# 2018 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, determine a variety of state funding opportunities to assist in economic development. This report documents the process for calculating tiers and explains reasons that specific counties will change tiers. 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 (October 2016 – September 2017, NC Dept. of Commerce LAUS)
- ***Median household income*** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (2015, U.S. Census, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates)
- ***Percentage growth in population*** for the most recent 36 months for which data are available (July 2013 – July 2016, NC Office of State Budget & Management)
- ***Adjusted property tax base per capita*** for the most recent taxable year (FY 2016-17, 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*.

### Tier Adjustments for Small and Impoverished Counties

The Development Tier Designation statute further specifies automatic qualifying criteria for Tier One and Tier Two status:

- Tier One or Two Automatic Qualifier
  - A county with a population less than 50,000 people
- Tier One Automatic Qualifiers
  - A county must be Tier One for at least two consecutive years
  - A county with less than 12,000 people
  - A county with a population less than 50,000 people **AND** a poverty rate of 19% or greater.

After taking these qualifiers into account, counties not automatically qualifying are re-ranked according to their economic distress rank. Those counties then fill in the remaining spots in Tier One (limited to 40 counties in total), Tier Two (limited to 40 counties in total), and Tier Three (the 20 remaining counties).

## County Tier Changes in 2018

Six counties will change tiers in 2018: Beaufort, Caldwell, Forsyth, Granville, Lenoir, and Perquimans Counties. This section provides the reasons for each of these changes.

### Counties Moving to a Less Distressed Tier Designation

**Beaufort County (Tier One to Tier Two):** From 2014 to 2017, Beaufort County held a Tier One designation. It is shifting to Tier Two in 2018. Beaufort County ranks 43 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 46 in 2017). Relative to 2017, the County experienced improvements in population growth. Adjustments for counties with small populations and high poverty rates allow some Counties to automatically qualify for Tier One. However, unlike some recent years, Beaufort County's poverty rate has improved and it does not qualify for automatic Tier One designation in 2018.

**Caldwell County (Tier One to Tier Two):** Caldwell County, which held a Tier One designation in 2016 and 2017, is shifting to Tier Two in 2018. Caldwell County ranks 41 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 36 in 2017). Relative to 2017, the County experienced improvements in median household income and unemployment rate.

**Granville County (Tier Two to Tier Three):** Granville County, which held a Tier Two designation from 2007 through 2017, is shifting to Tier Three in 2018. Granville ranks 74 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 74 in 2017). Relative to 2017, the County experienced improvements in population growth rate, but fell in the property tax base ranking. Adjustments for counties with small populations bumped Granville County to Tier Three for 2018.

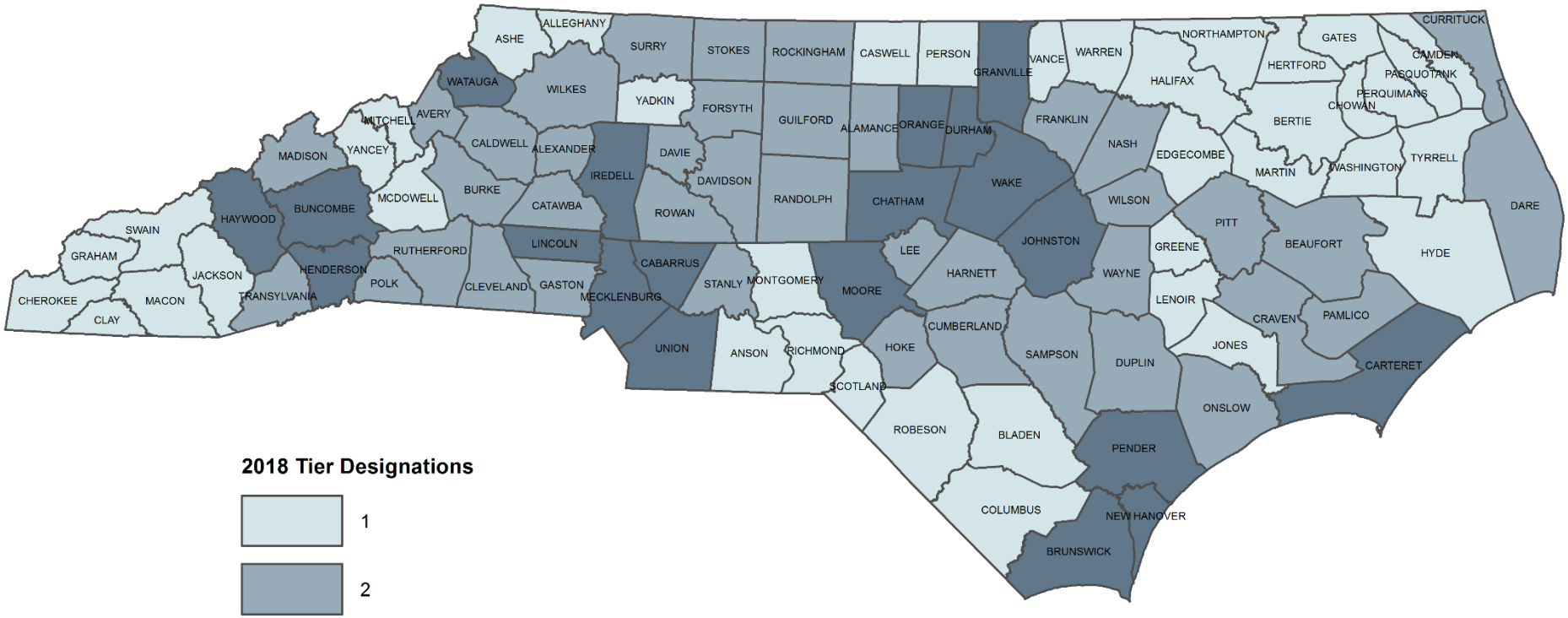
### Counties Moving to a More Distressed Tier Designation

**Forsyth County (Tier Three to Tier Two):** Forsyth County, which held a Tier Three designation from 2007 through 2017, is shifting to Tier Two in 2018. Forsyth ranks 72 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 75 in 2017). The County experienced slight drops in its population growth and unemployment rankings relative to 2017.

**Lenoir County (Tier Two to Tier One):** Lenoir County was a Tier One county from 2007 to 2016, Tier Two in 2017, and is returning to Tier One in 2018. Lenoir ranks 14 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 14 in 2017). The County experienced improvement in its property tax base, but fell in the unemployment ranking. While adjustments for counties with small populations and high poverty rate bumped Lenoir County out of Tier One status last year, they did not impact the County's tier status for 2018.

**Perquimans County (Tier Two to Tier One):** Perquimans County held a Tier One designation from 2014 to 2016, then shifted to Tier Two in 2017, and is moving back to Tier One in 2018. Perquimans ranks 38 in the *Economic Distress Ranking* (ranked 46 in 2017). The county fell in the population growth and unemployment rankings, while improving slightly in the median household income ranking. Because Perquimans County has a population less than 50,000 and a poverty rate greater than 19%, it automatically qualifies as Tier One for 2018.

# 2018 County Tier Designations

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# 2018 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER RANKINGS (§ 143B-437.08)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW TIER | COUNTY | Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2016-2017 Value | Rank | Population Growth July 2013-July 2016 % Change | Rank | Median Household Income 2015 Income | Rank | Unemployment 12 Mth Avg Oct 16-Sept 17 Rate | Rank | County Rank Sum (Lowest = most distressed) | ECONOMIC DISTRESS RANK (#1 = most distressed) | Population Less Prison July 2016 | Poverty Rate 5-year 2011-2015 | 2016 Tier | 2017 Tier | Pop <50,000: Tier 1 or Tier 2 | Pop <12,000: auto Tier 1 | Pop <50,000 & poverty >19%: auto Tier 1 | Must be Tier One for two consec. Years | Auto-Adjusted Tiers | FINAL 2018 TIERS |
| | ALAMANCE | $76,604 | 36 | 3.50% | 78 | $41,566 | 50 | 4.35% | 78 | 242 | 64 | 159,054 | 19.2% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ALEXANDER | $69,994 | 21 | 2.07% | 64 | $41,092 | 44 | 3.81% | 99 | 228 | 60 | 37,072 | 17.2% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | ALLEGHANY | $151,649 | 90 | 1.37% | 55 | $36,113 | 20 | 5.32% | 32 | 197 | 47 | 11,202 | 18.4% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ANSON | $72,668 | 28 | -2.76% | 5 | $35,307 | 17 | 5.45% | 30 | 80 | 11 | 23,589 | 24.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ASHE | $141,613 | 87 | -0.05% | 34 | $35,238 | 16 | 4.33% | 79 | 216 | 56 | 27,344 | 20.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | AVERY | $242,110 | 99 | 1.51% | 57 | $37,120 | 26 | 4.56% | 66 | 248 | 68 | 16,354 | 15.4% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| ↑ | BEAUFORT | $111,025 | 68 | -0.35% | 29 | $41,725 | 51 | 5.25% | 35 | 183 | 43 | 47,610 | 18.4% | 1 | 1 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | BERTIE | $68,969 | 16 | -3.40% | 2 | $31,967 | 2 | 6.15% | 18 | 38 | 4 | 18,967 | 22.3% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | BLADEN | $77,939 | 37 | -1.08% | 17 | $33,882 | 10 | 6.22% | 16 | 80 | 11 | 34,667 | 27.4% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | BRUNSWICK | $184,020 | 93 | 10.44% | 100 | $48,831 | 81 | 5.75% | 25 | 299 | 80 | 127,750 | 16.3% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | BUNCOMBE | $121,779 | 76 | 3.97% | 80 | $45,094 | 69 | 3.56% | 100 | 325 | 90 | 257,491 | 15.9% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | BURKE | $72,118 | 26 | 1.15% | 50 | $42,711 | 58 | 4.42% | 73 | 207 | 52 | 89,110 | 19.9% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CABARRUS | $103,933 | 60 | 7.62% | 98 | $57,881 | 94 | 4.21% | 87 | 339 | 94 | 200,565 | 12.5% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↑ | CALDWELL | $80,124 | 41 | 0.40% | 41 | $39,636 | 34 | 4.63% | 64 | 180 | 41 | 82,517 | 19.6% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CAMDEN | $104,181 | 61 | 1.85% | 61 | $62,000 | 97 | 4.64% | 63 | 282 | 77 | 10,287 | 7.9% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | CARTERET | $206,476 | 95 | 0.96% | 48 | $50,837 | 85 | 4.69% | 62 | 290 | 78 | 69,581 | 15.0% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | CASWELL | $69,229 | 18 | -0.58% | 24 | $40,504 | 39 | 4.93% | 43 | 124 | 22 | 22,592 | 20.9% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CATAWBA | $103,287 | 58 | 0.58% | 45 | $41,745 | 52 | 4.36% | 77 | 232 | 62 | 156,232 | 15.5% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CHATHAM | $129,808 | 82 | 8.57% | 99 | $58,860 | 95 | 3.96% | 95 | 371 | 100 | 73,253 | 13.6% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | CHEROKEE | $103,897 | 59 | 4.40% | 83 | $38,284 | 29 | 5.07% | 40 | 211 | 54 | 28,591 | 20.0% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |
| | CHOWAN | $99,140 | 55 | -2.71% | 7 | $40,794 | 42 | 5.64% | 27 | 131 | 27 | 14,410 | 26.6% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CLAY | $141,334 | 86 | 4.15% | 81 | $38,980 | 32 | 4.92% | 44 | 243 | 66 | 11,320 | 21.1% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CLEVELAND | $80,868 | 45 | 0.89% | 47 | $40,237 | 38 | 4.88% | 46 | 176 | 38 | 98,244 | 20.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | COLUMBUS | $67,133 | 11 | -1.67% | 12 | $34,478 | 13 | 5.78% | 24 | 60 | 10 | 54,753 | 23.5% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | CRAVEN | $88,729 | 50 | -0.65% | 22 | $47,805 | 77 | 4.85% | 49 | 198 | 49 | 102,987 | 15.6% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CUMBERLAND | $67,525 | 12 | -0.55% | 25 | $42,380 | 57 | 5.83% | 23 | 117 | 20 | 329,824 | 17.5% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CURRITUCK | $237,978 | 98 | 6.69% | 95 | $66,426 | 98 | 4.74% | 60 | 351 | 98 | 26,101 | 10.3% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DARE | $375,258 | 100 | 3.33% | 75 | $53,585 | 90 | 6.30% | 14 | 279 | 76 | 36,387 | 8.3% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DAVIDSON | $82,113 | 47 | 1.45% | 56 | $46,400 | 74 | 4.46% | 71 | 248 | 68 | 165,882 | 15.9% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | DAVIE | $101,154 | 56 | 1.84% | 59 | $52,525 | 88 | 4.13% | 91 | 294 | 79 | 42,211 | 12.7% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DUPLIN | $69,415 | 19 | -0.02% | 35 | $38,397 | 30 | 4.93% | 42 | 126 | 23 | 59,597 | 26.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | DURHAM | $106,485 | 65 | 5.42% | 91 | $53,875 | 91 | 4.14% | 90 | 337 | 92 | 298,767 | 18.0% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | EDGECOMBE | $58,024 | 4 | -3.36% | 3 | $32,529 | 4 | 8.01% | 3 | 14 | 1 | 53,472 | 26.3% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| ↓ | FORSYTH | $89,653 | 51 | 2.52% | 68 | $47,346 | 76 | 4.51% | 67 | 262 | 72 | 368,899 | 19.6% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 2 |
| | FRANKLIN | $71,846 | 25 | 4.48% | 86 | $48,009 | 78 | 4.70% | 61 | 250 | 70 | 64,972 | 15.8% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | GASTON | $71,463 | 24 | 2.89% | 72 | $45,031 | 68 | 4.75% | 58 | 222 | 58 | 215,249 | 17.4% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | GATES | $67,782 | 13 | 0.42% | 43 | $46,387 | 73 | 4.78% | 53 | 182 | 42 | 11,891 | 14.2% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | GRAHAM | $127,551 | 81 | -0.32% | 31 | $33,827 | 9 | 7.15% | 8 | 129 | 25 | 8,835 | 21.9% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| ↑ | GRANVILLE | $69,202 | 17 | 3.11% | 74 | $50,314 | 84 | 3.97% | 94 | 269 | 74 | 56,538 | 16.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 3 |
| | GREENE | $55,604 | 3 | -0.33% | 30 | $35,060 | 14 | 4.78% | 55 | 102 | 15 | 19,042 | 25.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | GUILFORD | $93,130 | 52 | 2.58% | 69 | $48,283 | 79 | 4.84% | 50 | 250 | 70 | 520,230 | 17.6% | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | HALIFAX | $68,697 | 15 | -2.72% | 6 | $31,952 | 1 | 7.55% | 5 | 27 | 2 | 51,207 | 26.3% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | HARNETT | $60,548 | 5 | 4.42% | 84 | $48,301 | 80 | 5.20% | 36 | 205 | 50 | 127,800 | 18.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | HAYWOOD | $118,482 | 73 | 3.57% | 79 | $43,573 | 63 | 4.23% | 85 | 300 | 81 | 61,771 | 17.2% | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | HENDERSON | $115,904 | 72 | 4.81% | 89 | $47,280 | 75 | 3.93% | 97 | 333 | 91 | 114,385 | 13.8% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | HERTFORD | $62,325 | 7 | -0.99% | 19 | $34,453 | 12 | 5.96% | 20 | 58 | 9 | 22,894 | 25.6% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | HOKE | $65,461 | 9 | 3.35% | 76 | $42,819 | 59 | 5.91% | 21 | 165 | 34 | 51,746 | 22.2% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

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| | HYDE | $219,654 | 96 | -3.46% | 1 | $37,074 | 24 | 9.22% | 1 | 122 | 21 | 4,973 | 17.7% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | IREDELL | $125,747 | 80 | 5.05% | 90 | $55,848 | 92 | 4.32% | 80 | 342 | 95 | 173,391 | 14.0% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | JACKSON | $204,105 | 94 | 4.29% | 82 | $41,537 | 49 | 4.87% | 48 | 273 | 75 | 42,574 | 22.0% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | JOHNSTON | $80,148 | 42 | 7.01% | 96 | $52,681 | 89 | 4.23% | 86 | 313 | 86 | 188,835 | 15.4% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | JONES | $81,490 | 46 | -1.76% | 11 | $39,688 | 35 | 4.75% | 59 | 151 | 31 | 10,354 | 21.5% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | LEE | $86,854 | 49 | 0.25% | 38 | $44,294 | 65 | 5.28% | 33 | 185 | 44 | 58,950 | 18.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| ↓ | LENOIR | $70,557 | 22 | -2.33% | 10 | $37,085 | 25 | 5.35% | 31 | 88 | 14 | 57,544 | 23.2% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 |
| | LINCOLN | $106,360 | 64 | 3.36% | 77 | $49,343 | 82 | 4.14% | 89 | 312 | 85 | 81,810 | 15.5% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | MACON | $228,464 | 97 | 2.78% | 71 | $41,395 | 48 | 4.87% | 47 | 263 | 73 | 35,047 | 19.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MADISON | $105,765 | 62 | 2.78% | 70 | $37,899 | 28 | 4.48% | 69 | 229 | 61 | 21,979 | 18.1% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | MARTIN | $78,431 | 38 | -0.60% | 23 | $36,543 | 22 | 6.09% | 19 | 102 | 15 | 23,606 | 21.3% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MCDOWELL | $80,856 | 44 | 1.35% | 54 | $37,430 | 27 | 4.30% | 81 | 206 | 51 | 45,052 | 20.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MECKLENBURG | $120,278 | 75 | 6.26% | 93 | $57,029 | 93 | 4.36% | 76 | 337 | 92 | 1,053,545 | 15.2% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | MITCHELL | $113,592 | 71 | -0.83% | 21 | $39,955 | 36 | 5.58% | 28 | 156 | 32 | 15,266 | 19.5% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |
| | MONTGOMERY | $109,271 | 67 | 0.29% | 39 | $39,096 | 33 | 4.77% | 56 | 195 | 46 | 27,184 | 25.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MOORE | $124,171 | 78 | 4.56% | 87 | $52,139 | 86 | 4.56% | 65 | 316 | 87 | 96,102 | 15.2% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | NASH | $76,414 | 35 | -0.14% | 32 | $43,450 | 62 | 6.26% | 15 | 144 | 30 | 93,771 | 18.5% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | NEW HANOVER | $141,737 | 88 | 4.64% | 88 | $52,456 | 87 | 4.24% | 84 | 347 | 96 | 223,219 | 17.7% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | NORTHAMPTON | $95,167 | 54 | -2.53% | 8 | $33,301 | 7 | 6.53% | 11 | 80 | 11 | 20,367 | 28.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ONSLOW | $69,583 | 20 | 0.39% | 40 | $46,144 | 72 | 5.14% | 37 | 169 | 36 | 193,914 | 14.6% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ORANGE | $118,743 | 74 | 1.26% | 53 | $61,570 | 96 | 3.91% | 98 | 321 | 89 | 140,646 | 15.8% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | PAMLICO | $139,000 | 85 | 2.40% | 67 | $41,004 | 43 | 4.90% | 45 | 240 | 63 | 12,780 | 13.6% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | PASQUOTANK | $74,394 | 29 | 2.23% | 65 | $42,171 | 55 | 5.74% | 26 | 175 | 37 | 39,477 | 19.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | PENDER | $112,037 | 70 | 7.50% | 97 | $49,390 | 83 | 4.79% | 52 | 302 | 83 | 58,711 | 18.5% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↓ | PERQUIMANS | $132,902 | 84 | -1.46% | 14 | $42,337 | 56 | 5.90% | 22 | 176 | 38 | 13,561 | 19.6% | 1 | 2 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | PERSON | $109,132 | 66 | 1.53% | 58 | $43,917 | 64 | 4.78% | 54 | 242 | 64 | 39,728 | 19.9% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |
| | PITT | $68,432 | 14 | 1.21% | 51 | $41,909 | 54 | 5.13% | 38 | 157 | 33 | 175,885 | 25.5% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | POLK | $131,923 | 83 | 2.23% | 66 | $45,672 | 70 | 4.30% | 82 | 301 | 82 | 21,030 | 13.9% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | RANDOLPH | $75,040 | 30 | 0.97% | 49 | $43,216 | 61 | 4.48% | 70 | 210 | 53 | 143,485 | 17.6% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | RICHMOND | $70,592 | 23 | -2.41% | 9 | $33,017 | 6 | 6.41% | 13 | 51 | 6 | 44,209 | 25.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ROBESON | $48,192 | 1 | -0.88% | 20 | $32,128 | 3 | 7.35% | 7 | 31 | 3 | 131,875 | 31.6% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | ROCKINGHAM | $75,772 | 32 | -0.36% | 28 | $40,148 | 37 | 5.26% | 34 | 131 | 27 | 91,891 | 18.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ROWAN | $83,773 | 48 | 1.85% | 60 | $44,862 | 66 | 4.84% | 51 | 225 | 59 | 139,991 | 18.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | RUTHERFORD | $93,295 | 53 | 0.05% | 36 | $36,998 | 23 | 6.17% | 17 | 129 | 25 | 67,472 | 19.9% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SAMPSON | $66,625 | 10 | -1.15% | 16 | $40,660 | 41 | 5.00% | 41 | 108 | 17 | 63,040 | 25.5% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SCOTLAND | $61,319 | 6 | -1.51% | 13 | $35,447 | 18 | 8.18% | 2 | 39 | 5 | 34,110 | 31.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | STANLY | $76,208 | 34 | 2.00% | 63 | $44,878 | 67 | 4.27% | 83 | 247 | 67 | 60,902 | 17.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | STOKES | $79,823 | 40 | 0.09% | 37 | $42,889 | 60 | 4.39% | 74 | 211 | 54 | 46,751 | 17.0% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | SURRY | $76,113 | 33 | -0.52% | 26 | $38,408 | 31 | 4.38% | 75 | 165 | 34 | 72,843 | 19.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SWAIN | $102,783 | 57 | 1.99% | 62 | $36,103 | 19 | 5.12% | 39 | 177 | 40 | 14,852 | 24.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | TRANSYLVANIA | $172,680 | 92 | 3.01% | 73 | $45,792 | 71 | 4.50% | 68 | 304 | 84 | 34,139 | 12.6% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | TYRRELL | $111,640 | 69 | 0.71% | 46 | $33,759 | 8 | 7.90% | 4 | 127 | 24 | 3,665 | 21.8% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | UNION | $105,775 | 63 | 5.99% | 92 | $71,690 | 100 | 4.03% | 93 | 348 | 97 | 223,915 | 10.2% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | VANCE | $54,349 | 2 | -0.13% | 33 | $32,698 | 5 | 6.42% | 12 | 52 | 7 | 44,945 | 25.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WAKE | $124,571 | 79 | 6.50% | 94 | $70,629 | 99 | 3.93% | 96 | 368 | 99 | 1,023,862 | 11.3% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | WARREN | $122,286 | 77 | -1.24% | 15 | $34,149 | 11 | 6.92% | 10 | 113 | 19 | 19,481 | 24.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WASHINGTON | $72,202 | 27 | -3.12% | 4 | $35,146 | 15 | 6.98% | 9 | 55 | 8 | 12,425 | 21.8% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WATAUGA | $161,551 | 91 | 4.44% | 85 | $41,762 | 53 | 4.15% | 88 | 317 | 88 | 54,992 | 31.4% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | WAYNE | $65,202 | 8 | -0.36% | 27 | $41,161 | 45 | 5.48% | 29 | 109 | 18 | 124,021 | 22.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | WILKES | $80,499 | 43 | 0.42% | 42 | $40,647 | 40 | 4.43% | 72 | 197 | 47 | 69,768 | 23.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | WILSON | $79,513 | 39 | 0.50% | 44 | $41,276 | 47 | 7.49% | 6 | 136 | 29 | 81,758 | 23.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | YADKIN | $75,494 | 31 | -1.03% | 18 | $41,208 | 46 | 4.10% | 92 | 187 | 45 | 37,725 | 20.3% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |
| | YANCEY | $142,932 | 89 | 1.26% | 52 | $36,418 | 21 | 4.76% | 57 | 219 | 57 | 18,142 | 21.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |

# 2017 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER RANKINGS (§ 143B-437.08)

| | | ECONOMIC INDICATORS | | | | | | | | | | TIER ADJUSTMENT FACTORS | | | | TIER ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW TIER | COUNTY | Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2016-2017 Value | Rank | Population Growth July 2012-July 2015 % Change | Rank | Median Household Income 2014 Income | Rank | Unemployment 12 Mth Avg Oct 15-Sept 16 Rate | Rank | County Rank Sum (Lowest = most distressed) | ECONOMIC DISTRESS RANK (#1 = most distressed) | Population Less Prison July 2015 | Poverty Rate 5-year 2010-2014 | 2015 Tier | 2016 Tier | Pop <50,000: Tier 1 or Tier 2 | Pop <12,000: auto Tier 1 | Pop <50,000 & poverty >19%: auto Tier 1 | Must be Tier One for two consec. Years | Auto-Adjusted Tiers | FINAL 2017 TIERS |
| | ALAMANCE | $76,032 | 36 | 2.93% | 78 | $41,296 | 49 | 4.90% | 81 | 244 | 67 | 157,522 | 18.8% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ALEXANDER | $70,309 | 24 | 1.24% | 57 | $43,043 | 59 | 4.55% | 92 | 232 | 61 | 36,798 | 16.8% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | ALLEGHANY | $144,801 | 88 | 1.97% | 65 | $35,266 | 22 | 5.63% | 43 | 218 | 57 | 11,190 | 21.2% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ANSON | $70,063 | 23 | -2.68% | 4 | $32,508 | 7 | 5.97% | 32 | 66 | 11 | 23,789 | 24.1% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ASHE | $141,923 | 86 | -0.18% | 35 | $36,488 | 27 | 5.11% | 68 | 216 | 55 | 27,332 | 20.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | AVERY | $237,109 | 98 | 0.95% | 53 | $37,131 | 32 | 5.39% | 58 | 241 | 66 | 16,179 | 18.2% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | BEAUFORT | $116,749 | 73 | -0.10% | 38 | $40,357 | 47 | 5.95% | 33 | 191 | 46 | 47,829 | 19.9% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | BERTIE | $66,182 | 10 | -2.94% | 3 | $31,217 | 3 | 6.88% | 18 | 34 | 3 | 19,244 | 25.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | BLADEN | $78,641 | 45 | -0.05% | 39 | $33,521 | 12 | 7.12% | 14 | 110 | 15 | 35,011 | 27.9% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | BRUNSWICK | $192,721 | 93 | 9.63% | 100 | $47,387 | 80 | 6.47% | 28 | 301 | 82 | 123,535 | 16.3% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | BUNCOMBE | $117,604 | 74 | 3.91% | 85 | $47,296 | 79 | 3.95% | 100 | 338 | 94 | 253,950 | 16.5% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | BURKE | $71,728 | 27 | -0.26% | 31 | $39,275 | 44 | 5.20% | 65 | 167 | 36 | 88,375 | 20.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CABARRUS | $101,676 | 59 | 6.58% | 96 | $55,250 | 93 | 4.69% | 88 | 336 | 93 | 195,622 | 13.1% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | CALDWELL | $77,580 | 37 | -0.01% | 41 | $38,653 | 40 | 5.51% | 49 | 167 | 36 | 82,297 | 20.5% | 2 | 1 | | | | X | 1 | 1 |
| | CAMDEN | $99,984 | 58 | 2.22% | 69 | $61,730 | 98 | 5.50% | 50 | 275 | 76 | 10,224 | 6.7% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | CARTERET | $209,477 | 95 | 2.11% | 67 | $48,824 | 84 | 5.37% | 59 | 305 | 83 | 69,531 | 15.2% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | CASWELL | $69,724 | 21 | 0.06% | 44 | $42,730 | 57 | 5.72% | 37 | 159 | 33 | 22,594 | 21.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CATAWBA | $104,698 | 62 | 0.20% | 48 | $45,080 | 70 | 4.99% | 75 | 255 | 72 | 155,585 | 15.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CHATHAM | $126,154 | 80 | 8.14% | 99 | $56,797 | 94 | 4.36% | 98 | 371 | 99 | 71,784 | 14.4% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↓ | CHEROKEE | $107,046 | 66 | 1.44% | 59 | $34,620 | 19 | 5.86% | 34 | 178 | 42 | 27,770 | 19.4% | 2 | 2 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CHOWAN | $95,888 | 54 | -1.22% | 17 | $38,887 | 41 | 6.75% | 22 | 134 | 25 | 14,541 | 27.4% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CLAY | $146,396 | 90 | 2.87% | 77 | $37,072 | 31 | 5.56% | 47 | 245 | 68 | 11,036 | 23.6% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | CLEVELAND | $78,640 | 44 | 0.20% | 47 | $39,444 | 45 | 5.74% | 36 | 172 | 40 | 97,871 | 20.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | COLUMBUS | $66,813 | 12 | -2.01% | 9 | $34,321 | 18 | 6.68% | 25 | 64 | 9 | 54,772 | 24.3% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | CRAVEN | $87,684 | 50 | -1.50% | 15 | $43,972 | 63 | 5.44% | 56 | 184 | 43 | 102,943 | 16.2% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CUMBERLAND | $67,263 | 14 | -0.42% | 30 | $42,582 | 56 | 6.58% | 26 | 126 | 22 | 328,860 | 17.4% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | CURRITUCK | $239,348 | 99 | 6.27% | 94 | $58,024 | 95 | 5.45% | 54 | 342 | 95 | 25,627 | 10.3% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DARE | $378,627 | 100 | 3.35% | 81 | $54,642 | 92 | 6.86% | 20 | 293 | 80 | 36,001 | 9.1% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DAVIDSON | $77,844 | 40 | 1.13% | 56 | $43,346 | 61 | 4.98% | 76 | 233 | 62 | 164,941 | 16.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | DAVIE | $98,120 | 56 | 0.97% | 54 | $47,592 | 81 | 4.67% | 90 | 281 | 77 | 41,743 | 14.4% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | DUPLIN | $69,761 | 22 | 0.65% | 52 | $34,109 | 17 | 5.50% | 52 | 143 | 28 | 59,868 | 26.9% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | DURHAM | $104,754 | 63 | 5.67% | 91 | $50,745 | 89 | 4.62% | 91 | 334 | 91 | 294,434 | 18.1% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | EDGECOMBE | $56,372 | 4 | -2.37% | 7 | $31,615 | 4 | 8.78% | 4 | 19 | 1 | 54,367 | 25.3% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | FORSYTH | $88,437 | 51 | 2.48% | 75 | $45,944 | 75 | 5.03% | 73 | 274 | 75 | 366,302 | 19.1% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | FRANKLIN | $70,342 | 25 | 3.87% | 84 | $48,166 | 82 | 5.27% | 62 | 253 | 70 | 63,731 | 15.4% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | GASTON | $68,031 | 15 | 1.97% | 66 | $42,056 | 55 | 5.40% | 57 | 193 | 48 | 212,401 | 18.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | GATES | $69,004 | 19 | -3.15% | 2 | $48,413 | 83 | 5.20% | 66 | 170 | 39 | 11,739 | 16.0% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | GRAHAM | $143,640 | 87 | -1.07% | 18 | $33,824 | 14 | 9.72% | 1 | 120 | 19 | 8,761 | 21.4% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | GRANVILLE | $72,963 | 28 | 1.49% | 60 | $49,342 | 85 | 4.52% | 93 | 266 | 74 | 55,739 | 15.8% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | GREENE | $55,026 | 3 | -2.14% | 8 | $37,263 | 33 | 5.09% | 70 | 114 | 16 | 18,941 | 24.9% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| ↓ | GUILFORD | $90,957 | 52 | 3.05% | 80 | $44,828 | 67 | 5.34% | 60 | 259 | 73 | 517,124 | 17.9% | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 2 |
| | HALIFAX | $70,485 | 26 | -3.17% | 1 | $31,674 | 5 | 8.29% | 7 | 39 | 4 | 51,525 | 25.8% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | HARNETT | $59,763 | 5 | 4.85% | 89 | $45,380 | 71 | 5.97% | 31 | 196 | 49 | 126,143 | 18.2% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| ↑ | HAYWOOD | $117,651 | 75 | 2.31% | 71 | $42,812 | 58 | 4.70% | 87 | 291 | 79 | 60,631 | 15.8% | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 3 |
| | HENDERSON | $110,441 | 69 | 4.11% | 86 | $47,286 | 78 | 4.36% | 97 | 330 | 90 | 112,511 | 14.8% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | HERTFORD | $62,603 | 7 | -0.22% | 34 | $30,056 | 1 | 6.74% | 23 | 65 | 10 | 23,009 | 26.3% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | HOKE | $64,286 | 9 | 3.49% | 83 | $44,175 | 64 | 6.87% | 19 | 175 | 41 | 51,184 | 22.2% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | HYDE | $210,124 | 96 | -2.37% | 6 | $36,891 | 30 | 9.30% | 3 | 135 | 26 | 4,984 | 21.1% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | IREDELL | $122,084 | 78 | 4.44% | 88 | $54,026 | 91 | 4.93% | 77 | 334 | 91 | 170,230 | 13.4% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | JACKSON | $209,333 | 94 | 2.34% | 72 | $38,130 | 37 | 5.61% | 44 | 247 | 69 | 41,597 | 22.3% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | JOHNSTON | $78,078 | 41 | 5.68% | 92 | $50,055 | 88 | 4.71% | 86 | 307 | 84 | 183,908 | 16.4% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | JONES | $77,671 | 39 | -1.78% | 10 | $38,928 | 42 | 5.25% | 64 | 155 | 31 | 10,423 | 18.8% | 1 | 1 | X | X | | | 1 | 1 |
| | LEE | $86,848 | 49 | 0.05% | 42 | $46,073 | 76 | 6.26% | 30 | 197 | 50 | 58,674 | 18.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| ↑ | LENOIR | $68,608 | 17 | -1.70% | 12 | $35,991 | 26 | 5.64% | 42 | 97 | 14 | 58,304 | 23.7% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| | LINCOLN | $102,543 | 60 | 2.98% | 79 | $49,676 | 86 | 4.86% | 82 | 307 | 84 | 81,170 | 15.6% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | MACON | $218,921 | 97 | 2.37% | 73 | $37,884 | 35 | 5.54% | 48 | 253 | 70 | 34,771 | 20.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MADISON | $104,418 | 61 | 2.13% | 68 | $38,445 | 38 | 5.14% | 67 | 234 | 63 | 21,663 | 18.2% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | MARTIN | $77,649 | 38 | -0.93% | 19 | $35,930 | 24 | 7.08% | 15 | 96 | 13 | 23,746 | 22.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MCDOWELL | $79,830 | 46 | 0.59% | 51 | $37,881 | 34 | 4.93% | 78 | 209 | 54 | 44,739 | 20.2% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |
| | MECKLENBURG | $115,399 | 72 | 7.58% | 98 | $59,049 | 96 | 4.85% | 83 | 349 | 98 | 1,035,605 | 15.5% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↓ | MITCHELL | $113,759 | 70 | -0.49% | 28 | $36,795 | 28 | 6.41% | 29 | 155 | 31 | 15,335 | 19.6% | 2 | 2 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MONTGOMERY | $105,894 | 64 | -0.25% | 33 | $38,530 | 39 | 5.27% | 61 | 197 | 50 | 27,174 | 26.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | MOORE | $126,671 | 81 | 4.19% | 87 | $51,650 | 90 | 5.25% | 63 | 321 | 88 | 94,492 | 16.3% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↑ | NASH | $75,838 | 35 | -0.63% | 23 | $43,348 | 62 | 6.76% | 21 | 141 | 27 | 93,731 | 17.8% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| | NEW HANOVER | $139,871 | 85 | 4.91% | 90 | $49,905 | 87 | 4.91% | 80 | 342 | 95 | 219,841 | 18.1% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | NORTHAMPTON | $96,079 | 55 | -2.40% | 5 | $32,063 | 6 | 7.47% | 11 | 77 | 12 | 20,635 | 26.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ONSLOW | $68,853 | 18 | 1.71% | 63 | $47,201 | 77 | 5.69% | 39 | 197 | 50 | 194,636 | 14.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ORANGE | $114,918 | 71 | 1.49% | 61 | $60,304 | 97 | 4.36% | 96 | 325 | 89 | 139,936 | 16.8% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | PAMLICO | $139,604 | 84 | 0.06% | 43 | $43,097 | 60 | 5.47% | 53 | 240 | 65 | 12,614 | 13.3% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | PASQUOTANK | $75,447 | 34 | -0.81% | 21 | $44,596 | 66 | 6.69% | 24 | 145 | 29 | 38,987 | 19.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | PENDER | $109,732 | 68 | 6.99% | 97 | $45,453 | 72 | 5.56% | 46 | 283 | 78 | 57,184 | 18.0% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| ↑ | PERQUIMANS | $130,643 | 82 | -0.26% | 32 | $41,328 | 50 | 6.54% | 27 | 191 | 46 | 13,648 | 18.8% | 1 | 1 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| ↓ | PERSON | $109,178 | 67 | 1.13% | 55 | $45,841 | 74 | 5.71% | 38 | 234 | 63 | 39,574 | 19.9% | 2 | 2 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | PITT | $66,765 | 11 | 1.76% | 64 | $41,765 | 51 | 5.66% | 41 | 167 | 36 | 175,532 | 24.0% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | POLK | $132,793 | 83 | 2.52% | 76 | $45,464 | 73 | 4.80% | 85 | 317 | 87 | 20,828 | 13.4% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | RANDOLPH | $73,656 | 30 | 0.37% | 49 | $41,770 | 52 | 5.04% | 72 | 203 | 53 | 142,718 | 18.0% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | RICHMOND | $68,193 | 16 | -1.73% | 11 | $34,665 | 20 | 7.30% | 13 | 60 | 8 | 44,690 | 23.8% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | ROBESON | $46,493 | 1 | -0.51% | 27 | $30,414 | 2 | 7.48% | 10 | 40 | 5 | 132,590 | 32.0% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | ROCKINGHAM | $74,721 | 32 | -0.81% | 20 | $39,606 | 46 | 5.80% | 35 | 133 | 24 | 92,084 | 18.8% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | ROWAN | $81,541 | 48 | 1.51% | 62 | $44,973 | 68 | 5.60% | 45 | 223 | 59 | 139,142 | 19.1% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| ↑ | RUTHERFORD | $91,034 | 53 | -0.46% | 29 | $35,629 | 23 | 7.06% | 16 | 121 | 20 | 67,384 | 21.0% | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SAMPSON | $67,056 | 13 | -0.16% | 36 | $33,876 | 16 | 5.50% | 51 | 116 | 17 | 63,538 | 24.7% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SCOTLAND | $60,140 | 6 | -1.64% | 14 | $32,782 | 9 | 9.50% | 2 | 31 | 2 | 34,193 | 31.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | STANLY | $74,834 | 33 | 1.38% | 58 | $41,921 | 53 | 4.85% | 84 | 228 | 60 | 60,391 | 16.6% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | STOKES | $78,283 | 43 | -0.55% | 25 | $45,065 | 69 | 4.92% | 79 | 216 | 55 | 46,763 | 17.1% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | SURRY | $74,227 | 31 | -0.63% | 24 | $37,915 | 36 | 5.00% | 74 | 165 | 34 | 73,195 | 19.8% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | SWAIN | $106,506 | 65 | 3.43% | 82 | $34,788 | 21 | 6.93% | 17 | 185 | 44 | 14,953 | 27.7% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | TRANSYLVANIA | $176,148 | 92 | 2.25% | 70 | $44,490 | 65 | 5.09% | 69 | 296 | 81 | 33,745 | 13.8% | 2 | 2 | X | | | | <3 | 2 |
| | TYRRELL | $124,302 | 79 | -0.55% | 26 | $32,773 | 8 | 8.59% | 5 | 118 | 18 | 3,646 | 23.0% | 1 | 1 | X | X | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | UNION | $99,469 | 57 | 5.90% | 93 | $64,381 | 99 | 4.46% | 95 | 344 | 97 | 219,992 | 9.6% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | VANCE | $52,321 | 2 | -0.77% | 22 | $33,609 | 13 | 7.51% | 9 | 46 | 6 | 45,097 | 25.5% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WAKE | $119,336 | 77 | 6.57% | 95 | $66,950 | 100 | 4.30% | 99 | 371 | 99 | 1,004,811 | 11.3% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | WARREN | $118,440 | 76 | 0.14% | 45 | $33,869 | 15 | 7.45% | 12 | 148 | 30 | 19,754 | 24.8% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WASHINGTON | $69,593 | 20 | -1.67% | 13 | $32,867 | 10 | 7.91% | 8 | 51 | 7 | 12,589 | 24.2% | 1 | 1 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | WATAUGA | $165,541 | 91 | 2.48% | 74 | $41,942 | 54 | 4.68% | 89 | 308 | 86 | 53,737 | 32.1% | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| | WAYNE | $63,691 | 8 | 0.18% | 46 | $36,890 | 29 | 5.68% | 40 | 123 | 21 | 124,182 | 22.5% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | WILKES | $80,786 | 47 | -0.13% | 37 | $33,398 | 11 | 5.08% | 71 | 166 | 35 | 69,434 | 24.3% | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| | WILSON | $78,217 | 42 | -0.02% | 40 | $39,268 | 43 | 8.47% | 6 | 131 | 23 | 81,689 | 24.0% | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| ↓ | YADKIN | $73,323 | 29 | -1.40% | 16 | $40,801 | 48 | 4.49% | 94 | 187 | 45 | 37,705 | 19.4% | 2 | 2 | X | | X | | 1 | 1 |
| | YANCEY | $145,314 | 89 | 0.51% | 50 | $35,974 | 25 | 5.45% | 55 | 219 | 58 | 17,959 | 21.5% | 2 | 1 | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 |