

2019 NORTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT TIER DESIGNATIONS

Since 2007 North Carolina has used a three-level system for designating development tiers. The designations, which are mandated by state law, are incorporated into certain state development programs to encourage economic activity in all 100 counties of the state. This report documents the process for calculating tiers and lists counties which have changed tiers since 2018. A North Carolina tier map and tier calculations are included for reference.

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 (November 2017 – October 2018, NC Dept. of Commerce LAUS)
- **Median household income** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (2016, U.S. Census, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates)
- **Percentage growth in population** for the most recent 36 months for which data are available (July 2014 – July 2017, NC Office of State Budget & Management)
- **Adjusted property tax base per capita** for the most recent taxable year (FY 2018-19, 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, the 2018 Appropriations Act calls for the Department of Commerce to publish the state performance statistic for each of the four factors, alongside the county values. Any county that’s underperforming the state average on any of the four factors may request assistance from the Department for how to improve their performance on the given factor. A ranked list of each county’s performance by factor, as well as the statewide value, is provided at the end of this document. For guidance on accessing assistance from the Department, contact David Rhoades, N.C. Commerce’s Communications Director at drhoades@nccommerce.com.

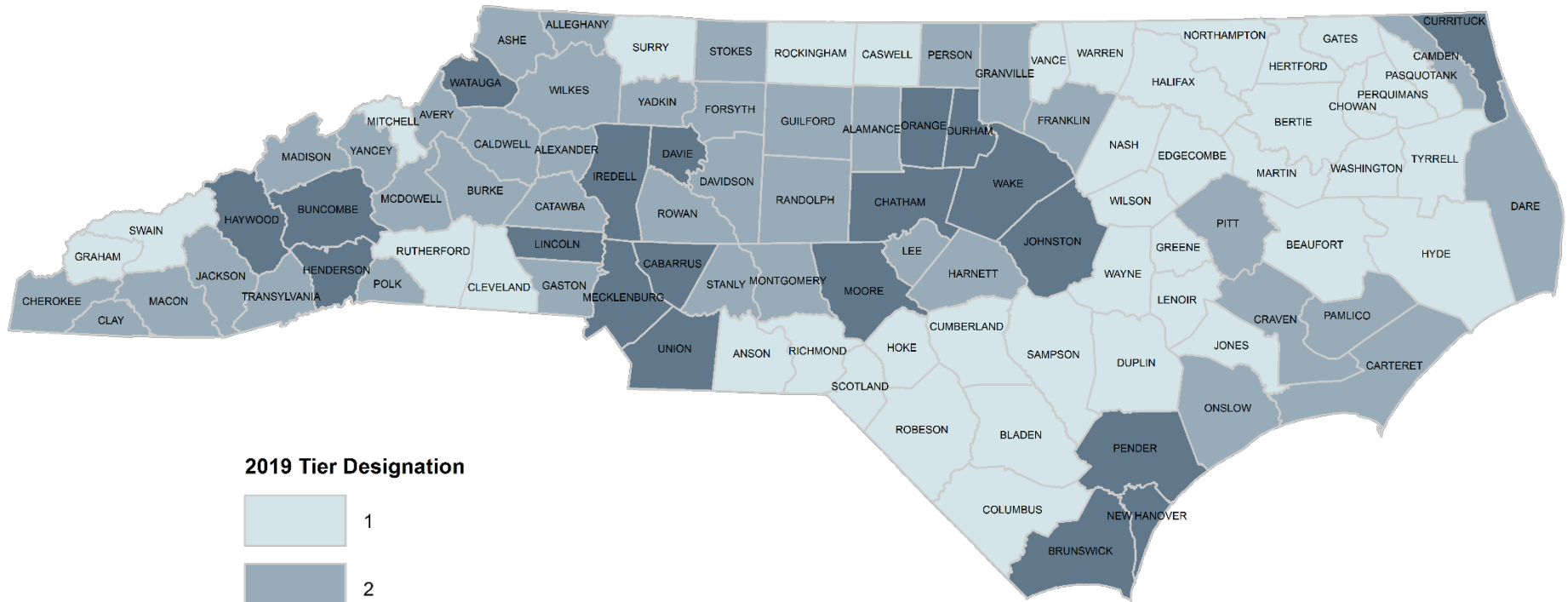
County Tier Changes in 2019

Twenty-eight counties will change tiers in 2019 from their 2018 rankings, largely as a result of the elimination of the adjustment factors mentioned above.

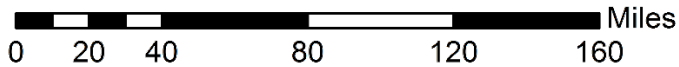
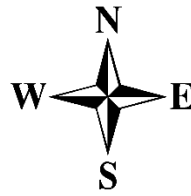
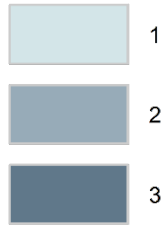
Counties moving to a **less distressed** tier ranking include Alleghany, Ashe, Camden, Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Montgomery, Person, Yadkin, and Yancey (from Tier 1 to Tier 2); and Currituck and Davie (from Tier 2 to Tier 3).

Counties moving to a **more distressed** tier ranking include Beaufort, Cleveland, Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Nash, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Surry, Wayne, and Wilson (from Tier 2 to Tier 1); and Carteret and Granville (from Tier 3 to Tier 2).

2019 County Tier Designations



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2019 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER RANKINGS (§ 143B-437.08)

| NEW TIER | COUNTY | Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2018-2019 | | Population Growth July 2014-July 2017 | | Median Household Income 2016 | | Unemployment 12 Mth Avg Nov 17-Oct 18 | | County Rank Sum | ECONOMIC DISTRESS RANK (#1 = most distressed) | 2019 TIERS |
|----------|------------|--|------|---------------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------|---|------------|
| | | Value | Rank | % Change | Rank | Income | Rank | Rate | Rank | | | |
| | ALAMANCE | \$78,005 | 34 | 5.16% | 85 | \$46,060 | 60 | 3.82% | 72 | 251 | 69 | 2 |
| | ALEXANDER | \$71,880 | 20 | 1.21% | 51 | \$46,385 | 63 | 3.24% | 99 | 233 | 59 | 2 |
| ↑ | ALLEGHANY | \$145,910 | 90 | 1.75% | 57 | \$35,965 | 17 | 4.68% | 30 | 194 | 45 | 2 |
| | ANSON | \$76,039 | 29 | -1.26% | 14 | \$35,809 | 16 | 4.66% | 32 | 91 | 13 | 1 |
| ↑ | ASHE | \$140,392 | 86 | 0.60% | 38 | \$39,709 | 32 | 3.73% | 78 | 234 | 60 | 2 |
| | AVERY | \$248,326 | 99 | 0.19% | 34 | \$38,098 | 22 | 3.85% | 69 | 224 | 54 | 2 |
| ↓ | BEAUFORT | \$115,579 | 72 | -0.25% | 29 | \$41,431 | 41 | 4.66% | 31 | 173 | 40 | 1 |
| | BERTIE | \$70,285 | 16 | -2.12% | 5 | \$33,809 | 4 | 5.30% | 18 | 43 | 5 | 1 |
| | BLADEN | \$79,249 | 38 | -1.63% | 9 | \$33,621 | 2 | 5.54% | 13 | 62 | 10 | 1 |
| | BRUNSWICK | \$186,289 | 93 | 10.68% | 100 | \$51,457 | 84 | 5.29% | 19 | 296 | 82 | 3 |
| | BUNCOMBE | \$130,622 | 82 | 3.39% | 72 | \$50,538 | 80 | 3.10% | 100 | 334 | 92 | 3 |
| | BURKE | \$73,755 | 24 | 1.97% | 61 | \$41,383 | 40 | 3.71% | 80 | 205 | 51 | 2 |
| | CABARRUS | \$105,798 | 62 | 7.68% | 97 | \$63,059 | 94 | 3.66% | 84 | 337 | 94 | 3 |
| | CALDWELL | \$82,290 | 44 | 0.79% | 42 | \$39,166 | 29 | 3.93% | 64 | 179 | 43 | 2 |
| ↑ | CAMDEN | \$105,064 | 59 | 1.49% | 54 | \$65,415 | 98 | 3.92% | 65 | 276 | 75 | 2 |
| ↓ | CARTERET | \$211,580 | 95 | 1.07% | 48 | \$51,557 | 85 | 4.22% | 49 | 277 | 76 | 2 |
| | CASWELL | \$73,607 | 23 | -1.42% | 11 | \$40,570 | 35 | 4.58% | 37 | 106 | 15 | 1 |
| | CATAWBA | \$104,939 | 58 | 0.93% | 45 | \$49,475 | 75 | 3.63% | 85 | 263 | 74 | 2 |
| | CHATHAM | \$138,897 | 85 | 7.73% | 98 | \$63,303 | 96 | 3.43% | 96 | 375 | 100 | 3 |
| ↑ | CHEROKEE | \$105,534 | 61 | 5.06% | 83 | \$37,237 | 19 | 4.60% | 36 | 199 | 49 | 2 |
| | CHOWAN | \$100,804 | 55 | -2.45% | 3 | \$41,151 | 38 | 4.72% | 28 | 124 | 24 | 1 |
| ↑ | CLAY | \$144,579 | 88 | 5.90% | 90 | \$37,581 | 20 | 4.61% | 34 | 232 | 58 | 2 |
| ↓ | CLEVELAND | \$84,727 | 47 | 0.75% | 41 | \$38,654 | 23 | 4.18% | 52 | 163 | 35 | 1 |
| | COLUMBUS | \$70,267 | 15 | -2.00% | 7 | \$35,290 | 9 | 5.16% | 23 | 54 | 7 | 1 |
| | CRAVEN | \$89,199 | 50 | -0.56% | 21 | \$49,524 | 77 | 4.30% | 44 | 192 | 44 | 2 |
| ↓ | CUMBERLAND | \$69,149 | 12 | -0.23% | 31 | \$45,286 | 54 | 5.24% | 21 | 118 | 20 | 1 |
| ↑ | CURRITUCK | \$240,037 | 98 | 6.69% | 94 | \$57,570 | 93 | 3.88% | 67 | 352 | 98 | 3 |
| | DARE | \$380,040 | 100 | 3.72% | 74 | \$56,371 | 92 | 5.33% | 17 | 283 | 78 | 2 |
| | DAVIDSON | \$83,439 | 45 | 1.71% | 56 | \$46,263 | 61 | 3.78% | 77 | 239 | 65 | 2 |
| ↑ | DAVIE | \$104,735 | 57 | 3.17% | 70 | \$54,189 | 87 | 3.60% | 86 | 300 | 84 | 3 |
| ↓ | DUPLIN | \$72,947 | 21 | -0.55% | 22 | \$38,771 | 25 | 4.53% | 39 | 107 | 16 | 1 |
| | DURHAM | \$115,316 | 71 | 5.12% | 84 | \$54,255 | 88 | 3.60% | 87 | 330 | 89 | 3 |
| | EDGECOMBE | \$59,589 | 4 | -3.47% | 1 | \$34,612 | 6 | 7.18% | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 |
| | FORSYTH | \$91,371 | 52 | 2.79% | 66 | \$48,987 | 73 | 3.96% | 63 | 254 | 70 | 2 |
| | FRANKLIN | \$73,938 | 25 | 5.55% | 87 | \$49,484 | 76 | 4.07% | 56 | 244 | 68 | 2 |
| | GASTON | \$74,369 | 27 | 4.09% | 77 | \$48,874 | 72 | 4.01% | 60 | 236 | 63 | 2 |
| | GATES | \$70,815 | 17 | 0.85% | 44 | \$45,755 | 56 | 4.14% | 53 | 170 | 36 | 1 |
| | GRAHAM | \$129,332 | 81 | -0.58% | 20 | \$35,763 | 15 | 6.33% | 7 | 123 | 23 | 1 |
| ↓ | GRANVILLE | \$68,689 | 11 | 3.96% | 75 | \$50,414 | 78 | 3.49% | 94 | 258 | 71 | 2 |
| | GREENE | \$58,302 | 3 | -0.21% | 32 | \$39,738 | 33 | 4.03% | 59 | 127 | 27 | 1 |
| | GUILFORD | \$93,314 | 53 | 3.16% | 69 | \$47,754 | 68 | 4.28% | 45 | 235 | 62 | 2 |
| | HALIFAX | \$71,189 | 18 | -1.73% | 8 | \$33,044 | 1 | 6.41% | 6 | 33 | 3 | 1 |
| | HARNETT | \$60,986 | 5 | 4.87% | 80 | \$51,106 | 82 | 4.72% | 27 | 194 | 45 | 2 |
| | HAYWOOD | \$120,532 | 76 | 4.41% | 78 | \$45,290 | 55 | 3.53% | 89 | 298 | 83 | 3 |
| | HENDERSON | \$119,477 | 74 | 4.58% | 79 | \$53,638 | 86 | 3.39% | 97 | 336 | 93 | 3 |
| | HERTFORD | \$62,342 | 7 | -0.80% | 19 | \$35,424 | 12 | 5.25% | 20 | 58 | 9 | 1 |
| ↓ | HOKE | \$64,976 | 8 | 4.98% | 81 | \$46,004 | 59 | 5.13% | 24 | 172 | 38 | 1 |
| | HYDE | \$222,698 | 97 | -2.66% | 2 | \$37,881 | 21 | 8.41% | 1 | 121 | 22 | 1 |
| | IREDELL | \$128,666 | 80 | 5.52% | 86 | \$56,325 | 91 | 3.69% | 81 | 338 | 95 | 3 |
| ↑ | JACKSON | \$200,125 | 94 | 5.89% | 89 | \$44,004 | 50 | 4.27% | 47 | 280 | 77 | 2 |

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| | | Value | Rank | % Change | Rank | Income | Rank | Rate | Rank | | | |
| | JOHNSTON | \$81,946 | 42 | 7.51% | 96 | \$55,174 | 90 | 3.68% | 83 | 311 | 86 | 3 |
| | JONES | \$83,738 | 46 | -1.32% | 12 | \$38,873 | 27 | 4.24% | 48 | 133 | 29 | 1 |
| | LEE | \$88,219 | 49 | 1.22% | 52 | \$46,723 | 64 | 4.50% | 40 | 205 | 51 | 2 |
| | LENOIR | \$71,360 | 19 | -2.09% | 6 | \$39,341 | 30 | 4.13% | 54 | 109 | 17 | 1 |
| | LINCOLN | \$109,672 | 65 | 4.05% | 76 | \$50,714 | 81 | 3.51% | 92 | 314 | 87 | 3 |
| ↑ | MACON | \$219,451 | 96 | 3.27% | 71 | \$41,140 | 37 | 4.11% | 55 | 259 | 72 | 2 |
| | MADISON | \$107,112 | 64 | 2.89% | 68 | \$40,765 | 36 | 3.81% | 74 | 242 | 66 | 2 |
| | MARTIN | \$78,663 | 37 | -1.10% | 16 | \$35,561 | 13 | 5.19% | 22 | 88 | 12 | 1 |
| ↑ | MCDOWELL | \$81,041 | 39 | 1.79% | 58 | \$41,443 | 42 | 3.53% | 90 | 229 | 55 | 2 |
| | MECKLENBURG | \$125,686 | 78 | 6.20% | 92 | \$63,197 | 95 | 3.82% | 73 | 338 | 95 | 3 |
| | MITCHELL | \$112,822 | 69 | -0.46% | 27 | \$42,530 | 47 | 4.69% | 29 | 172 | 38 | 1 |
| ↑ | MONTGOMERY | \$112,335 | 68 | 0.44% | 36 | \$40,371 | 34 | 4.07% | 57 | 195 | 47 | 2 |
| | MOORE | \$124,565 | 77 | 5.02% | 82 | \$54,545 | 89 | 3.99% | 61 | 309 | 85 | 3 |
| ↓ | NASH | \$78,330 | 35 | 0.75% | 40 | \$47,403 | 67 | 5.40% | 15 | 157 | 32 | 1 |
| | NEW HANOVER | \$144,783 | 89 | 5.71% | 88 | \$51,373 | 83 | 3.84% | 71 | 331 | 91 | 3 |
| | NORTHAMPTON | \$97,547 | 54 | -1.45% | 10 | \$35,711 | 14 | 5.50% | 14 | 92 | 14 | 1 |
| | ONSLow | \$69,712 | 13 | 2.12% | 62 | \$47,163 | 65 | 4.61% | 35 | 175 | 41 | 2 |
| | ORANGE | \$119,890 | 75 | 1.84% | 60 | \$65,299 | 97 | 3.36% | 98 | 330 | 89 | 3 |
| | PAMLICO | \$140,723 | 87 | 1.17% | 50 | \$43,927 | 49 | 4.32% | 43 | 229 | 55 | 2 |
| | PASQUOTANK | \$77,610 | 33 | 1.11% | 49 | \$43,687 | 48 | 4.93% | 26 | 156 | 31 | 1 |
| | PENDER | \$114,627 | 70 | 8.24% | 99 | \$50,437 | 79 | 4.28% | 46 | 294 | 81 | 3 |
| | PERQUIMANS | \$105,331 | 60 | -0.18% | 33 | \$45,052 | 53 | 5.06% | 25 | 171 | 37 | 1 |
| ↑ | PERSON | \$112,328 | 67 | 1.60% | 55 | \$47,974 | 70 | 4.18% | 51 | 243 | 67 | 2 |
| | PITT | \$69,879 | 14 | 2.14% | 63 | \$45,918 | 57 | 4.41% | 42 | 176 | 42 | 2 |
| | POLK | \$135,834 | 84 | 2.41% | 65 | \$47,185 | 66 | 3.87% | 68 | 283 | 78 | 2 |
| | RANDOLPH | \$76,352 | 30 | 0.64% | 39 | \$45,939 | 58 | 3.85% | 70 | 197 | 48 | 2 |
| | RICHMOND | \$73,513 | 22 | -0.82% | 18 | \$35,367 | 10 | 5.68% | 12 | 62 | 10 | 1 |
| | ROBESON | \$49,493 | 1 | -1.27% | 13 | \$34,439 | 5 | 6.08% | 10 | 29 | 2 | 1 |
| ↓ | ROCKINGHAM | \$77,228 | 32 | -1.02% | 17 | \$41,620 | 44 | 4.63% | 33 | 126 | 25 | 1 |
| | ROWAN | \$86,665 | 48 | 1.82% | 59 | \$47,971 | 69 | 4.05% | 58 | 234 | 60 | 2 |
| ↓ | RUTHERFORD | \$89,503 | 51 | 1.06% | 47 | \$38,699 | 24 | 5.40% | 16 | 138 | 30 | 1 |
| ↓ | SAMPSON | \$67,338 | 10 | -0.53% | 23 | \$41,477 | 43 | 4.20% | 50 | 126 | 25 | 1 |
| | SCOTLAND | \$61,885 | 6 | -0.48% | 26 | \$35,138 | 8 | 7.60% | 2 | 42 | 4 | 1 |
| | STANLY | \$78,334 | 36 | 2.79% | 67 | \$49,106 | 74 | 3.68% | 82 | 259 | 72 | 2 |
| | STOKES | \$81,542 | 41 | -0.25% | 30 | \$48,148 | 71 | 3.80% | 75 | 217 | 53 | 2 |
| ↓ | SURRY | \$75,937 | 28 | -0.50% | 25 | \$38,843 | 26 | 3.72% | 79 | 158 | 34 | 1 |
| | SWAIN | \$106,473 | 63 | -0.33% | 28 | \$38,996 | 28 | 4.54% | 38 | 157 | 32 | 1 |
| | TRANSYLVANIA | \$165,291 | 92 | 3.43% | 73 | \$44,578 | 52 | 3.90% | 66 | 283 | 78 | 2 |
| | TYRRELL | \$103,925 | 56 | 1.48% | 53 | \$33,666 | 3 | 6.54% | 4 | 116 | 19 | 1 |
| | UNION | \$109,824 | 66 | 5.97% | 91 | \$72,548 | 99 | 3.51% | 93 | 349 | 97 | 3 |
| | VANCE | \$57,160 | 2 | 0.31% | 35 | \$34,717 | 7 | 5.86% | 11 | 55 | 8 | 1 |
| | WAKE | \$134,808 | 83 | 6.83% | 95 | \$76,173 | 100 | 3.45% | 95 | 373 | 99 | 3 |
| | WARREN | \$118,138 | 73 | -1.25% | 15 | \$36,285 | 18 | 6.22% | 8 | 114 | 18 | 1 |
| | WASHINGTON | \$74,294 | 26 | -2.41% | 4 | \$35,367 | 10 | 6.20% | 9 | 49 | 6 | 1 |
| | WATAUGA | \$159,324 | 91 | 6.41% | 93 | \$44,014 | 51 | 3.57% | 88 | 323 | 88 | 3 |
| ↓ | WAYNE | \$65,699 | 9 | -0.52% | 24 | \$42,421 | 46 | 4.50% | 41 | 120 | 21 | 1 |
| | WILKES | \$81,985 | 43 | 0.57% | 37 | \$41,640 | 45 | 3.80% | 76 | 201 | 50 | 2 |
| ↓ | WILSON | \$81,076 | 40 | 0.82% | 43 | \$41,352 | 39 | 6.42% | 5 | 127 | 27 | 1 |
| ↑ | YADKIN | \$76,831 | 31 | 0.95% | 46 | \$46,276 | 62 | 3.51% | 91 | 230 | 57 | 2 |
| ↑ | YANCEY | \$127,770 | 79 | 2.38% | 64 | \$39,686 | 31 | 3.97% | 62 | 236 | 63 | 2 |
| | NORTH CAROLINA | \$105,257 | | 3.46% | | \$50,595 | | 4.04% | | | | |

2019 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2018-2019 | | | | Population Growth July 2014-July 2017 | | | | Median Household Income 2016 | | | | Unemployment Rate, 12 Mth Avg Nov 17-Oct 18 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|------|--|----------|------|----------------|---------------------------------|------|-------------|--------|--|----------------|----------|------|-------------|----------|------|----------------|-------|------|-------------|-------|
| Rank | County | Value | Rank | County | Value | Rank | County | % Chg | Rank | County | % Chg | Rank | County | Income | Rank | County | Income | Rank | County | Rate | Rank | County | Rate |
| 100 | Dare | \$380,040 | 50 | Craven | \$89,199 | 100 | Brunswick | 10.68% | 50 | Pamlico | 1.17% | 100 | Wake | \$76,173 | 50 | Jackson | \$44,004 | 100 | Buncombe | 3.10% | 50 | Sampson | 4.20% |
| 99 | Avery | \$248,326 | 49 | Lee | \$88,219 | 99 | Pender | 8.24% | 49 | Pasquotank | 1.11% | 99 | Union | \$72,548 | 49 | Pamlico | \$43,927 | 99 | Alexander | 3.24% | 49 | Carteret | 4.22% |
| 98 | Currituck | \$240,037 | 48 | Rowan | \$86,665 | 98 | Chatham | 7.73% | 48 | Carteret | 1.07% | 98 | Camden | \$65,415 | 48 | Pasquotank | \$43,687 | 98 | Orange | 3.36% | 48 | Jones | 4.24% |
| 97 | Hyde | \$222,698 | 47 | Cleveland | \$84,727 | 97 | Cabarrus | 7.68% | 47 | Rutherford | 1.06% | 97 | Orange | \$65,299 | 47 | Mitchell | \$42,530 | 97 | Henderson | 3.39% | 47 | Jackson | 4.27% |
| 96 | Macon | \$219,451 | 46 | Jones | \$83,738 | 96 | Johnston | 7.51% | 46 | Yadkin | 0.95% | 96 | Chatham | \$63,303 | 46 | Wayne | \$42,421 | 96 | Chatham | 3.43% | 46 | Pender | 4.28% |
| 95 | Carteret | \$211,580 | 45 | Davidson | \$83,439 | 95 | Wake | 6.83% | 45 | Catawba | 0.93% | 95 | Mecklenburg | \$63,197 | 45 | Wilkes | \$41,640 | 95 | Wake | 3.45% | 45 | Guilford | 4.28% |
| 94 | Jackson | \$200,125 | 44 | Caldwell | \$82,290 | 94 | Currituck | 6.69% | 44 | Gates | 0.85% | 94 | Cabarrus | \$63,059 | 44 | Rockingham | \$41,620 | 94 | Granville | 3.49% | 44 | Craven | 4.30% |
| 93 | Brunswick | \$186,289 | 43 | Wilkes | \$81,985 | 93 | Watauga | 6.41% | 43 | Wilson | 0.82% | 93 | Currituck | \$57,570 | 43 | Sampson | \$41,477 | 93 | Union | 3.51% | 43 | Pamlico | 4.32% |
| 92 | Transylvania | \$165,291 | 42 | Johnston | \$81,946 | 92 | Mecklenburg | 6.20% | 42 | Caldwell | 0.79% | 92 | Dare | \$56,371 | 42 | Mcdowell | \$41,443 | 92 | Lincoln | 3.51% | 42 | Pitt | 4.41% |
| 91 | Watauga | \$159,324 | 41 | Stokes | \$81,542 | 91 | Union | 5.97% | 41 | Cleveland | -0.75% | 91 | Iredell | \$56,325 | 41 | Beaufort | \$41,431 | 91 | Yadkin | 3.51% | 41 | Wayne | 4.50% |
| 90 | Alleghany | \$145,910 | 40 | Wilson | \$81,076 | 90 | Clay | 5.90% | 40 | Nash | 0.75% | 90 | Johnston | \$55,174 | 40 | Burke | \$41,383 | 90 | Mcdowell | 3.53% | 40 | Lee | 4.50% |
| 89 | New Hanover | \$144,783 | 39 | Mcdowell | \$81,041 | 89 | Jackson | 5.89% | 39 | Randolph | 0.64% | 89 | Moore | \$54,545 | 39 | Wilson | \$41,352 | 89 | Haywood | 3.53% | 39 | Duplin | 4.53% |
| 88 | Clay | \$144,579 | 38 | Bladen | \$79,249 | 88 | New Hanover | 5.71% | 38 | Ashe | 0.60% | 88 | Durham | \$54,255 | 38 | Chowan | \$41,151 | 88 | Watauga | 3.57% | 38 | Swain | 4.54% |
| 87 | Pamlico | \$140,723 | 37 | Martin | \$78,663 | 87 | Franklin | 5.55% | 37 | Wilkes | 0.57% | 87 | Davie | \$54,189 | 37 | Macon | \$41,140 | 87 | Durham | 3.60% | 37 | Caswell | 4.58% |
| 86 | Ashe | \$140,392 | 36 | Stanly | \$78,334 | 86 | Iredell | 5.52% | 36 | Montgomery | 0.44% | 86 | Henderson | \$53,638 | 36 | Madison | \$40,765 | 86 | Davie | 3.60% | 36 | Cherokee | 4.60% |
| 85 | Chatham | \$138,897 | 35 | Nash | \$78,330 | 85 | Alamance | 5.16% | 35 | Vance | 0.31% | 85 | Carteret | \$51,557 | 35 | Caswell | \$40,570 | 85 | Catawba | 3.63% | 35 | Onslow | 4.61% |
| 84 | Polk | \$135,834 | 34 | Alamance | \$78,005 | 84 | Durham | 5.12% | 34 | Avery | 0.19% | 84 | Brunswick | \$51,457 | 34 | Montgomery | \$40,371 | 84 | Cabarrus | 3.66% | 34 | Clay | 4.61% |
| 83 | Wake | \$134,808 | 33 | Pasquotank | \$77,610 | 83 | Cherokee | 5.06% | 33 | Perquimans | -0.18% | 83 | New Hanover | \$51,373 | 33 | Greene | \$39,738 | 83 | Johnston | 3.68% | 33 | Rockingham | 4.63% |
| 82 | Buncombe | \$130,622 | 32 | Rockingham | \$77,228 | 82 | Moore | 5.02% | 32 | Greene | -0.21% | 82 | Harnett | \$51,106 | 32 | Ashe | \$39,709 | 82 | Stanly | 3.68% | 32 | Anson | 4.66% |
| 81 | Graham | \$129,332 | 31 | Yadkin | \$76,831 | 81 | Hoke | 4.98% | 31 | Cumberland | -0.23% | 81 | Lincoln | \$50,714 | 31 | Yancey | \$39,686 | 81 | Iredell | 3.69% | 31 | Beaufort | 4.66% |
| 80 | Iredell | \$128,666 | 30 | Randolph | \$76,352 | 80 | Harnett | 4.87% | 30 | Stokes | -0.25% | 80 | North Carolina | \$50,595 | 30 | Lenoir | \$39,341 | 80 | Burke | 3.71% | 30 | Alleghany | 4.68% |
| 79 | Yancey | \$127,770 | 29 | Anson | \$76,039 | 79 | Henderson | 4.58% | 29 | Beaufort | -0.25% | 79 | Buncombe | \$50,538 | 29 | Caldwell | \$39,166 | 79 | Surry | 3.72% | 29 | Mitchell | 4.69% |
| 78 | Mecklenburg | \$125,686 | 28 | Surry | \$75,937 | 78 | Haywood | 4.41% | 28 | Swain | -0.33% | 78 | Pender | \$50,437 | 28 | Swain | \$38,996 | 78 | Ashe | 3.73% | 28 | Chowan | 4.72% |
| 77 | Moore | \$124,565 | 27 | Gaston | \$74,369 | 77 | Gaston | 4.09% | 27 | Mitchell | -0.46% | 77 | Granville | \$50,414 | 27 | Jones | \$38,873 | 77 | Davidson | 3.78% | 27 | Harnett | 4.72% |
| 76 | Haywood | \$120,532 | 26 | Washington | \$74,294 | 76 | Lincoln | 4.05% | 26 | Scotland | -0.48% | 76 | Craven | \$49,524 | 26 | Surry | \$38,843 | 76 | Wilkes | 3.80% | 26 | Pasquotank | 4.93% |
| 75 | Orange | \$119,890 | 25 | Franklin | \$73,938 | 75 | Granville | 3.96% | 25 | Surry | -0.50% | 75 | Franklin | \$49,484 | 25 | Duplin | \$38,771 | 75 | Stokes | 3.80% | 25 | Perquimans | 5.06% |
| 74 | Henderson | \$119,477 | 24 | Burke | \$73,755 | 74 | Dare | 3.72% | 24 | Wayne | -0.52% | 74 | Catawba | \$49,475 | 24 | Rutherford | \$38,699 | 74 | Madison | 3.81% | 24 | Hoke | 5.13% |
| 73 | Warren | \$118,138 | 23 | Caswell | \$73,607 | 73 | North Carolina | 3.46% | 23 | Sampson | -0.53% | 73 | Stanly | \$49,106 | 23 | Cleveland | \$38,654 | 73 | Mecklenburg | 3.82% | 23 | Columbus | 5.16% |
| 72 | Beaufort | \$115,579 | 22 | Richmond | \$73,513 | 72 | Transylvania | 3.43% | 22 | Duplin | -0.55% | 72 | Forsyth | \$48,987 | 22 | Avery | \$38,098 | 72 | Alamance | 3.82% | 22 | Martin | 5.19% |
| 71 | Durham | \$115,316 | 21 | Duplin | \$72,947 | 71 | Buncombe | 3.39% | 21 | Craven | -0.56% | 71 | Gaston | \$48,874 | 21 | Hyde | \$37,881 | 71 | New Hanover | 3.84% | 21 | Cumberland | 5.24% |
| 70 | Pender | \$114,627 | 20 | Alexander | \$71,880 | 70 | Macon | 3.27% | 20 | Graham | -0.58% | 70 | Stokes | \$48,148 | 20 | Clay | \$37,581 | 70 | Randolph | 3.85% | 20 | Hertford | 5.25% |
| 69 | Mitchell | \$112,822 | 19 | Lenoir | \$71,360 | 69 | Davie | 3.17% | 19 | Hertford | -0.80% | 69 | Person | \$47,974 | 19 | Cherokee | \$37,237 | 69 | Avery | 3.85% | 19 | Brunswick | 5.29% |
| 68 | Montgomery | \$112,335 | 18 | Halifax | \$71,189 | 68 | Guilford | 3.16% | 18 | Richmond | -0.82% | 68 | Rowan | \$47,971 | 18 | Warren | \$36,285 | 68 | Polk | 3.87% | 18 | Bertie | 5.30% |
| 67 | Person | \$112,328 | 17 | Gates | \$70,815 | 67 | Madison | 2.89% | 17 | Rockingham | -1.02% | 67 | Guilford | \$47,754 | 17 | Alleghany | \$35,965 | 67 | Currituck | 3.88% | 17 | Dare | 5.33% |
| 66 | Union | \$109,824 | 16 | Bertie | \$70,285 | 66 | Stanly | 2.79% | 16 | Martin | -1.10% | 66 | Nash | \$47,403 | 16 | Anson | \$35,809 | 66 | Transylvania | 3.90% | 16 | Rutherford | 5.40% |
| 65 | Lincoln | \$109,672 | 15 | Columbus | \$70,267 | 65 | Forsyth | 2.79% | 15 | Warren | -1.25% | 65 | Polk | \$47,185 | 15 | Graham | \$35,763 | 65 | Camden | 3.92% | 15 | Nash | 5.40% |
| 64 | Madison | \$107,112 | 14 | Pitt | \$69,879 | 64 | Polk | 2.41% | 14 | Anson | -1.26% | 64 | Onslow | \$47,163 | 14 | Northampton | \$35,711 | 64 | Caldwell | 3.93% | 14 | Northampton | 5.50% |
| 63 | Swain | \$106,473 | 13 | Onslow | \$69,712 | 63 | Yancey | 2.38% | 13 | Robeson | -1.27% | 63 | Lee | \$46,723 | 13 | Martin | \$35,561 | 63 | Forsyth | 3.96% | 13 | Bladen | 5.54% |
| 62 | Cabarrus | \$105,798 | 12 | Cumberland | \$69,149 | 62 | Pitt | 2.14% | 12 | Jones | -1.32% | 62 | Alexander | \$46,385 | 12 | Hertford | \$35,424 | 62 | Yancey | 3.97% | 12 | Richmond | 5.68% |
| 61 | Cherokee | \$105,534 | 11 | Granville | \$68,689 | 61 | Onslow | 2.12% | 11 | Caswell | -1.42% | 61 | Yadkin | \$46,276 | 11 | Richmond | \$35,367 | 61 | Moore | 3.99% | 11 | Vance | 5.86% |
| 60 | Perquimans | \$105,331 | 10 | Sampson | \$67,338 | 60 | Burke | 1.97% | 10 | Northampton | -1.45% | 60 | Davidson | \$46,263 | 10 | Washington | \$35,367 | 60 | Gaston | 4.01% | 10 | Robeson | 6.08% |
| | North Carolina | \$105,257 | 9 | Wayne | \$65,699 | 60 | Orange | 1.84% | 9 | Bladen | -1.63% | 60 | Alamance | \$46,060 | 9 | Columbus | \$35,290 | 59 | Greene | 4.03% | 9 | Washington | 6.20% |
| 59 | Camden | \$105,064 | 8 | Hoke | \$64,976 | 59 | Rowan | 1.82% | 8 | Halifax | -1.73% | 59 | Hoke | \$46,004 | 8 | Scotland | \$35,138 | | North Carolina | 4.04% | 8 | Warren | 6.22% |
| 58 | Catawba | \$104,939 | 7 | Hertford | \$62,342 | 58 | Mcdowell | 1.79% | 7 | Columbus | -2.00% | 58 | Randolph | \$45,939 | 7 | Vance | \$34,717 | 58 | Rowan | 4.05% | 7 | Graham | 6.33% |
| 57 | Davie | \$104,735 | 6 | Scotland | \$61,885 | 57 | Alleghany | 1.75% | 6 | Lenoir | -2.09% | 57 | Pitt | \$45,918 | 6 | Edgecombe | \$34,612 | 57 | Montgomery | 4.07% | 6 | Halifax | 6.41% |
| 56 | Tyrrell | \$103,925 | 5 | Harnett | \$60,986 | 56 | Davidson | 1.71% | 5 | Bertie | -2.12% | 56 | Gates | \$45,755 | 5 | Robeson | \$34,439 | 56 | Franklin | 4.07% | 5 | Wilson | 6.42% |
| 55 | Chowan | \$100,804 | 4 | Edgecombe | \$59,589 | 55 | Person | 1.60% | 4 | Washington | -2.41% | 55 | Haywood | \$45,290 | 4 | Bertie | \$33,809 | 55 | Macon | 4.11% | 4 | Tyrrell | 6.54% |
| 54 | Northampton | \$97,547 | 3 | Greene | \$58,302 | 54 | Camden | 1.49% | 3 | Chowan | -2.45% | 54 | Cumberland | \$45,286 | 3 | Tyrrell | \$33,666 | 54 | Lenoir | 4.13% | 3 | Edgecombe | 7.18% |
| 53 | Guilford | \$93,314 | 2 | Vance | \$57,160 | 53 | Tyrrell | 1.48% | 2 | Hyde | -2.66% | 53 | Perquimans | \$45,052 | 2 | Bladen | \$33,621 | 53 | Gates | 4.14% | 2 | Scotland | 7.60% |
| 52 | Forsyth | \$91,371 | 1 | Robeson | \$49,493 | 52 | Lee | 1.22% | 1 | Edgecombe | -3.47% | 52 | Transylvania | \$44,578 | 1 | Halifax | \$33,044 | 52 | Cleveland | 4.18% | 1 | Hyde | 8.41% |
| 51 | Rutherford | \$89,503 | | | | 51 | Alexander | 1.21% | | | | 51 | Watauga | \$44,014 | | | | 51 | Person | 4.18% | | | |