

Snapshot of Employment, Poverty, Income, and Food Stamps in North Carolina's Counties

The Great Recession: 2007 and 2009

COUNTY*	Total Poverty	Total Poverty	Median Household Income	Median Household Income	Unemployment Rate		Food Stamp Participation		
	2007 (percent)	2009 (percent)	2007 (inflation-adjusted 2009 \$)	2009 (\$)	August 2009	August 2010	June 2009	June 2010	% Change June 2009-June 2010
Alamance	13.1%	15.4%	\$42,913	\$42,739	12.2%	10.6%	17,536	20,875	19.0%
Brunswick	16.8%	14.7%	\$41,017	\$44,146	10.6%	10.1%	11,449	13,300	16.2%
Buncombe	14.1%	16.5%	\$44,940	\$40,675	8.3%	7.9%	26,515	32,556	22.8%
Burke	16.6%	18.3%	\$34,785	\$35,004	14.2%	12.9%	12,084	13,600	12.5%
Cabarrus	12.5%	11.9%	\$52,505	\$51,846	11.4%	10.3%	18,503	21,937	18.6%
Caldwell	13.0%	16.5%	\$39,265	\$32,297	15.3%	12.9%	13,391	14,804	10.6%
Catawba	10.4%	14.3%	\$44,074	\$41,116	14.4%	12.3%	21,688	24,250	11.8%
Cleveland	22.1%	16.4%	\$37,271	\$37,902	14.8%	12.5%	19,153	21,239	10.9%
Craven	14.2%	16.3%	\$47,070	\$38,606	9.8%	9.4%	11,735	13,066	11.3%
Cumberland	16.8%	16.4%	\$43,870	\$40,834	9.2%	9.1%	49,075	56,104	14.3%
Davidson	15.9%	14.4%	\$44,794	\$43,587	13.1%	11.4%	22,957	25,825	12.5%
Durham	16.2%	17.0%	\$48,790	\$48,457	8.0%	7.5%	28,793	34,181	18.7%
Forsyth	14.1%	16.6%	\$47,288	\$45,584	9.8%	9.4%	38,881	44,807	15.2%
Gaston	15.0%	15.3%	\$42,662	\$40,335	14.0%	10.8%	32,991	38,607	17.0%
Guilford	15.7%	17.4%	\$47,483	\$44,176	11.4%	10.5%	63,033	71,957	14.2%
Harnett	17.6%	17.7%	\$39,971	\$43,815	11.3%	10.3%	15,516	17,939	15.6%
Henderson	10.2%	11.7%	\$49,471	\$42,808	8.7%	7.7%	8,575	10,599	23.6%
Iredell	10.7%	14.1%	\$52,217	\$47,344	12.4%	11.3%	13,929	15,483	11.2%
Johnston	12.2%	18.8%	\$47,100	\$49,102	9.6%	9.0%	20,104	23,066	14.7%
Lincoln	9.0%	16.6%	\$50,761	\$47,242	13.7%	11.9%	9,387	10,165	8.3%
Mecklenburg	10.7%	14.0%	\$57,790	\$52,881	11.3%	10.5%	110,798	126,507	14.2%
Moore	7.7%	13.0%	\$53,077	\$45,193	9.7%	8.9%	8,132	9,075	11.6%
Nash	14.0%	14.3%	\$47,384	\$38,936	12.4%	11.8%	13,638	15,390	12.8%
New Hanover	13.6%	16.0%	\$49,845	\$44,334	9.0%	8.9%	18,705	21,971	17.5%
Onslow	13.6%	13.4%	\$43,576	\$41,231	8.2%	7.9%	13,894	14,904	7.3%
Orange	14.1%	18.0%	\$56,602	\$50,159	6.8%	6.4%	8,096	9,560	18.1%
Pitt	23.2%	25.8%	\$38,475	\$35,509	10.4%	9.9%	23,592	26,493	12.3%
Randolph	19.7%	16.6%	\$37,806	\$36,712	11.4%	9.6%	19,694	21,530	9.3%
Robeson	28.7%	31.3%	\$31,932	\$24,788	12.0%	11.8%	32,611	37,727	15.7%
Rockingham	15.1%	13.5%	\$40,652	\$35,066	12.6%	11.4%	13,042	14,848	13.8%
Rowan	11.4%	16.9%	\$48,262	\$43,578	13.2%	11.6%	18,516	21,131	14.1%
Surry	20.0%	17.0%	\$36,839	\$33,159	12.2%	10.9%	11,239	12,336	9.8%
Union	7.4%	11.4%	\$62,063	\$62,387	10.3%	8.9%	16,000	19,612	22.6%
Wake	8.3%	10.1%	\$63,647	\$63,609	8.4%	8.0%	58,343	68,116	16.8%
Wayne	17.4%	20.7%	\$41,474	\$40,944	8.9%	8.3%	17,212	20,750	20.6%
Wilkes	15.4%	19.1%	\$36,919	\$33,883	12.9%	12.6%	10,639	12,820	20.5%
Wilson	17.1%	20.2%	\$38,163	\$40,053	12.9%	12.2%	12,752	14,650	14.9%

Sources: Poverty Data (American Community Survey, 2010), Median Income Data (American Community Survey 2010), Unemployment Data (Employment Security Commission North Carolina, August 2009 and August 2010), Food Stamp Participation Data (N.C. DSS)

*Census data available for the 37 NC counties with a population of 65,000 or more

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