Car named for a physicist

56 Wet septet

57 Scratching target


58 Attended the party


59 Big Mack

60 Fly like an eagle

64 "It's no \_\_\_!"

65 "Dropped" '60s drug





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