

Department of Commerce
Proposed Economic Distress Index

County	Unemployment Rate 12 Month Average Oct 2014-Sept 2015		Average Annual Wage 2014 Q3 - 2015 Q2		Median Household Income 2013		25+ Population w/ less than HS Diploma 2010-2014 Average		PROPOSED 2016 Index		Current 2016 TIER	PROPOSED 2015 Index	
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Alamance	5.17%	1.09	\$36,344	0.80	\$43,001	0.94	17.40%	0.84	0.915	68	2	0.909	66
Alexander	4.95%	1.14	\$30,739	0.67	\$46,064	1.00	19.34%	0.75	0.892	62	2	0.839	45
Alleghany	6.18%	0.91	\$28,326	0.62	\$37,086	0.81	20.39%	0.72	0.764	24	1	0.748	21
Anson	6.40%	0.88	\$31,872	0.70	\$33,443	0.73	21.69%	0.67	0.745	19	1	0.724	12
Ashe	6.15%	0.92	\$31,801	0.70	\$35,155	0.77	19.32%	0.76	0.784	31	1	0.773	27
Avery	5.77%	0.98	\$28,821	0.63	\$34,933	0.76	19.07%	0.76	0.784	32	2	0.779	29
Beaufort	6.55%	0.86	\$35,467	0.78	\$39,043	0.85	18.59%	0.78	0.818	42	1	0.821	41
Bertie	7.22%	0.78	\$29,455	0.65	\$31,610	0.69	25.10%	0.58	0.674	6	1	0.646	2
Bladen	8.12%	0.69	\$33,353	0.73	\$33,971	0.74	22.63%	0.64	0.702	12	1	0.687	7
Brunswick	6.93%	0.81	\$36,167	0.79	\$47,799	1.04	13.61%	1.07	0.930	70	3	0.967	73
Buncombe	4.26%	1.32	\$38,736	0.85	\$45,738	1.00	9.97%	1.46	1.158	94	3	1.128	94
Burke	5.73%	0.98	\$34,376	0.75	\$36,150	0.79	22.48%	0.65	0.794	36	2	0.796	36
Cabarrus	5.10%	1.11	\$37,767	0.83	\$55,046	1.20	12.58%	1.16	1.073	92	3	1.068	89
Caldwell	6.32%	0.89	\$33,135	0.73	\$34,811	0.76	24.05%	0.61	0.746	20	1	0.758	24
Camden	5.82%	0.97	\$38,265	0.84	\$60,537	1.32	13.42%	1.09	1.053	85	1	1.040	84
Carteret	5.77%	0.98	\$30,449	0.67	\$46,227	1.01	11.39%	1.28	0.983	79	3	1.030	81
Caswell	6.25%	0.90	\$30,876	0.68	\$37,122	0.81	24.21%	0.60	0.747	21	1	0.764	25
Catawba	5.60%	1.01	\$38,631	0.85	\$43,777	0.95	17.35%	0.84	0.912	66	2	0.885	60
Chatham	4.57%	1.23	\$33,722	0.74	\$56,981	1.24	13.81%	1.06	1.067	91	3	1.121	93
Cherokee	6.49%	0.87	\$29,667	0.65	\$34,476	0.75	17.63%	0.83	0.774	28	2	0.736	15
Chowan	7.14%	0.79	\$33,925	0.74	\$39,143	0.85	17.12%	0.85	0.809	39	1	0.782	31
Clay	5.93%	0.95	\$28,290	0.62	\$37,078	0.81	12.07%	1.21	0.897	64	1	0.906	63
Cleveland	6.38%	0.88	\$36,231	0.79	\$40,528	0.88	17.74%	0.82	0.846	47	2	0.850	47
Columbus	7.48%	0.75	\$32,744	0.72	\$35,026	0.76	20.36%	0.72	0.738	16	1	0.738	17
Craven	6.12%	0.92	\$40,345	0.88	\$45,022	0.98	13.09%	1.11	0.975	75	2	0.992	77
Cumberland	7.18%	0.79	\$38,650	0.85	\$44,038	0.96	10.57%	1.38	0.993	82	2	1.032	82
Currituck	5.75%	0.98	\$33,182	0.73	\$57,577	1.25	15.31%	0.95	0.978	77	2	1.047	86
Dare	7.38%	0.76	\$29,929	0.66	\$52,083	1.13	8.59%	1.70	1.063	89	2	1.113	92
Davidson	5.49%	1.03	\$35,510	0.78	\$40,424	0.88	18.88%	0.77	0.865	55	2	0.868	52
Davie	4.94%	1.14	\$32,645	0.72	\$49,708	1.08	14.57%	1.00	0.985	80	2	0.993	78
Duplin	5.70%	0.99	\$31,694	0.69	\$38,106	0.83	28.61%	0.51	0.756	23	2	0.735	14
Durham	4.88%	1.16	\$65,785	1.44	\$52,331	1.14	12.55%	1.16	1.225	97	3	1.246	98
Edgecombe	9.61%	0.59	\$33,815	0.74	\$33,080	0.72	22.42%	0.65	0.675	7	1	0.692	9
Forsyth	5.39%	1.05	\$48,974	1.07	\$46,163	1.00	13.18%	1.11	1.058	87	3	1.055	88
Franklin	5.67%	0.99	\$38,536	0.84	\$39,312	0.86	18.33%	0.80	0.873	58	2	0.913	67
Gaston	5.80%	0.97	\$37,785	0.83	\$42,461	0.92	18.22%	0.80	0.881	59	2	0.875	53
Gates	5.52%	1.02	\$31,340	0.69	\$48,194	1.05	17.42%	0.84	0.899	65	1	0.884	59
Graham	12.57%	0.45	\$34,318	0.75	\$33,553	0.73	20.16%	0.72	0.664	4	1	0.672	4
Granville	5.01%	1.13	\$40,982	0.90	\$48,680	1.06	18.00%	0.81	0.973	74	2	0.919	68
Greene	5.54%	1.02	\$30,458	0.67	\$39,481	0.86	23.77%	0.61	0.790	35	1	0.755	23
Guilford	5.76%	0.98	\$45,390	1.00	\$46,093	1.00	11.76%	1.24	1.054	86	3	1.034	83
Halifax	8.82%	0.64	\$32,030	0.70	\$32,597	0.71	23.47%	0.62	0.668	5	1	0.673	5
Harnett	6.70%	0.84	\$32,289	0.71	\$45,257	0.99	15.31%	0.95	0.872	56	2	0.886	61
Haywood	5.07%	1.11	\$33,548	0.74	\$39,320	0.86	13.49%	1.08	0.946	71	2	0.977	75
Henderson	4.58%	1.23	\$36,230	0.79	\$44,561	0.97	11.56%	1.26	1.064	90	3	1.083	90
Hertford	6.84%	0.82	\$35,279	0.77	\$33,616	0.73	23.45%	0.62	0.738	17	1	0.747	20
Hoke	7.73%	0.73	\$31,356	0.69	\$43,987	0.96	15.70%	0.93	0.826	43	2	0.907	65
Hyde	8.71%	0.65	\$29,426	0.65	\$36,681	0.80	20.51%	0.71	0.701	11	1	0.742	18
Iredell	5.37%	1.05	\$45,399	1.00	\$49,983	1.09	13.06%	1.12	1.063	88	3	1.042	85
Jackson	5.89%	0.96	\$33,600	0.74	\$40,511	0.88	13.60%	1.07	0.912	67	1	0.919	69
Johnston	5.04%	1.12	\$35,733	0.78	\$50,904	1.11	16.07%	0.91	0.980	78	3	0.978	76
Jones	5.73%	0.98	\$32,178	0.71	\$39,602	0.86	16.19%	0.90	0.863	54	1	0.827	42

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Lee	7.56%	0.75	\$38,008	0.83	\$48,061	1.05	18.54%	0.79	0.853	49	2	0.834	43
Lenoir	6.46%	0.87	\$33,986	0.75	\$34,127	0.74	19.19%	0.76	0.780	30	1	0.784	32
Lincoln	5.29%	1.06	\$35,135	0.77	\$50,537	1.10	17.09%	0.85	0.947	72	3	0.939	71
Macon	6.10%	0.92	\$31,397	0.69	\$36,840	0.80	18.75%	0.78	0.798	37	1	0.877	54
Madison	5.41%	1.04	\$30,236	0.66	\$37,219	0.81	14.34%	1.02	0.883	60	2	0.878	56
Martin	7.42%	0.76	\$28,883	0.63	\$37,479	0.82	19.67%	0.74	0.738	15	1	0.766	26
McDowell	5.57%	1.01	\$32,385	0.71	\$34,761	0.76	18.68%	0.78	0.815	41	1	0.806	39
Mecklenburg	5.31%	1.06	\$60,786	1.33	\$54,657	1.19	10.97%	1.33	1.229	98	3	1.224	97
Mitchell	6.77%	0.83	\$31,937	0.70	\$38,303	0.83	18.76%	0.78	0.786	34	2	0.785	33
Montgomery	5.69%	0.99	\$32,930	0.72	\$35,613	0.78	25.50%	0.57	0.765	25	1	0.738	16
Moore	5.61%	1.00	\$36,424	0.80	\$50,169	1.09	10.01%	1.46	1.088	93	3	1.101	91
Nash	7.31%	0.77	\$37,470	0.82	\$41,575	0.90	15.99%	0.91	0.852	48	1	0.839	44
New Hanover	5.24%	1.08	\$40,719	0.89	\$48,651	1.06	8.75%	1.67	1.174	95	3	1.168	96
Northampton	7.46%	0.76	\$32,944	0.72	\$31,732	0.69	25.55%	0.57	0.685	9	1	0.688	8
Onslow	5.71%	0.99	\$31,850	0.70	\$45,213	0.98	9.72%	1.50	1.042	84	2	1.055	87
Orange	4.41%	1.28	\$51,059	1.12	\$59,472	1.29	8.06%	1.81	1.376	99	3	1.350	99
Pamlico	6.00%	0.94	\$27,273	0.60	\$43,517	0.95	13.33%	1.09	0.895	63	2	0.863	51
Pasquotank	7.44%	0.76	\$35,389	0.78	\$40,094	0.87	15.99%	0.91	0.830	44	1	0.852	48
Pender	5.98%	0.94	\$32,260	0.71	\$44,949	0.98	14.10%	1.03	0.916	69	3	0.921	70
Perquimans	7.13%	0.79	\$31,801	0.70	\$42,504	0.93	16.07%	0.91	0.830	45	1	0.849	46
Person	6.58%	0.86	\$36,787	0.81	\$42,091	0.92	17.12%	0.85	0.858	52	2	0.906	64
Pitt	5.97%	0.94	\$41,194	0.90	\$40,940	0.89	13.11%	1.11	0.963	73	2	0.954	72
Polk	5.05%	1.12	\$29,445	0.65	\$43,665	0.95	11.58%	1.26	0.993	83	2	1.029	80
Randolph	5.48%	1.03	\$33,524	0.74	\$40,896	0.89	20.92%	0.70	0.838	46	2	0.853	49
Richmond	7.96%	0.71	\$32,392	0.71	\$32,825	0.71	19.36%	0.75	0.722	14	1	0.725	13
Robeson	8.48%	0.66	\$31,117	0.68	\$30,248	0.66	27.05%	0.54	0.636	2	1	0.644	1
Rockingham	6.43%	0.88	\$34,208	0.75	\$40,446	0.88	20.75%	0.70	0.802	38	2	0.800	37
Rowan	5.86%	0.96	\$40,328	0.88	\$41,475	0.90	18.06%	0.81	0.889	61	2	0.888	62
Rutherford	7.78%	0.72	\$31,522	0.69	\$35,544	0.77	18.58%	0.79	0.744	18	1	0.754	22
Sampson	5.76%	0.98	\$33,477	0.73	\$35,890	0.78	25.82%	0.56	0.765	26	2	0.802	38
Scotland	10.69%	0.53	\$34,688	0.76	\$32,314	0.70	22.18%	0.66	0.662	3	1	0.663	3
Stanly	5.29%	1.07	\$31,934	0.70	\$42,801	0.93	18.42%	0.79	0.872	57	2	0.879	57
Stokes	5.27%	1.07	\$29,796	0.65	\$44,552	0.97	19.47%	0.75	0.860	53	2	0.880	58
Surry	5.46%	1.03	\$32,396	0.71	\$36,221	0.79	24.02%	0.61	0.785	33	2	0.774	28
Swain	7.86%	0.72	\$33,351	0.73	\$34,552	0.75	18.32%	0.80	0.749	22	1	0.781	30
Transylvania	5.47%	1.03	\$31,468	0.69	\$40,578	0.88	11.19%	1.30	0.977	76	2	0.972	74
Tyrrell	8.86%	0.64	\$28,239	0.62	\$32,642	0.71	29.35%	0.50	0.616	1	1	0.679	6
Union	4.71%	1.20	\$40,093	0.88	\$63,912	1.39	11.30%	1.29	1.190	96	3	1.153	95
Vance	8.68%	0.65	\$32,485	0.71	\$35,565	0.77	22.54%	0.65	0.696	10	1	0.700	11
Wake	4.53%	1.24	\$51,762	1.13	\$65,433	1.42	8.10%	1.80	1.401	100	3	1.410	100
Warren	8.38%	0.67	\$30,678	0.67	\$33,767	0.73	22.73%	0.64	0.681	8	1	0.699	10
Washington	8.56%	0.66	\$38,442	0.84	\$31,596	0.69	22.16%	0.66	0.712	13	1	0.786	35
Watauga	4.88%	1.16	\$33,341	0.73	\$38,380	0.84	11.73%	1.24	0.991	81	3	1.016	79
Wayne	6.02%	0.94	\$34,388	0.75	\$41,526	0.90	17.80%	0.82	0.854	50	2	0.856	50
Wilkes	5.73%	0.98	\$33,324	0.73	\$35,895	0.78	25.66%	0.57	0.766	27	2	0.744	19
Wilson	9.03%	0.62	\$40,483	0.89	\$40,772	0.89	20.86%	0.70	0.775	29	2	0.785	34
Yadkin	4.85%	1.16	\$31,443	0.69	\$40,998	0.89	21.74%	0.67	0.854	51	2	0.878	55
Yancey	5.90%	0.96	\$28,791	0.63	\$35,866	0.78	16.74%	0.87	0.810	40	1	0.807	40
NORTH CAROLINA	5.64%		\$45,606		\$45,946		14.59%						