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2026 North Carolina Development Tier Designations

Since 2007, North Carolina has used a three-level system for designating County Development Tiers. The designations, which are mandated by state law, determine a variety of state funding opportunities to assist in economic development. This report documents the process for calculating tiers and lists counties that have changed tiers since 2025. A statewide county tier map and tier calculations are included for reference.

It is worth noting the impacts of both Hurricane Helene and the recent federal government shutdown on this edition of the county tiers. The hurricane led to a rise in unemployment in western NC, impacting not only their rankings but other counties' rankings across the state. In addition, the shutdown delayed the release of recent monthly unemployment data. As a result, the most recent 12-months of county unemployment data reflect a September 2024 to August 2025 timeline.

How Tier Rankings Are Calculated

The Development Tier Designation statute (§143B-437.08) provides specific guidelines for calculating annual tier rankings. This process assigns each county to a designation of Tier One (most distressed), Tier Two, or Tier Three (least distressed). Assuming no ties in rankings, the statute requires **40 Tier One, 40 Tier Two, and 20 Tier Three** counties each year. In the event of a tie for the final position as a Tier One or Tier Two county, both counties will be placed in the lower tier.

Tier Rankings use Four Factors

- ***Average unemployment rate*** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (September 2024 – August 2025, NC Dept. of Commerce, LAUS)
- ***Median household income*** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (2023, U.S. Census, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates)
- ***Percentage growth in population*** for the most recent 36 months for which data are available (July 2021 – July 2024, NC Office of State Budget & Management)
- ***Adjusted property tax base per capita*** for the most recent taxable year (FY 2025-26, NC Dept. of Public Instruction)

Each county is ranked from 1 to 100 on each variable, making the highest possible *County Rank Sum* 400, and the lowest 4. After calculating the *County Rank Sum*, counties are then ranked from most distressed (1) to least distressed (100) in order to determine their *Economic Distress Rank*. Note that the 2018 Appropriations Act (S.L. 2018-5, Section 15.2.(a)) eliminated several "adjustment factors" that will no longer be used to calculate the final tier ranks, adjustments that previously factored small population sizes and poverty rates into the calculations. In addition, §143B-437.07.(d) calls for the Department of Commerce to publish the state performance statistic for each of the four factors, alongside the county values. Any county underperforming the state average on any of the four factors may request assistance from the Department to improve their performance on the given factor. A ranked list of each county's performance by indicator, as well as the statewide value, is provided at the end of this document. For comparison, counties may also wish to access historical tier designations. For assistance, please contact David Rhoades at drhoades@nccommerce.com.

County Tier Changes in 2026

Eighteen counties will change tiers in 2026. Counties moving to a **less distressed** tier include Beaufort, Camden, Davie, Graham, Macon, Montgomery, Randolph, Stanly, and Surry. Counties moving to a **more distressed** tier include Buncombe, Burke, Granville, Haywood, Henderson, Jones, Madison, Pasquotank, and Yancey. Brief explanations for each county's tier change are provided below.

Beaufort County

For 2026, Beaufort County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank improved to #43 (from #31 in 2025). The main factor in the county's shift to Tier Two is a 30 position improvement in unemployment rate rank.

Buncombe County

For 2026, Buncombe County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #53 (from #86 in 2025). The county unemployment rate rank declined by 70 positions and its population growth rank declined 13 positions.

Burke County

For 2026, Burke County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #29 (from #44 in 2025). Despite the county adjusted property tax base per capita rank improving 26 positions, its unemployment rate rank declined by 27 positions, its median household income rank declined 22 positions, and its population growth rank declined 16 positions.

Camden County

For 2026, Camden County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank improved to #90 (from #79 in 2025). The county adjusted property tax base per capita rank improved 17 positions and its unemployment rate rank improved by 17 positions.

Davie County
For 2026, Davie County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank improved to #82 (from #74 in 2025). The main factor in Davie's shift to Tier Three is a 12 position improvement in median household income rank.

Graham County
For 2026, Graham County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank improved to #47 (from #23 in 2025). The county unemployment rate rank improved 52 positions and its adjusted property tax base per capita rank improved by 19 positions.

Granville County
For 2026, Granville County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #49 (from #81 in 2025). The county adjusted property tax base per capita rank declined 39 positions, its population growth rank declined by 22 positions, and its unemployment rate rank declined 19 positions.

Haywood County
For 2026, Haywood County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #56 (from #83 in 2025). The county unemployment rate rank declined 45 positions and its population growth rank declined by 28 positions.

Henderson County
For 2026, Henderson County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #78 (from #85 in 2025). Despite the county adjusted property tax base per capita rank improving 16 positions, its unemployment rate rank declined by 28 positions and its median household income rank declined 11 positions.

Jones County
For 2026, Jones County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #34 (from #58 in 2025). Despite the county population growth rank improving 23 positions, its unemployment rate rank declined by 52 positions and its median household income rank declined 20 positions.

Macon County
For 2026, Macon County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank improved to #81 (from #73 in 2025). The county median household income rank improved 12 positions and its population growth rank improved by 8 positions.

Madison County
For 2026, Madison County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #37 (from #64 in 2025). Despite the county median household income rank improving 13 positions, its unemployment rate rank declined by 55 positions and its adjusted property tax base per capita rank declined 27 positions.

Montgomery County
For 2026, Montgomery County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank improved to #44 (from #40 in 2025). The main factor in the county's shift to Tier Two is a 32 position improvement in population growth rank.

Pasquotank County
For 2026, Pasquotank County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #36 (from #41 in 2025). Despite the county unemployment rate rank improving 11 positions, its population growth rank declined by 19 positions.

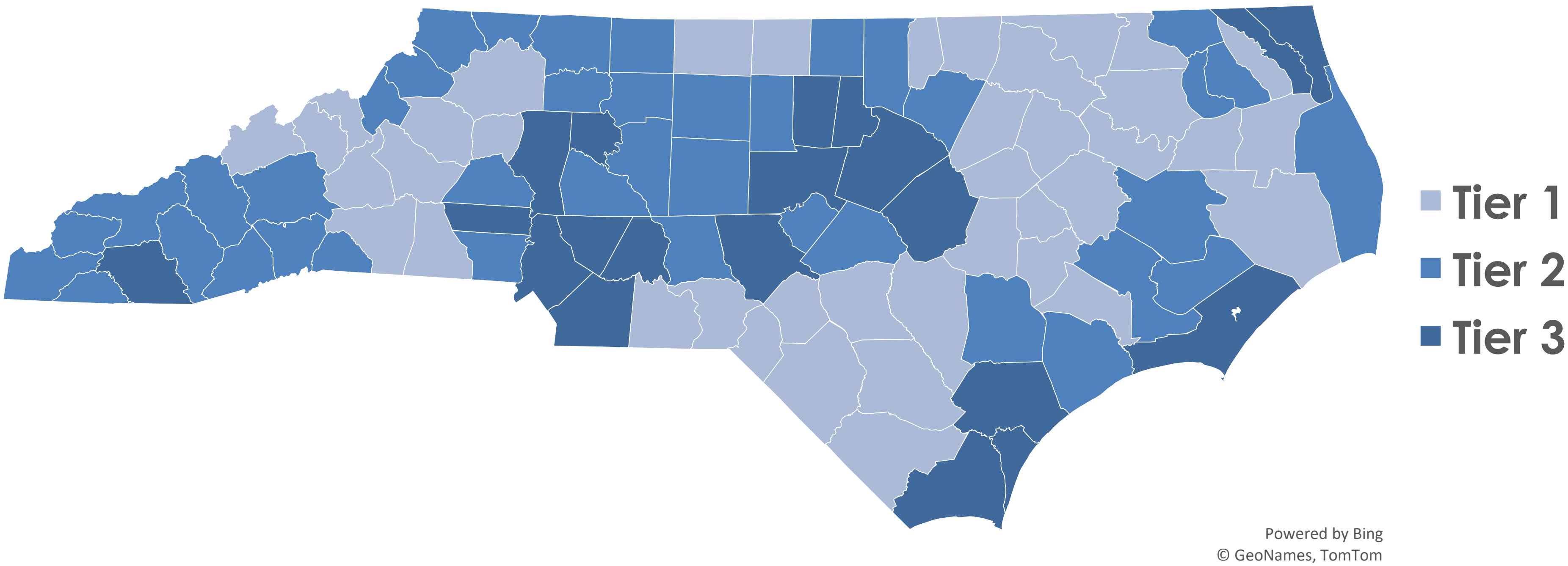
Randolph County
For 2026, Randolph County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank improved to #51 (from #29 in 2025). The county unemployment rate rank improved 27 positions and its adjusted property tax base per capita rank improved by 26 positions.

Stanly County
For 2026, Stanly County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank improved to #84 (from #69 in 2025). The county median household income rank improved 17 positions, its unemployment rate rank improved by 13 positions, and its population growth rank improved 11 positions.

Surry County
For 2026, Surry County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank improved to #46 (from #34 in 2025). The county median household income rank improved 25 positions and its unemployment rate rank improved by 10 positions.

Yancey County
For 2026, Yancey County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank weakened to #22 (from #45 in 2025). The county unemployment rate rank declined 53 positions and its adjusted property tax base per capita rank declined by 18 positions.

2026 County Tier Designations



2026 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER RANKINGS (§ 143B-437.08)

NEW TIER	COUNTY	Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2025-2026 Value	Rank	Population Growth July 2021-July 2024 % Change	Rank	Median Household Income 2023 Income	Rank	Unemployment 12 Mth Avg Sept 24-Aug 25 Rate	Rank	County Rank Sum	ECONOMIC DISTRESS RANK (#1 = most distressed)	2026 TIERS
	ALAMANCE	$137,399	44	5.85%	80	$66,395	75	3.60%	59	258	73	2
	ALEXANDER	$121,696	29	0.51%	18	$62,976	63	3.62%	57	167	39	1
	ALLEGHANY	$231,635	83	4.36%	73	$46,571	7	3.64%	54	217	53	2
	ANSON	$115,399	26	0.56%	21	$50,503	17	4.32%	23	87	13	1
	ASHE	$253,649	90	0.39%	17	$54,589	32	3.32%	85	224	59	2
	AVERY	$498,506	99	2.49%	49	$55,922	37	4.74%	16	201	48	2
↑	BEAUFORT	$190,472	65	0.35%	16	$55,960	38	3.53%	64	183	43	2
	BERTIE	$106,867	20	-3.41%	1	$44,371	3	4.88%	12	36	3	1
	BLADEN	$137,273	43	1.23%	29	$49,661	13	4.89%	11	96	15	1
	BRUNSWICK	$316,259	93	16.46%	100	$76,797	85	4.18%	26	304	85	3
↓	BUNCOMBE	$247,586	85	2.56%	50	$71,218	80	5.64%	2	217	53	2
↓	BURKE	$128,374	34	2.10%	42	$55,616	36	3.83%	39	151	29	1
	CABARRUS	$132,986	41	5.93%	82	$85,540	95	3.37%	79	297	83	3
	CALDWELL	$137,818	45	0.74%	26	$56,239	39	3.69%	50	160	35	1
↑	CAMDEN	$166,688	60	4.52%	76	$84,656	93	2.83%	100	329	90	3
	CARTERET	$373,925	98	3.47%	62	$76,397	84	3.40%	77	321	88	3
	CASWELL	$84,185	4	0.65%	25	$57,865	42	3.45%	73	144	28	1
	CATAWBA	$191,536	66	3.45%	61	$65,898	74	3.51%	67	268	76	2
	CHATHAM	$247,974	86	8.15%	93	$95,716	98	3.19%	92	369	99	3
	CHEROKEE	$204,997	71	5.09%	79	$53,926	30	3.78%	44	224	59	2
	CHOWAN	$165,820	59	1.31%	33	$60,808	52	3.37%	78	222	57	2
	CLAY	$226,613	82	7.42%	89	$53,229	27	3.40%	75	273	77	2
	CLEVELAND	$149,540	51	1.27%	30	$61,411	55	4.09%	30	166	38	1
	COLUMBUS	$102,237	18	0.56%	20	$50,837	19	4.20%	25	82	10	1
	CRAVEN	$144,849	50	2.59%	51	$61,761	58	3.69%	49	208	52	2
	CUMBERLAND	$108,144	22	-0.81%	10	$61,511	56	4.61%	19	107	16	1
	CURRITUCK	$345,516	96	10.91%	97	$86,047	96	2.86%	99	388	100	3
	DARE	$684,573	100	1.29%	32	$79,646	89	4.03%	31	252	70	2
	DAVIDSON	$131,888	39	4.11%	72	$63,551	64	3.66%	52	227	63	2
↑	DAVIE	$152,190	54	4.46%	75	$76,153	83	3.33%	84	296	82	3
	DUPLIN	$131,760	38	3.06%	56	$52,947	25	3.28%	87	206	50	2
	DURHAM	$220,813	80	4.00%	70	$81,413	91	3.25%	89	330	91	3
	EDGECOMBE	$72,760	2	-0.53%	11	$49,972	15	5.27%	3	31	1	1
	FORSYTH	$153,057	56	2.62%	52	$65,556	71	3.75%	45	224	59	2
	FRANKLIN	$97,454	14	14.98%	99	$70,898	79	3.26%	88	280	80	2
	GASTON	$142,795	48	4.96%	78	$67,076	77	3.73%	48	251	69	2
	GATES	$125,938	32	-2.80%	3	$64,047	66	3.46%	72	173	41	2
↑	GRAHAM	$242,466	84	0.63%	22	$51,841	22	3.49%	71	199	47	2
↓	GRANVILLE	$94,421	11	2.13%	43	$72,896	82	3.50%	69	205	49	2
	GREENE	$91,400	8	0.52%	19	$52,145	23	3.24%	90	140	27	1
	GUILFORD	$152,537	55	1.91%	37	$65,890	73	4.15%	29	194	44	2
	HALIFAX	$94,565	12	-2.36%	5	$48,520	10	5.06%	7	34	2	1
	HARNETT	$124,189	31	7.62%	90	$70,074	78	3.81%	42	241	67	2
↓	HAYWOOD	$221,079	81	1.78%	36	$64,553	68	3.95%	34	219	56	2
↓	HENDERSON	$214,127	77	4.08%	71	$63,765	65	3.53%	63	276	78	2
	HERTFORD	$107,189	21	-1.76%	7	$48,964	11	4.18%	27	66	9	1
	HOKE	$97,240	13	3.78%	67	$60,257	50	4.29%	24	154	33	1
	HYDE	$252,903	89	-1.14%	9	$49,781	14	5.18%	4	116	19	1
	IREDELL	$207,455	73	7.90%	92	$84,335	92	3.35%	83	340	94	3
	JACKSON	$359,416	97	6.61%	85	$55,462	35	3.56%	60	277	79	2

	JOHNSTON	$151,182	53	10.84%	96	$79,666	90	3.07%	97	336	92	3
↓	JONES	$128,444	35	3.21%	58	$53,001	26	3.87%	38	157	34	1
	LEE	$149,821	52	6.82%	87	$62,680	62	3.54%	62	263	75	2
	LENOIR	$111,509	23	0.76%	27	$51,601	21	3.80%	43	114	18	1
	LINCOLN	$207,227	72	9.02%	95	$79,109	88	3.22%	91	346	97	3
↑	MACON	$341,118	95	4.40%	74	$58,765	45	3.43%	74	288	81	3
↓	MADISON	$139,661	46	3.57%	65	$59,505	49	5.17%	5	165	37	1
	MARTIN	$119,948	27	-0.34%	12	$49,033	12	3.95%	33	84	12	1
	MCDOWELL	$157,879	57	1.08%	28	$53,697	29	4.63%	17	131	23	1
	MECKLENBURG	$252,125	87	6.42%	84	$84,796	94	3.68%	51	316	87	3
	MITCHELL	$201,179	68	-0.26%	13	$56,746	41	5.74%	1	123	21	1
↑	MONTGOMERY	$195,650	67	3.17%	57	$55,005	34	3.91%	36	194	44	2
	MOORE	$213,000	76	6.17%	83	$78,955	86	3.36%	81	326	89	3
	NASH	$93,382	10	2.87%	53	$65,457	70	4.61%	18	151	29	1
	NEW HANOVER	$276,411	91	5.86%	81	$79,106	87	3.37%	80	339	93	3
	NORTHAMPTON	$183,261	64	-3.38%	2	$44,182	2	4.75%	15	83	11	1
	ONSLOW	$112,397	24	4.54%	77	$66,982	76	3.74%	47	224	59	2
	ORANGE	$208,098	74	2.32%	46	$86,736	97	3.17%	94	311	86	3
	PAMLICO	$208,562	75	6.81%	86	$61,996	59	3.81%	40	260	74	2
↓	PASQUOTANK	$128,327	33	1.65%	34	$59,463	48	3.75%	46	161	36	1
	PENDER	$217,248	79	11.63%	98	$72,161	81	3.35%	82	340	94	3
	PERQUIMANS	$142,929	49	3.88%	68	$61,157	53	3.64%	53	223	58	2
	PERSON	$159,248	58	1.72%	35	$64,466	67	3.40%	76	236	64	2
	PITT	$91,195	7	3.30%	60	$60,268	51	3.92%	35	153	32	1
	POLK	$252,560	88	2.25%	45	$59,012	46	3.60%	58	237	65	2
↑	RANDOLPH	$130,952	36	2.97%	54	$59,336	47	3.49%	70	207	51	2
	RICHMOND	$87,837	5	-1.45%	8	$50,242	16	4.17%	28	57	7	1
	ROBESON	$72,044	1	2.35%	47	$42,180	1	4.97%	8	57	7	1
	ROCKINGHAM	$93,371	9	3.59%	66	$58,508	44	4.00%	32	151	29	1
	ROWAN	$140,573	47	3.90%	69	$65,139	69	3.50%	68	253	71	2
	RUTHERFORD	$173,607	62	2.03%	40	$50,714	18	4.86%	13	133	24	1
	SAMPSON	$90,091	6	3.56%	64	$53,637	28	3.91%	37	135	25	1
	SCOTLAND	$99,745	15	-0.22%	14	$45,604	5	5.14%	6	40	4	1
↑	STANLY	$131,312	37	7.70%	91	$65,784	72	2.99%	98	298	84	3
	STOKES	$132,320	40	3.23%	59	$61,374	54	3.52%	65	218	55	2
↑	SURRY	$121,350	28	1.93%	39	$58,211	43	3.31%	86	196	46	2
	SWAIN	$215,350	78	-2.09%	6	$54,357	31	3.52%	66	181	42	2
	TRANSYLVANIA	$310,312	92	2.40%	48	$62,002	60	3.63%	55	255	72	2
	TYRRELL	$180,173	63	0.63%	23	$46,072	6	4.53%	21	113	17	1
	UNION	$201,497	70	8.57%	94	$98,776	99	3.18%	93	356	98	3
	VANCE	$72,819	3	-0.06%	15	$45,408	4	4.41%	22	44	5	1
	WAKE	$170,238	61	6.92%	88	$103,084	100	3.07%	96	345	96	3
	WARREN	$201,233	69	2.23%	44	$47,866	9	4.78%	14	136	26	1
	WASHINGTON	$99,902	16	-2.74%	4	$47,239	8	4.59%	20	48	6	1
	WATAUGA	$325,214	94	0.65%	24	$62,045	61	3.54%	61	240	66	2
	WAYNE	$102,742	19	2.98%	55	$56,313	40	3.62%	56	170	40	1
	WILKES	$112,432	25	1.28%	31	$50,848	20	3.81%	41	117	20	1
	WILSON	$100,919	17	1.92%	38	$52,620	24	4.95%	9	88	14	1
	YADKIN	$122,460	30	3.52%	63	$61,626	57	3.11%	95	245	68	2
↓	YANCEY	$136,688	42	2.04%	41	$54,913	33	4.92%	10	126	22	1
	NORTH CAROLINA	**$177,658**		**4.58%**		**$70,838**		**3.69%**				

2026 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2025-2026					
Rank	County	Value	Rank	County	Value
100	Dare	$684,573	50	Craven	$144,849
99	Avery	$498,506	49	Perquimans	$142,929
98	Carteret	$373,925	48	Gaston	$142,795
97	Jackson	$359,416	47	Rowan	$140,573
96	Currituck	$345,516	46	Madison	$139,661
95	Macon	$341,118	45	Caldwell	$137,818
94	Watauga	$325,214	44	Alamance	$137,399
93	Brunswick	$316,259	43	Bladen	$137,273
92	Transylvania	$310,312	42	Yancey	$136,688
91	New Hanover	$276,411	41	Cabarrus	$132,986
90	Ashe	$253,649	40	Stokes	$132,320
89	Hyde	$252,903	39	Davidson	$131,888
88	Polk	$252,560	38	Duplin	$131,760
87	Mecklenburg	$252,125	37	Stanly	$131,312
86	Chatham	$247,974	36	Randolph	$130,952
85	Buncombe	$247,586	35	Jones	$128,444
84	Graham	$242,466	34	Burke	$128,374
83	Alleghany	$231,635	33	Pasquotank	$128,327
82	Clay	$226,613	32	Gates	$125,938
81	Haywood	$221,079	31	Harnett	$124,189
80	Durham	$220,813	30	Yadkin	$122,460
79	Pender	$217,248	29	Alexander	$121,696
78	Swain	$215,350	28	Surry	$121,350
77	Henderson	$214,127	27	Martin	$119,948
76	Moore	$213,000	26	Anson	$115,399
75	Pamlico	$208,562	25	Wilkes	$112,432
74	Orange	$208,098	24	Onslow	$112,397
73	Iredell	$207,455	23	Lenoir	$111,509
72	Lincoln	$207,227	22	Cumberland	$108,144
71	Cherokee	$204,997	21	Hertford	$107,189
70	Union	$201,497	20	Bertie	$106,867
69	Warren	$201,233	19	Wayne	$102,742
68	Mitchell	$201,179	18	Columbus	$102,237
67	Montgomery	$195,650	17	Wilson	$100,919
66	Catawba	$191,536	16	Washington	$99,902
65	Beaufort	$190,472	15	Scotland	$99,745
64	Northampton	$183,261	14	Franklin	$97,454
63	Tyrrell	$180,173	13	Hoke	$97,240
	North Carolina	**$177,658**	12	Halifax	$94,565
62	Rutherford	$173,607	11	Granville	$94,421
61	Wake	$170,238	10	Nash	$93,382
60	Camden	$166,688	9	Rockingham	$93,371
59	Chowan	$165,820	8	Greene	$91,400
58	Person	$159,248	7	Pitt	$91,195
57	Mcdowell	$157,879	6	Sampson	$90,091
56	Forsyth	$153,057	5	Richmond	$87,837
55	Guilford	$152,537	4	Caswell	$84,185
54	Davie	$152,190	3	Vance	$72,819
53	Johnston	$151,182	2	Edgecombe	$72,760
52	Lee	$149,821	1	Robeson	$72,044
51	Cleveland	$149,540		2024 Tiers State Value	$136,274

Population Growth July 2021-July 2024					
Rank	County	% Chg	Rank	County	% Chg
100	Brunswick	16.46%	50	Buncombe	2.56%
99	Franklin	14.98%	49	Avery	2.49%
98	Pender	11.63%	48	Transylvania	2.40%
97	Currituck	10.91%	47	Robeson	2.35%
96	Johnston	10.84%	46	Orange	2.32%
95	Lincoln	9.02%	45	Polk	2.25%
94	Union	8.57%	44	Warren	2.23%
93	Chatham	8.15%	43	Granville	2.13%
92	Iredell	7.90%	42	Burke	2.10%
91	Stanly	7.70%	41	Yancey	2.04%
90	Harnett	7.62%	40	Rutherford	2.03%
89	Clay	7.42%	39	Surry	1.93%
88	Wake	6.92%	38	Wilson	1.92%
87	Lee	6.82%	37	Guilford	1.91%
86	Pamlico	6.81%	36	Haywood	1.78%
85	Jackson	6.61%	35	Person	1.72%
84	Mecklenburg	6.42%	34	Pasquotank	1.65%
83	Moore	6.17%	33	Chowan	1.31%
82	Cabarrus	5.93%	32	Dare	1.29%
81	New Hanover	5.86%	31	Wilkes	1.28%
80	Alamance	5.85%	30	Cleveland	1.27%
79	Cherokee	5.09%	29	Bladen	1.23%
78	Gaston	4.96%	28	Mcdowell	1.08%
	North Carolina	**4.58%**	27	Lenoir	0.76%
77	Onslow	4.54%	26	Caldwell	0.74%
76	Camden	4.52%	25	Caswell	0.65%
75	Davie	4.46%	24	Watauga	0.65%
74	Macon	4.40%	23	Tyrrell	0.63%
73	Alleghany	4.36%	22	Graham	0.63%
72	Davidson	4.11%	21	Anson	0.56%
71	Henderson	4.08%	20	Columbus	0.56%
70	Durham	4.00%	19	Greene	0.52%
69	Rowan	3.90%	18	Alexander	0.51%
68	Perquimans	3.88%	17	Ashe	0.39%
67	Hoke	3.78%	16	Beaufort	0.35%
66	Rockingham	3.59%	15	Vance	-0.06%
65	Madison	3.57%	14	Scotland	-0.22%
64	Sampson	3.56%	13	Mitchell	-0.26%
63	Yadkin	3.52%	12	Martin	-0.34%
62	Carteret	3.47%	11	Edgecombe	-0.53%
61	Catawba	3.45%	10	Cumberland	-0.81%
60	Pitt	3.30%	9	Hyde	-1.14%
59	Stokes	3.23%	8	Richmond	-1.45%
58	Jones	3.21%	7	Hertford	-1.76%
57	Montgomery	3.17%	6	Swain	-2.09%
56	Duplin	3.06%	5	Halifax	-2.36%
55	Wayne	2.98%	4	Washington	-2.74%
54	Randolph	2.97%	3	Gates	-2.80%
53	Nash	2.87%	2	Northampton	-3.38%
52	Forsyth	2.62%	1	Bertie	-3.41%
51	Craven	2.59%		2024 Tiers State Value	3.20%

Median Household Income 2023					
Rank	County	Income	Rank	County	Income
100	Wake	$103,084	50	Hoke	$60,257
99	Union	$98,776	49	Madison	$59,505
98	Chatham	$95,716	48	Pasquotank	$59,463
97	Orange	$86,736	47	Randolph	$59,336
96	Currituck	$86,047	46	Polk	$59,012
95	Cabarrus	$85,540	45	Macon	$58,765
94	Mecklenburg	$84,796	44	Rockingham	$58,508
93	Camden	$84,656	43	Surry	$58,211
92	Iredell	$84,335	42	Caswell	$57,865
91	Durham	$81,413	41	Mitchell	$56,746
90	Johnston	$79,666	40	Wayne	$56,313
89	Dare	$79,646	39	Caldwell	$56,239
88	Lincoln	$79,109	38	Beaufort	$55,960
87	New Hanover	$79,106	37	Avery	$55,922
86	Moore	$78,955	36	Burke	$55,616
85	Brunswick	$76,797	35	Jackson	$55,462
84	Carteret	$76,397	34	Montgomery	$55,005
83	Davie	$76,153	33	Yancey	$54,913
82	Granville	$72,896	32	Ashe	$54,589
81	Pender	$72,161	31	Swain	$54,357
80	Buncombe	$71,218	30	Cherokee	$53,926
79	Franklin	$70,898	29	Mcdowell	$53,697
	North Carolina	**$70,838**	28	Sampson	$53,637
78	Harnett	$70,074	27	Clay	$53,229
77	Gaston	$67,076	26	Jones	$53,001
76	Onslow	$66,982	25	Duplin	$52,947
75	Alamance	$66,395	24	Wilson	$52,620
74	Catawba	$65,898	23	Greene	$52,145
73	Guilford	$65,890	22	Graham	$51,841
72	Stanly	$65,784	21	Lenoir	$51,601
71	Forsyth	$65,556	20	Wilkes	$50,848
70	Nash	$65,457	18	Columbus	$50,837
69	Rowan	$65,139	18	Rutherford	$50,714
68	Haywood	$64,553	17	Anson	$50,503
67	Person	$64,466	16	Richmond	$50,242
66	Gates	$64,047	15	Edgecombe	$49,972
65	Henderson	$63,765	14	Hyde	$49,781
64	Davidson	$63,551	13	Bladen	$49,661
63	Alexander	$62,976	12	Martin	$49,033
62	Lee	$62,680	11	Hertford	$48,964
61	Watauga	$62,045	10	Halifax	$48,520
60	Transylvania	$62,002	9	Warren	$47,866
59	Pamlico	$61,996	8	Washington	$47,239
58	Craven	$61,761	7	Alleghany	$46,571
57	Yadkin	$61,626	6	Tyrrell	$46,072
56	Cumberland	$61,511	5	Scotland	$45,604
55	Cleveland	$61,411	4	Vance	$45,408
54	Stokes	$61,374	3	Bertie	$44,371
53	Perquimans	$61,157	2	Northampton	$44,182
52	Chowan	$60,808	1	Robeson	$42,180
51	Pitt	$60,268		2024 Tiers State Value	$61,997

Unemployment Rate, 12 Mth Avg September 2024-August 2025					
Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
100	Camden	2.83%	50	Caldwell	3.69%
99	Currituck	2.86%	49	Craven	3.69%
98	Stanly	2.99%	48	Gaston	3.73%
97	Johnston	3.07%	47	Onslow	3.74%
96	Wake	3.07%	46	Pasquotank	3.75%
95	Yadkin	3.11%	45	Forsyth	3.75%
94	Orange	3.17%	44	Cherokee	3.78%
93	Union	3.18%	43	Lenoir	3.80%
92	Chatham	3.19%	42	Harnett	3.81%
91	Lincoln	3.22%	41	Wilkes	3.81%
90	Greene	3.24%	40	Pamlico	3.81%
89	Durham	3.25%	39	Burke	3.83%
88	Franklin	3.26%	38	Jones	3.87%
87	Duplin	3.28%	37	Sampson	3.91%
86	Surry	3.31%	36	Montgomery	3.91%
85	Ashe	3.32%	35	Pitt	3.92%
84	Davie	3.33%	34	Haywood	3.95%
83	Iredell	3.35%	33	Martin	3.95%
82	Pender	3.35%	32	Rockingham	4.00%
81	Moore	3.36%	31	Dare	4.03%
80	New Hanover	3.37%	30	Cleveland	4.09%
79	Cabarrus	3.37%	29	Guilford	4.15%
78	Chowan	3.37%	28	Richmond	4.17%
77	Carteret	3.40%	27	Hertford	4.18%
76	Person	3.40%	26	Brunswick	4.18%
75	Clay	3.40%	25	Columbus	4.20%
74	Macon	3.43%	24	Hoke	4.29%
73	Caswell	3.45%	23	Anson	4.32%
72	Gates	3.46%	22	Vance	4.41%
71	Graham	3.49%	21	Tyrrell	4.53%
70	Randolph	3.49%	20	Washington	4.59%
69	Granville	3.50%	19	Cumberland	4.61%
68	Rowan	3.50%	18	Nash	4.61%
67	Catawba	3.51%	17	Mcdowell	4.63%
66	Swain	3.52%	16	Avery	4.74%
65	Stokes	3.52%	15	Northampton	4.75%
64	Beaufort	3.53%	14	Warren	4.78%
63	Henderson	3.53%	13	Rutherford	4.86%
62	Lee	3.54%	12	Bertie	4.88%
61	Watauga	3.54%	11	Bladen	4.89%
60	Jackson	3.56%	10	Yancey	4.92%
59	Alamance	3.60%	9	Wilson	4.95%
58	Polk	3.60%	8	Robeson	4.97%
57	Alexander	3.62%	7	Halifax	5.06%
56	Wayne	3.62%	6	Scotland	5.14%
55	Transylvania	3.63%	5	Madison	5.17%
54	Alleghany	3.64%	4	Hyde	5.18%
53	Perquimans	3.64%	3	Edgecombe	5.27%
52	Davidson	3.66%	2	Buncombe	5.64%
51	Mecklenburg	3.68%	1	Mitchell	5.74%
	North Carolina	**3.69%**		2024 Tiers State Value	3.48%

Note: 2024 Tiers State Values are provided as required by G.S. 143B-437.07(d). Both adjusted property tax base per capita and median household income are presented in nominal terms.