STA 101
2003 – Summer Session

**Reading Assignment 5**

Go to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) and answer the following questions.

1. What was the April unemployment rate for the U.S.?

2. What was the April unemployment rate for your home state (or North Carolina if from outside the U.S.).

3. Describe the following graphs (attach to your write-up).
   - Labor Force
   - Employment
   - Unemployment
   - Unemployment Rate

4. In Table A-1, locate the unemployment rate for the category in which you belong. What is the workforce participation rate for your category?

5. Repeat for Table A-2.

6. Repeat for Table A-4.

7. In Table A-8, what percentage of the unemployed were on temporary layoffs?

8. In Table A-11, what industry had the highest unemployment rates?

9. Find one statistics in the remaining tables that you found interesting and explain why.