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Develop and implement strategies to ensure that students are safer in schools.

CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS VISION

All schools in the state are safer, secure and offer an environment conducive to learning.

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LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE

Session Law 2024-57, Section 3J.17.(d) and Section 7.36.(b) directs the Executive Director of the Center for Safer Schools to establish the N.C. School Resource Officer Grant and N.C. School Safety Grant programs with the purpose of improving safety in public school units by providing grants for school resource officers, services for students in crisis, school safety training and safety equipment in schools.

Specific allocations for the 2025-2026 school year include \$33 million for SROs.

This report will serve as the required reporting by the Executive Director of the Center for Safer Schools to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, House Committee on Appropriations and Fiscal Research Division as indicated in Section 3J.17.(d) and Section 7.36.(m) of Session Law 2024-57.

Per legislation, this report includes:

- Identity of each entity that received a grant through the program.
- Amount of funding provided to each entity that received a grant.
- Use of funds by each entity that received a grant.
- Recommendations for the implementation of additional effective school safety measures.

Appendix A of this report lists the identity of each entity that received a grant through the SRO Grant program and the amount of funding provided to each entity.

Appendix B lists the 2025-2026 carryforward balance of each entity that received School Safety Grant funding.

Appendix C lists the identity of each low-wealth county in North Carolina.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT DETAILS

In 2025-2026, the School Resource Officer Grant Program entered Year 2 of the two-year grant, which made available \$33 million earmarked for the hiring and training of school resource officers (SROs). In addition, legislation allows the Center for Safer Schools (CFSS) \$100,000 of this funding for administrative costs. Funds in the amount of \$32.9 million were available to district, charter and other independent public schools.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application Availability	Open: 9 August 2024 Close: 3 September 2024
Application Approvals	The grants were evaluated and scored by the School Safety Grant Committee. Funding was disseminated to accommodate and fund as many PSUs as possible.

A total of 198 public school units submitted \$53.1 million in requests for SROs. The CFSS was able to award a total of \$32.9 million to 198 public school units (PSUs).

In Year 2 of the SRO Grant, continued eligibility for SRO funding was contingent upon having an updated memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place with a local law enforcement agency. Without an executed MOU, funding could not be provided. Funding totaling \$511,000 was withheld as 20 total PSUs did not meet the established MOU requirements.

Low-wealth PSUs were able to request \$44,000 per SRO, with a 4:1 local fund match. Non-low-wealth PSUs were able to request \$36,666 per SRO, with a 2:1 local fund match.

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT DETAILS

The School Safety Grant is utilized for the purchase of safety equipment, services for students in crisis and training to increase school safety. These funds are available to district, charter and other independent public schools.

At the time of this report, the General Assembly had not passed a state budget. Therefore, School Safety Grant funds were not available for distribution.

In July 2025, Session Law 2025-56/Senate Bill 125 extended the availability of previously awarded (2021-2023 and 2023-2025) School Safety Grant funds through 30 June 2027. This allows additional time for implementation of critical safety initiatives in PSUs.

A total of \$6.4 million was authorized as carryforward funding. In addition, \$196,000 was not allocated. One PSU closed, one PSU formally declined the funding and the 12 remaining PSUs did not submit the required Substitute W-9 documentation despite prior requests.

ANTICIPATED FUTURE NEEDS

The amount requested for School Resource Officer (SRO) funding increased significantly from \$36 million in the 2022-2023 fiscal year to \$53 million in 2024-2025, reflecting a continued rise in demand for SROs across public school units. Although \$32.9 million in recurring funding was allocated for SROs this year, approximately \$20 million in requests remained unfunded.

The 2022-2023 School Safety Grant program provided \$41.5 million to support safety equipment, services for students in crisis and training to increase school safety.

In 2023-2024, the School Safety Grant program awarded \$35 million for safety equipment, services for students in crisis, training to increase school safety and the introduction of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Pilot Program.

For the 2024-2025 cycle, PSUs submitted requests totaling more than \$86.8 million in School Safety Grant funding; however, only \$35 million was awarded. This total included \$5.2 million dedicated to the AI Pilot Program.

These figures demonstrate a sustained and growing demand among PSUs for additional investment in school safety initiatives. As school personnel continue to receive training and strengthen partnerships with law enforcement agencies, the ability to identify and address safety concerns has improved. Law enforcement agencies play a critical role in conducting vulnerability assessments and supporting schools in proactively identifying and mitigating potential risks.

Increasing funding would further strengthen collaborative relationships between public school units and law enforcement agencies, while enabling schools to implement additional measures to harden facilities and improve overall safety and security.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase School Resource Officer (SRO) funding to \$50 million to better support law enforcement presence and enhance school safety across all public school units (PSUs).
- Maintain the reduced local match requirement for Tier 1 PSUs, ensuring that the most economically disadvantaged districts can fully access and utilize SRO funding.
- Establish \$50 million in recurring funding for the School Safety Grant Program to provide consistent, sustainable support for critical safety initiatives statewide.
- Allow carryforward of School Safety Grant funds for up to six months beyond the close of the fiscal year (or until 31 December) to accommodate:
 - Procurement and contracting timelines
 - Summer training opportunities
 - Continuity of services for students in crisis

APPENDIX A

2025-2026 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT AWARDS – YEAR 2

PSU	School District	Amount Awarded
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	\$ 792,000.00
20	Alexander County Schools	\$ 308,000.00
30	Alleghany County Schools	\$ 73,332.00
40	Anson County Schools	\$ 88,000.00
50	Ashe County Schools	\$ 36,666.00
60	Avery County Schools	\$ 256,662.00
70	Beaufort County Schools	\$ 396,000.00
80	Bertie County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
90	Bladen County Schools	\$ 264,000.00
100	Brunswick County Schools	\$ 513,324.00
110	Buncombe County Schools	\$ 923,530.00
120	Burke County Schools	\$ 537,000.00
130	Cabarrus County Schools	\$ 1,063,314.00
132	Kannapolis City Schools	\$ 112,248.00
140	Caldwell County Schools	\$ 402,750.00
150	Camden County Schools	\$ 132,000.00
160	Carteret County Public Schools	\$ 439,992.00
170	Caswell County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
180	Catawba County Schools	\$ 219,996.00
181	Hickory City Schools	\$ 149,664.00
182	Newton Conover City Schools	\$ 112,248.00
190	Chatham County Schools	\$ 109,998.00
200	Cherokee County Schools	\$ 352,000.00
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	\$ 110,000.00
220	Clay County Schools	\$ 73,332.00
230	Cleveland County Schools	\$ 753,000.00
240	Columbus County Schools	\$ 396,000.00
241	Whiteville City Schools	\$ 132,000.00
250	Craven County Board of Education	\$ 572,000.00
260	Cumberland County Schools	\$ 660,000.00
270	Currituck County Schools	\$ 149,664.00
280	Dare County Schools	\$ 36,666.00
290	Davidson County Schools	\$ 1,026,000.00
291	Lexington City Schools	\$ 88,000.00
292	Thomasville City Schools	\$ 44,000.00
300	Davie County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
310	Duplin County Schools	\$ 440,000.00
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	\$ 372,000.00
350	Franklin County Schools	\$ 484,000.00
360	Gaston County Schools	\$ 1,452,000.00
370	Gates County Schools	\$ 88,000.00

390	Granville County Schools	\$ 308,000.00
400	Greene County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
410	Guilford County Schools	\$ 366,660.00
420	Halifax County Schools	\$ 132,000.00
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	\$ 176,000.00
422	Weldon City Schools	\$ 89,500.00
430	Harnett County Schools	\$ 220,000.00
440	Haywood County Schools	\$ 329,994.00
450	Henderson County Schools	\$ 22,375.00
460	Hertford County Schools	\$ 179,000.00
470	Hoke County Schools	\$ 44,000.00
480	Hyde County Schools	\$ 73,332.00
491	Mooresville Graded School District	\$ 109,998.00
500	Jackson County Public Schools	\$ 73,332.00
510	Johnston County Public Schools	\$ 1,320,000.00
520	Jones County Schools	\$ 223,750.00
530	Lee County Schools	\$ 492,250.00
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	\$ 220,000.00
550	Lincoln County Schools	\$ 149,664.00
560	Macon County Schools	\$ 73,332.00
570	Madison County Schools	\$ 134,250.00
580	Martin County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
590	McDowell County Schools	\$ 484,000.00
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	\$ 36,666.00
610	Mitchell County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
620	Montgomery County Schools	\$ 264,000.00
630	Moore County Schools	\$ 256,662.00
640	Nash County Public Schools	\$ 484,000.00
650	New Hanover County Schools	\$ 411,576.00
660	Northampton County Schools	\$ 44,000.00
670	Onslow County Schools	\$ 704,000.00
680	Orange County Schools	\$ 329,994.00
690	Pamlico County Schools	\$ 134,250.00
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	\$ 89,500.00
710	Pender County Schools	\$ 40,000.00
720	Perquimans County Schools	\$ 89,500.00
730	Person County Schools	\$ 44,000.00
740	Pitt County Schools	\$ 880,000.00
750	Polk County Schools	\$ 183,330.00
760	Randolph County School System	\$ 176,000.00
761	Asheboro City Schools	\$ 44,000.00
770	Richmond County Schools	\$ 268,500.00
790	Rockingham County Schools	\$ 581,750.00
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	\$ 709,500.00
810	Rutherford County Schools	\$ 352,000.00

820	Sampson County Schools	\$ 528,000.00
821	Clinton City Schools	\$ 176,000.00
840	Stanly County Schools	\$ 484,000.00
850	Stokes County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
860	Surry County Schools	\$ 308,000.00
861	Elkin City Schools	\$ 44,000.00
862	Mount Airy City Schools	\$ 44,000.00
870	Swain County Schools	\$ 132,000.00
890	Tyrrell County Schools	\$ 88,000.00
900	Union County Schools	\$ 403,326.00
930	Warren County Schools	\$ 88,000.00
940	Washington County Schools	\$ 88,000.00
950	Watauga County Schools	\$ 149,664.00
960	Wayne County Public Schools	\$ 616,000.00
970	Wilkes County Schools	\$ 264,000.00
980	Wilson County Schools	\$ 44,000.00
990	Yadkin County Schools	\$ 264,000.00
995	Yancey County Schools	\$ 176,000.00
Total		\$ 30,633,041.00

PSU	Charter School	Amount Awarded
01F	Alamance Community School	\$ 26,400.00
26B	Alpha Academy	\$ 26,400.00
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	\$ 17,600.00
53B	Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	\$ 26,400.00
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	\$ 17,600.00
79A	Bethany Community School	\$ 26,400.00
88A	Brevard Academy	\$ 14,666.00
93Q	Carolina Charter Academy: CFA	\$ 22,000.00
13A	Carolina International School	\$ 22,000.00
50Z	Catamount School	\$ 14,666.00
61M	Charlotte Lab School	\$ 22,000.00
10A	Classical Charter Schools of Leland	\$ 22,000.00
10B	Classical Charter Schools of Southport	\$ 22,000.00
24N	Classical Charter Schools of Whiteville	\$ 26,400.00
01C	Clover Garden	\$ 26,400.00
36G	Community Public Charter	\$ 26,400.00
60I	Community School of Davidson	\$ 36,666.00
65Z	D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy	\$ 14,666.00
29A	Davidson Charter Academy	\$ 26,400.00
32T	Discovery Charter School	\$ 14,666.00
32B	Durham Charter School	\$ 22,000.00
92G	East Wake Academy	\$ 29,333.00
32R	Excelsior Classical Academy	\$ 29,333.00

32M	Global Scholars Academy	\$ 14,666.00
84B	Gray Stone Day School	\$ 26,400.00
41C	Guilford Preparatory Academy	\$ 22,000.00
49G	Iredell Charter Academy of Arts Scienc	\$ 22,000.00
51B	Johnston Charter Academy	\$ 26,400.00
66A	KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	\$ 35,200.00
81B	Lake Lure Classical Academy	\$ 17,600.00
60D	Lake Norman Charter	\$ 36,666.00
49F	Langtree Charter Academy	\$ 36,666.00
55A	Lincoln Charter School	\$ 73,332.00
61Q	Mallard Creek STEM Academy	\$ 22,000.00
32A	Maureen Joy Charter	\$ 22,000.00
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	\$ 26,400.00
90D	Monroe Charter Academy	\$ 14,666.00
36C	Mountain Island Charter	\$ 44,000.00
34H	NC Leadership Charter Academy	\$ 29,333.00
51A	Neuse Charter School	\$ 26,400.00
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	\$ 35,200.00
70A	Northeast Academy of Aerospace AdvTech	\$ 26,400.00
39B	Oxford Preparatory School	\$ 26,400.00
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	\$ 44,000.00
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	\$ 36,666.00
93N	Pine Springs Preparatory Academy	\$ 29,333.00
23A	Pinnacle Classical Academy	\$ 35,200.00
60Y	Pioneer Springs Community School	\$ 22,000.00
25A	Riverside Leadership Academy	\$ 17,600.00
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	\$ 27,150.00
73B	Roxboro Community School	\$ 22,000.00
63B	Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	\$ 22,000.00
44A	Shining Rock Classical Academy	\$ 22,000.00
62J	Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy	\$ 22,000.00
50A	Summit Charter	\$ 14,666.00
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	\$ 35,200.00
16B	Tiller School	\$ 14,666.00
62A	Tillery Charter Academy	\$ 17,600.00
90A	Union Academy Charter School	\$ 36,666.00
61K	United Community School	\$ 14,666.00
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	\$ 44,000.00
91A	Vance Charter School	\$ 26,400.00
32L	Voyager Academy	\$ 29,333.00
96F	Wayne Preparatory	\$ 27,150.00
55B	West Lake Preparatory Academy	\$ 14,666.00
Total		\$ 1,691,087.00
Combined Total SRO Year 2 Grant		\$ 32,324,128.00

APPENDIX B

2025-2026 CARRYFORWARD BALANCES

PSU	School District	Amount
030	Alleghany County Schools	\$ 16,483.06
040	Anson County Schools	\$ 10,666.07
050	Ashe County Schools	\$ 93,329.25
060	Avery County Schools	\$ 62,600.51
070	Beaufort County Schools	\$ 22.00
080	Bertie County Schools	\$ 319.55
120	Burke County Schools	\$ 12,962.40
130	Cabarrus County Schools	\$ 30.45
132	Kannapolis City Schools	\$ 204,417.28
140	Caldwell County Schools	\$ 176,168.09
150	Camden County Schools	\$ 90,497.88
181	Hickory City Schools	\$ 8,385.52
200	Cherokee County Schools	\$ 0.12
240	Columbus County Schools	\$ 4,711.03
241	Whiteville City Schools	\$ 93,105.84
250	Craven County Board of Education	\$ 634.69
270	Currituck County Schools	\$ 14,936.88
291	Lexington City Schools	\$ 240.91
292	Thomasville City Schools	\$ 472.53
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	\$ 9,290.76
360	Gaston County Schools	\$ 9,167.29
370	Gates County Schools	\$ 538.36
380	Graham County Schools	\$ 54.05
400	Greene County Schools	\$ 227,329.31
410	Guilford County Schools	\$ 158,161.06
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	\$ 12,546.23
430	Harnett County Schools	\$ 65,187.94
440	Haywood County Schools	\$ 3,071.23
450	Henderson County Schools	\$ 22,241.52
460	Hertford County Schools	\$ 25,325.93
470	Hoke County Schools	\$ 63,427.04
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	\$ 152,253.58
510	Johnston County Public Schools	\$ 19,647.64
520	Jones County Schools	\$ 197,929.96
550	Lincoln County Schools	\$ 70.08
580	Martin County Schools	\$ 2,445.72
590	McDowell County Schools	\$ 1,333.73
620	Montgomery County Schools	\$ 185,000.87
630	Moore County Schools	\$ 41,026.20
640	Nash County Public Schools	\$ 109,491.50
650	New Hanover County Schools	\$ 158,263.31

660	Northampton County Schools	\$ 178,987.47
680	Orange County Schools	\$ 8,648.86
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	\$ 40,681.22
690	Pamlico County Schools	\$ 21,761.52
730	Person County Schools	\$ 56,178.00
740	Pitt County Schools	\$ 2,482.02
750	Polk County Schools	\$ 167,767.50
760	Randolph County School System	\$ 6,080.17
761	Asheboro City Schools	\$ 4,140.86
770	Richmond County Schools	\$ 32,363.41
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	\$ 6,094.56
790	Rockingham County Schools	\$ 311,787.80
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	\$ 227,604.00
820	Sampson County Schools	\$ 813.74
821	Clinton City Schools	\$ 14,850.09
830	Scotland County Schools	\$ 169,794.77
861	Elkin City Schools	\$ 27,934.81
862	Mount Airy City Schools	\$ 24,295.20
870	Swain County Schools	\$ 76,082.60
890	Tyrrell County Schools	\$ 257,194.14
900	Union County Public Schools	\$ 0.01
920	Wake County Schools	\$ 39,423.31
940	Washington County Schools	\$ 3,330.00
950	Watauga County Schools	\$ 84,731.21
970	Wilkes County Schools	\$ 279,999.93
	Total	\$ 4,296,814.57

PSU	Charter School	Amount
01B	River Mill Academy	\$ 3.37
01C	Clover Garden	\$ 9,976.98
01F	Alamance Community School	\$ 1,187.32
10B	Classical Charter Schools of Southport	\$ 8,912.00
11A	Evergreen Community Charter	\$ 367.87
11C	Invest Collegiate - Imagine	\$ 29,241.12
11L	Mountain City Public Montessori	\$ 13,227.77
12A	The New Dimensions School	\$ 80,214.99
13C	A.C.E. Academy	\$ 789.78
13D	Concord Lake STEAM Academy	\$ 40,909.24
16B	Tiller School	\$ 26,545.55
26B	Alpha Academy	\$ 59,500.00
27A	Water's Edge Village School	\$ 1,605.92
34H	NC Leadership Charter Academy	\$ 13,930.46
35C	Wake Preparatory Academy	\$ 112,839.00
41B	Greensboro Academy	\$ 47,331.40

41C	Guilford Preparatory Academy	\$ 16,537.75
41D	Phoenix Academy Inc	\$ 19,550.00
41H	The College Preparatory and Leadership A	\$ 72,686.57
41L	Gate City Charter Academy	\$ 37,827.00
41M	Next Generation Academy	\$ 24,091.21
41N	The Experiential School of Greensboro	\$ 40,032.00
41R	Summit Creek Academy	\$ 67,000.00
42A	KIPP Gaston (Pride) College Preparatory	\$ 2,246.66
42B	Hobgood Charter School	\$ 6.04
43C	Anderson Creek Academy	\$ 75,000.00
44A	Shining Rock Classical Academy	\$ 46,000.25
45A	The Mountain Community Sch	\$ 4,668.10
49G	Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Scienc	\$ 36,336.20
51A	Neuse Charter School	\$ 26,459.62
51C	American Leadership Academy - Johnston	\$ 107,330.00
53C	Rising Leaders Academy	\$ 12,622.27
53D	Central Carolina Academy	\$ 2,427.00
55B	West Lake Preparatory Academy	\$ 6,255.39
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	\$ 37,862.78
60D	Lake Norman Charter	\$ 824.80
60J	Socrates Academy	\$ 219.57
60M	Corvian Community School	\$ 16,305.00
60N	American Leadership Academy - Charlotte	\$ 62,829.00
60Y	Pioneer Springs Community School	\$ 12,000.00
61N	The Math and Science Academy of Charlotte	\$ 50,000.00
61V	Bonnie Cone Classical Academy	\$ 755.08
61W	East Voyager Academy	\$ 33,379.16
61Y	Steele Creek Preparatory Academy	\$ 65.29
62M	Bonnie Cone Leadership Academy	\$ 41,848.71
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	\$ 58,986.45
65C	Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington	\$ 34,690.91
65F	American Leadership Academy-Coastal	\$ 22,508.65
65G	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	\$ 4,864.23
68C	The Expedition School	\$ 4,080.76
70A	Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	\$ 6,457.70
78C	Old Main Stream	\$ 85,519.32
79C	Legacy Classical Academy	\$ 29,139.73
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	\$ 48,611.54
81B	Lake Lure Classical Academy	\$ 5,000.00
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	\$ 13,592.17
88A	Brevard Academy	\$ 13,228.73
90C	Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trai	\$ 8.76
90D	Monroe Charter Academy	\$ 7,914.44
92B	The Exploris School	\$ 35,590.27
92G	East Wake Academy	\$ 70,457.35

92M	PreEminent Charter School	\$ 73,170.00
92P	Southern Wake Academy	\$ 75,285.89
92S	Endeavor Charter	\$ 45,974.74
92W	Cardinal Charter	\$ 888.32
93J	RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School	\$ 3,665.36
93P	Rolesville Charter Academy	\$ 24,312.20
93T	Cardinal Charter Acad at Wendell Falls	\$ 16,424.48
96G	Wayne STEM Academy	\$ 603.00
	Total	\$ 1,980,723.22

Combined Total	\$ 6,277,537.79
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APPENDIX C

2023-2024 LOW-WEALTH COUNTIES

Eligible County	Wealth %	Dollars per child	Eligible County	Wealth %	Dollars per child
Robeson County	58.07%	\$957.27	Johnston County	80.06%	\$455.24
Greene County	61.56%	\$877.60	Wilson County	80.23%	\$451.36
Hoke County	62.25%	\$861.84	Pasquotank County	81.23%	\$428.52
Scotland County	62.51%	\$855.91	Pender County	81.36%	\$403.86
Columbus County	64.63%	\$807.51	Wilkes County	81.37%	\$340.26
Sampson County	65.42%	\$789.47	Alexander County	81.64%	\$419.16
Vance County	66.30%	\$769.38	Stokes County	82.12%	\$408.21
Richmond County	68.38%	\$721.89	Camden County	82.20%	\$406.38
Edgecombe County	69.59%	\$694.27	Onslow County	82.20%	\$406.38
Harnett County	70.02%	\$684.45	Rutherford County	82.58%	\$371.45
Duplin County	70.66%	\$669.84	Lee County	83.07%	\$386.52
Martin County	71.17%	\$658.20	Tyrrell County	83.77%	\$370.54
Halifax County	72.14%	\$636.05	Rowan County	83.87%	\$368.25
Lenoir County	72.83%	\$620.30	McDowell County	83.91%	\$319.59
Randolph County	73.71%	\$530.59	Pitt County	84.99%	\$342.68
Bladen County	73.76%	\$599.07	Montgomery County	85.64%	\$238.01
Wayne County	73.89%	\$596.10	Davidson County	85.82%	\$246.68
Granville County	73.93%	\$595.19	Person County	86.44%	\$309.58
Franklin County	74.63%	\$579.20	Alamance County	86.78%	\$253.83
Hertford County	75.10%	\$568.47	Jones County	87.68%	\$281.27
Yadkin County	75.26%	\$474.45	Perquimans County	87.75%	\$240.52
Rockingham County	75.42%	\$561.17	Chowan County	87.83%	\$277.84
Stanly County	75.50%	\$401.05	Swain County	89.57%	\$59.53
Burke County	76.02%	\$423.74	Craven County	91.48%	\$163.19
Anson County	76.10%	\$545.64	Graham County	91.86%	\$90.88
Washington County	76.43%	\$538.11	Mitchell County	93.21%	\$92.08
Nash County	76.51%	\$459.59	Beaufort County	93.35%	\$151.82
Gates County	76.83%	\$528.98	Warren County	93.90%	\$139.26
Surry County	77.36%	\$392.83	Yancey County	94.11%	\$103.54
Caswell County	77.69%	\$509.34	Gaston County	95.01%	\$113.92
Caldwell County	77.73%	\$396.58	Cherokee County	95.18%	\$110.04
Cumberland County	77.97%	\$502.95	Davie County	97.91%	\$47.72
Cleveland County	78.35%	\$494.28	Pamlico County	98.54%	\$33.33
Northampton County	78.62%	\$488.11	Madison County	99.59%	\$8.64
Bertie County	79.40%	\$470.30			

Key Aspects of Low-Wealth in NC

Counties designated as low wealth receive supplementary funds from the state to bridge the gap in school funding, ensuring that schools in poorer areas have sufficient resources.

The ranking is calculated by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction based on a formula involving property tax base per student, income and the county's ability to generate revenue.