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2021 North Carolina Development Tier Designations

Since 2007, North Carolina has used a three-level system for designating county 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 lists counties that have changed tiers since 2020. A statewide county 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. In the 2021 edition of the Development Tiers, a tie for the 40th position in Tier One means there will be 41 Tier One counties, 39 Tier Two counties, and 20 Tier Three counties.

Tier Rankings use Four Factors

- **Average unemployment rate** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (October 2019 – September 2020, NC Dept. of Commerce, LAUS)
- **Median household income** for the most recent twelve months for which data are available (2018, U.S. Census, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates)
- **Percentage growth in population** for the most recent 36 months for which data are available (July 2016 – July 2019, NC Office of State Budget & Management)
- **Adjusted property tax base per capita** for the most recent taxable year (FY 2020-21, 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, [§143B-437.07.\(d\)](#) calls for the Department of Commerce to publish the state performance statistic for each of the four factors, alongside the county values. Any county underperforming the state average on any of the four factors may request assistance from the Department to improve their performance on the given factor. A ranked list of each county’s performance by indicator, as well as the statewide value, is provided at the end of this document. For comparison, counties may also wish to access the [2020 County Tier Designations](#). For assistance, please contact David Rhoades at drhoades@nccommerce.com.

County Tier Changes in 2021

Twenty-two counties will change tiers in 2021. Counties moving to a **less distressed** tier include Beaufort, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Jones, Macon, Onslow, Perquimans, Pitt, Polk, and Transylvania. Counties moving to a **more**

distressed tier include Alexander, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Davie, Haywood, Hoke, New Hanover, Randolph, and Rowan.

Alexander County

For 2021, Alexander County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #29 (it was #57 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #96 last year to #34 this year.

Beaufort County

For 2021, Beaufort County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #56 (it was #36 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #30 last year to #74 this year.

Brunswick County

For 2021, Brunswick County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #80 (it was #81 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #18 last year to #11 this year.

Buncombe County

For 2021, Buncombe County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #67 (it was #87 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #100 last year to #23 this year.

Burke County

For 2021, Burke County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #30 (it was #46 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #74 last year to #46 this year.

Camden County

For 2021, Camden County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank is #89 (it was #77 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #63 last year to #97 this year.

Carteret County

For 2021, Carteret County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank is #87 (it was #70 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #38 last year to #80 this year.

Cherokee County

For 2021, Cherokee County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #40 (it was #49 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's population growth rank, which moved from #87 last year to #67 this year.

Chowan County

For 2021, Chowan County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #43 (it was #24 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #27 last year to #84 this year.

Davie County

For 2021, Davie County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #76 (it was #84 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #93 last year to #61 this year.

Haywood County

For 2021, Haywood County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #64 (it was #82 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #95 last year to #38 this year.

Hoke County

For 2021, Hoke County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #31 (it was #43 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's median household income rank, which moved from #72 last year to #56 this year.

Jones County

For 2021, Jones County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #46 (it was #32 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #50 last year to #93 this year.

Macon County

For 2021, Macon County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank is #84 (it was #72 in 2020). Compared to last year, the county's population growth rank, median household income rank, and unemployment rate rank all improved.

New Hanover County

For 2021, New Hanover County is shifting from Tier Three to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #79 (it was #96 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #83 last year to #49 this year.

Onslow County

For 2021, Onslow County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #59 (it was #39 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's population growth rank, which moved from #60 last year to #97 this year.

Perquimans County

For 2021, Perquimans County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #62 (it was #37 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #19 last year to #55 this year.

Pitt County

For 2021, Pitt County is shifting from Tier One to Tier Two. The county's economic distress rank is #44 (it was #33 in 2020). While the county's population growth rank and unemployment rate rank improved, the county's median household income rank declined.

Polk County

For 2021, Polk County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank is #84 (it was #71 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by improvement in the county's median household income rank and unemployment rate rank.

Randolph County

For 2021, Randolph County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #35 (it was #42 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #66 last year to #44 this year.

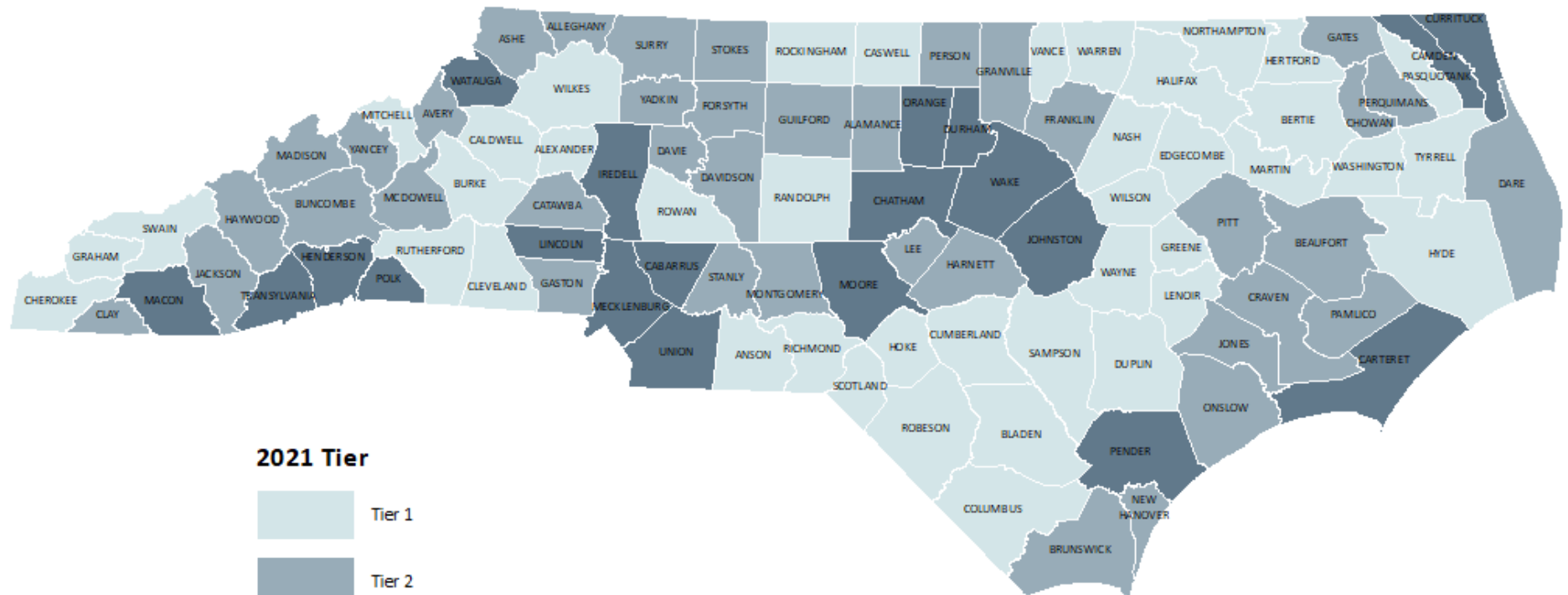
Rowan County

For 2021, Rowan County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier One. The county's economic distress rank is #38 (it was #53 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #57 last year to #25 this year.

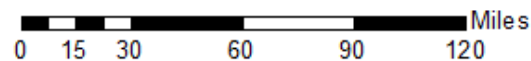
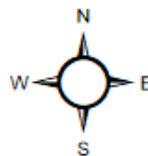
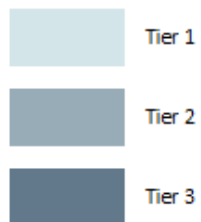
Transylvania County

For 2021, Transylvania County is shifting from Tier Two to Tier Three. The county's economic distress rank is #95 (it was #80 in 2020). This shift was largely driven by a change in the county's unemployment rate rank, which moved from #67 last year to #87 this year.

2021 County Tier Designations



2021 Tier



2021 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER RANKINGS (§ 143B-437.08)

NEW TIER	COUNTY	Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2020-2021		Population Growth July 2016-July 2019		Median Household Income 2018		Unemployment 12 Mth Avg Oct 19-Sept 20		County Rank Sum	ECONOMIC DISTRESS RANK (#1 = most distressed)	2021 TIERS
		Value	Rank	% Change	Rank	Income	Rank	Rate	Rank			
	ALAMANCE	\$85,841	40	5.65%	90	\$50,480	67	6.29%	52	249	68	2
↓	ALEXANDER	\$73,977	14	1.21%	44	\$49,138	62	6.64%	34	154	29	1
	ALLEGHANY	\$144,776	85	1.82%	53	\$39,735	16	6.38%	47	201	49	2
	ANSON	\$84,218	37	-1.12%	16	\$38,023	10	6.49%	40	103	14	1
	ASHE	\$143,823	84	2.68%	66	\$41,864	23	5.39%	86	259	72	2
	AVERY	\$244,779	98	1.67%	51	\$41,701	22	5.40%	85	256	71	2
↑	BEAUFORT	\$120,177	67	-0.09%	24	\$46,411	48	5.82%	74	213	56	2
	BERTIE	\$72,221	12	-2.14%	6	\$35,433	2	5.73%	76	96	13	1
	BLADEN	\$85,232	38	-0.41%	19	\$36,976	8	6.32%	51	116	19	1
↓	BRUNSWICK	\$193,103	93	12.59%	100	\$60,163	88	7.92%	11	292	80	2
↓	BUNCOMBE	\$149,620	88	2.12%	58	\$53,960	79	7.11%	23	248	67	2
↓	BURKE	\$77,012	22	1.48%	46	\$44,946	44	6.42%	46	158	30	1
	CABARRUS	\$113,877	59	6.48%	94	\$69,297	96	6.14%	58	307	86	3
	CALDWELL	\$87,524	44	0.84%	39	\$43,328	34	6.97%	27	144	26	1
↑	CAMDEN	\$107,683	56	2.65%	65	\$65,955	95	5.01%	97	313	89	3
↑	CARTERET	\$220,566	97	1.63%	49	\$55,052	82	5.62%	80	308	87	3
	CASWELL	\$74,656	15	-0.04%	25	\$45,517	45	6.90%	29	114	17	1
	CATAWBA	\$111,625	58	1.86%	54	\$53,738	78	7.12%	22	212	55	2
	CHATHAM	\$149,548	87	7.01%	96	\$73,703	98	4.89%	99	380	100	3
↓	CHEROKEE	\$116,593	60	2.97%	67	\$41,262	20	6.84%	30	177	40	1
↑	CHOWAN	\$105,196	54	-0.95%	18	\$42,618	25	5.49%	84	181	43	2
	CLAY	\$165,357	91	3.99%	80	\$42,878	30	6.36%	48	249	68	2
	CLEVELAND	\$90,825	48	2.10%	57	\$42,728	27	6.71%	32	164	34	1
	COLUMBUS	\$74,838	17	-1.36%	13	\$36,862	7	6.98%	26	63	6	1
	CRAVEN	\$94,239	50	-0.18%	23	\$50,748	69	5.86%	71	213	56	2
	CUMBERLAND	\$70,734	11	0.75%	37	\$46,779	51	8.29%	7	106	15	1
	CURRITUCK	\$250,610	99	6.43%	93	\$64,426	92	5.73%	75	359	99	3
	DARE	\$395,462	100	3.87%	79	\$64,768	94	9.13%	3	276	78	2
	DAVIDSON	\$86,458	42	2.20%	59	\$47,758	55	6.23%	54	210	53	2
↓	DAVIE	\$109,476	57	2.60%	64	\$60,801	90	6.03%	61	272	76	2
	DUPLIN	\$74,828	16	0.34%	31	\$42,725	26	5.00%	98	171	37	1
	DURHAM	\$126,617	73	4.65%	86	\$59,329	85	5.72%	77	321	94	3
	EDGECOMBE	\$60,475	2	-1.98%	8	\$38,818	14	8.92%	4	28	1	1
	FORSYTH	\$98,276	51	2.56%	63	\$50,112	63	6.43%	45	222	63	2
	FRANKLIN	\$81,970	30	7.51%	98	\$57,710	83	6.05%	60	271	75	2
	GASTON	\$82,322	31	3.73%	78	\$52,798	76	6.92%	28	213	56	2
	GATES	\$77,897	23	-0.23%	21	\$51,746	74	5.13%	92	210	53	2
	GRAHAM	\$135,833	79	-1.59%	12	\$39,502	15	8.24%	8	114	17	1
	GRANVILLE	\$79,270	24	3.47%	74	\$58,956	84	5.17%	91	273	77	2
	GREENE	\$60,667	3	-1.17%	14	\$43,591	36	5.06%	96	149	28	1
	GUILFORD	\$99,098	52	2.42%	61	\$52,166	75	7.34%	18	206	50	2
	HALIFAX	\$75,253	21	-1.82%	10	\$36,760	5	8.07%	10	46	4	1
	HARNETT	\$65,538	6	4.28%	83	\$51,225	71	6.61%	35	195	48	2
↓	HAYWOOD	\$127,203	74	2.55%	62	\$47,183	53	6.51%	38	227	64	2
	HENDERSON	\$135,818	78	3.19%	71	\$54,012	80	5.95%	67	296	82	3
	HERTFORD	\$69,944	10	-2.51%	4	\$38,216	11	6.11%	59	84	10	1
↓	HOKE	\$66,780	7	4.06%	82	\$47,892	56	7.63%	15	160	31	1
	HYDE	\$212,056	94	-4.15%	2	\$40,653	19	10.89%	1	116	19	1
	IREDELL	\$137,976	80	4.66%	87	\$60,044	87	6.47%	42	296	82	3
	JACKSON	\$212,315	95	2.26%	60	\$44,502	41	6.58%	36	232	66	2

	JOHNSTON	\$90,154	46	9.20%	99	\$60,296	89	5.67%	79	313	89	3
↑	JONES	\$87,538	45	-0.36%	20	\$43,302	32	5.13%	93	190	46	2
	LEE	\$93,278	49	3.45%	73	\$48,984	60	7.00%	24	206	50	2
	LENOIR	\$72,783	13	-1.12%	17	\$40,433	18	5.30%	88	136	23	1
	LINCOLN	\$120,007	66	6.07%	92	\$62,963	91	5.90%	69	318	93	3
↑	MACON	\$215,533	96	4.33%	84	\$46,426	49	5.89%	70	299	84	3
	MADISON	\$117,715	63	1.49%	47	\$44,693	42	6.01%	63	215	59	2
	MARTIN	\$82,397	32	-2.13%	7	\$43,569	35	6.27%	53	127	22	1
	MCDOWELL	\$86,652	43	2.03%	56	\$43,972	38	6.16%	57	194	47	2
	MECKLENBURG	\$143,536	83	4.39%	85	\$64,509	93	6.66%	33	294	81	3
	MITCHELL	\$119,600	65	-0.03%	27	\$43,967	37	6.83%	31	160	31	1
	MONTGOMERY	\$120,504	68	1.20%	43	\$47,757	54	5.95%	66	231	65	2
	MOORE	\$129,160	75	5.67%	91	\$59,471	86	6.18%	56	308	87	3
	NASH	\$82,699	33	1.93%	55	\$50,122	64	7.30%	20	172	38	1
↓	NEW HANOVER	\$159,632	89	3.58%	76	\$53,419	77	6.35%	49	291	79	2
	NORTHAMPTON	\$105,853	55	-2.86%	3	\$37,233	9	6.49%	39	106	15	1
↑	ONslow	\$69,406	9	7.10%	97	\$50,531	68	6.47%	41	215	59	2
	ORANGE	\$130,800	76	3.17%	70	\$71,920	97	4.73%	100	343	96	3
	PAMLICO	\$142,479	82	0.02%	28	\$46,447	50	5.07%	94	254	70	2
	PASQUOTANK	\$86,224	41	0.55%	32	\$46,355	47	6.46%	43	163	33	1
	PENDER	\$125,777	72	6.76%	95	\$54,900	81	5.93%	68	316	92	3
↑	PERQUIMANS	\$120,608	69	0.67%	36	\$48,337	57	6.19%	55	217	62	2
	PERSON	\$116,915	61	1.47%	45	\$50,149	65	6.56%	37	208	52	2
↑	PITT	\$75,055	19	3.01%	68	\$43,303	33	6.02%	62	182	44	2
↑	POLK	\$140,114	81	3.07%	69	\$50,467	66	5.51%	83	299	84	3
↓	RANDOLPH	\$80,498	26	0.86%	40	\$48,372	58	6.46%	44	168	35	1
	RICHMOND	\$75,051	18	0.63%	33	\$38,514	13	7.88%	14	78	8	1
	ROBESON	\$53,527	1	-1.16%	15	\$35,407	1	7.60%	16	33	2	1
	ROCKINGHAM	\$80,308	25	-0.03%	26	\$41,869	24	7.34%	19	94	12	1
↓	ROWAN	\$90,368	47	1.63%	48	\$46,864	52	7.00%	25	172	38	1
	RUTHERFORD	\$105,088	53	1.77%	52	\$42,831	29	7.89%	12	146	27	1
	SAMPSON	\$75,196	20	0.64%	34	\$42,807	28	5.07%	95	177	40	1
	SCOTLAND	\$63,457	5	-0.21%	22	\$36,730	4	9.97%	2	33	2	1
	STANLY	\$80,713	28	4.00%	81	\$51,491	73	5.55%	82	264	73	2
	STOKES	\$85,811	39	0.15%	29	\$50,826	70	5.68%	78	216	61	2
	SURRY	\$84,132	36	1.01%	42	\$46,342	46	5.97%	65	189	45	2
	SWAIN	\$117,022	62	-1.66%	11	\$43,121	31	7.29%	21	125	21	1
↑	TRANSYLVANIA	\$170,161	92	3.59%	77	\$51,398	72	5.38%	87	328	95	3
	TYRRELL	\$118,548	64	-7.65%	1	\$36,765	6	8.15%	9	80	9	1
	UNION	\$123,606	71	5.38%	88	\$80,428	100	5.29%	89	348	97	3
	VANCE	\$61,655	4	0.95%	41	\$40,263	17	8.49%	5	67	7	1
	WAKE	\$146,397	86	5.55%	89	\$80,169	99	5.61%	81	355	98	3
	WARREN	\$121,676	70	-2.18%	5	\$38,430	12	8.33%	6	93	11	1
	WASHINGTON	\$80,661	27	-1.88%	9	\$36,042	3	7.51%	17	56	5	1
	WATAUGA	\$164,159	90	3.47%	75	\$48,489	59	5.24%	90	314	91	3
	WAYNE	\$67,791	8	0.65%	35	\$41,572	21	5.84%	73	137	25	1
	WILKES	\$83,712	35	0.29%	30	\$44,080	40	5.99%	64	169	36	1
	WILSON	\$83,426	34	1.65%	50	\$44,015	39	7.89%	13	136	23	1
	YADKIN	\$80,872	29	0.81%	38	\$49,070	61	6.32%	50	178	42	2
	YANCEY	\$131,484	77	3.30%	72	\$44,756	43	5.84%	72	264	73	2
	NORTH CAROLINA	\$114,013		3.32%		\$53,922		6.40%				

2021 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TIER ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Adjusted Property Tax Base Per Capita FY 2020-2021				Population Growth July 2016-July 2019				Median Household Income 2018				Unemployment Rate, 12 Mth Avg October 2019-September 2020											
Rank	County	Value		Rank	County	Value		Rank	County	% Chg		Rank	County	Income		Rank	County	Rate		Rank	County	Rate	
100	Dare	\$395,462		50	Craven	\$94,239		100	Brunswick	12.59%		50	Wilson	\$80,428		100	Orange	4.73%		49	New Hanover	6.35%	
99	Currituck	\$250,610		49	Lee	\$93,278		99	Johnston	9.20%		49	Carteret	\$80,169		99	Chatham	4.89%		48	Clay	6.36%	
98	Avery	\$244,779		48	Cleveland	\$90,825		98	Franklin	7.51%		48	Rowan	\$73,703		98	Beaufort	5.00%		47	Alleghany	6.38%	
97	Carteret	\$220,566		47	Rowan	\$90,368		97	Onslow	7.10%		47	Madison	\$71,920		97	Pasquotank	5.01%			North Carolina	6.40%	
96	Macon	\$215,533		46	Johnston	\$90,154		96	Chatham	7.01%		46	Burke	\$69,297		96	Surry	5.06%		46	Burke	6.42%	
95	Jackson	\$212,315		45	Jones	\$87,538		95	Pender	6.76%		45	Person	\$65,955		95	Caswell	5.07%		45	Forsyth	6.43%	
94	Hyde	\$212,056		44	Caldwell	\$87,524		94	Cabarrus	6.48%		44	Alexander	\$64,768		94	Burke	5.07%		44	Randolph	6.46%	
93	Brunswick	\$193,103		43	McDowell	\$86,652		93	Currituck	6.43%		43	Montgomery	\$64,509		93	Yancey	5.13%		43	Pasquotank	6.46%	
92	Transylvania	\$170,161		42	Davidson	\$86,458		92	Lincoln	6.07%		42	Surry	\$64,426		92	Madison	5.13%		42	Iredell	6.47%	
91	Clay	\$165,357		41	Pasquotank	\$86,224		91	Moore	5.67%		41	Vance	\$62,963		91	Jackson	5.17%		41	Onslow	6.47%	
90	Watauga	\$164,159		40	Alamance	\$85,841		90	Alamance	5.65%		40	Randolph	\$60,801		90	Wilkes	5.24%		40	Anson	6.49%	
89	New Hanover	\$159,632		39	Stokes	\$85,811		89	Wake	5.55%		39	Caldwell	\$60,296		89	Union	5.29%		39	Northampton	6.49%	
88	Buncombe	\$149,620		38	Bladen	\$85,232		88	Union	5.38%		38	Yadkin	\$60,163		88	McDowell	5.30%		38	Haywood	6.51%	
87	Chatham	\$149,548		37	Anson	\$84,218		87	Iredell	4.66%		37	Cumberland	\$60,044		87	Mitchell	5.38%		37	Person	6.56%	
86	Wake	\$146,397		36	Surry	\$84,132		86	Durham	4.65%		36	Perquimans	\$59,471		86	Greene	5.39%		36	Jackson	6.58%	
85	Alleghany	\$144,776		35	Wilkes	\$83,712		85	Mecklenburg	4.39%		35	Wayne	\$59,329		85	Martin	5.40%		35	Harnett	6.61%	
84	Ashe	\$143,823		34	Wilson	\$83,426		84	Macon	4.33%		34	Sampson	\$58,956		84	Caldwell	5.49%		34	Alexander	6.64%	
83	Mecklenburg	\$143,536		33	Nash	\$82,699		83	Harnett	4.28%		33	Richmond	\$57,710		83	Pitt	5.51%		33	Mecklenburg	6.66%	
82	Pamlico	\$142,479		32	Martin	\$82,397		82	Hoke	4.06%		32	Pasquotank	\$55,052		82	Jones	5.55%		32	Cleveland	6.71%	
81	Polk	\$140,114		31	Gaston	\$82,322		81	Stanly	4.00%		31	Duplin	\$54,900		81	Swain	5.61%		31	Mitchell	6.83%	
80	Iredell	\$137,976		30	Franklin	\$81,970		80	Clay	3.99%		30	Wilkes	\$54,012		80	Clay	5.62%		30	Cherokee	6.84%	
79	Graham	\$135,833		29	Yadkin	\$80,872		79	Dare	3.87%		29	Stokes	\$53,960		79	Rutherford	5.67%		29	Caswell	6.90%	
78	Henderson	\$135,818		28	Stanly	\$80,713		78	Gaston	3.73%		28	Pamlico	\$53,922	North Carolina	28	Sampson	5.68%		28	Gaston	6.92%	
77	Yancey	\$131,484		27	Washington	\$80,661		77	Transylvania	3.59%		27	Mitchell	\$53,738	Catawba	27	Cleveland	5.72%		27	Caldwell	6.97%	
76	Orange	\$130,800		26	Randolph	\$80,498		76	New Hanover	-0.03%		26	Rockingham	\$53,419	New Hanover	26	Duplin	5.73%		26	Columbus	6.98%	
75	Moore	\$129,160		25	Rockingham	\$80,308		75	Watauga	3.47%		25	Caswell	\$52,798	Gaston	25	Chowan	5.73%		25	Rowan	7.00%	
74	Haywood	\$127,203		24	Granville	\$79,270		74	Granville	3.47%		24	Beaufort	\$52,166	Guilford	24	Rockingham	5.82%		24	Lee	7.00%	
73	Durham	\$126,617		23	Gates	\$77,897		73	Lee	3.45%		23	Craven	\$51,746	Gates	23	Ashe	5.84%		23	Buncombe	7.11%	
72	Pender	\$125,777		22	Burke	\$77,012	North Carolina	22	Scotland	-0.21%		22	Scotland	\$51,491		72	Stanly	5.84%		22	Catawba	7.12%	
71	Union	\$123,606		21	Halifax	\$75,253		71	Yancey	-0.23%		21	Gates	\$51,398	Transylvania	21	Wayne	5.86%		21	Swain	7.29%	
70	Warren	\$121,676		20	Sampson	\$75,196		70	Henderson	3.19%		20	Jones	\$51,225	Harnett	20	Cherokee	5.89%		20	Nash	7.30%	
69	Perquimans	\$120,608		19	Pitt	\$75,055		70	Orange	3.17%		19	Bladen	\$50,826	Stokes	19	Hyde	5.90%		19	Rockingham	7.34%	
68	Montgomery	\$120,504		18	Richmond	\$75,051		69	Polk	3.07%		18	Chowan	\$50,748	Craven	18	Lenoir	5.93%		18	Guilford	7.34%	
67	Beaufort	\$120,177		17	Columbus	\$74,838		68	Pitt	3.01%		17	Lenoir	\$50,531	Onslow	17	Vance	5.95%		17	Washington	7.51%	
66	Lincoln	\$120,007		16	Duplin	\$74,828		67	Cherokee	-1.12%		16	Anson	\$50,480	Alamance	16	Alleghany	5.95%		16	Robeson	7.60%	
65	Mitchell	\$119,600		15	Caswell	\$74,656		66	Ashe	-1.16%		15	Robeson	\$50,467	Polk	15	Graham	5.97%		15	Hoke	7.63%	
64	Tyrrell	\$118,548		14	Alexander	\$73,977		65	Camden	-1.17%		14	Greene	\$50,149	Person	14	Edgecombe	5.99%		14	Richmond	7.88%	
63	Madison	\$117,715		13	Lenoir	\$72,783		64	Davie	-1.36%		13	Columbus	\$50,122	Nash	13	Richmond	6.01%		13	Wilson	7.89%	
62	Swain	\$117,022		12	Bertie	\$72,221		63	Forsyth	-1.59%		12	Graham	\$50,112	Forsyth	12	Warren	6.02%		12	Rutherford	7.89%	
61	Person	\$116,915		11	Cumberland	\$70,734		62	Haywood	-1.66%		11	Swain	\$49,138	Alexander	11	Hertford	6.03%		11	Brunswick	7.92%	
60	Cherokee	\$116,593		10	Hertford	\$69,944		61	Guilford	-1.82%		10	Halifax	\$49,070	Yadkin	10	Anson	6.05%		10	Halifax	8.07%	
	North Carolina	\$114,013		9	Onslow	\$69,406		60	Jackson	-1.88%		9	Washington	\$48,984	Lee	9	Northampton	6.11%		9	Tyrrell	8.15%	
59	Cabarrus	\$113,877		8	Wayne	\$67,791		59	Davidson	-1.98%		8	Edgecombe	\$48,489	Watauga	8	Bladen	6.14%		8	Graham	8.24%	
58	Catawba	\$111,625		7	Hoke	\$66,780		58	Buncombe	-2.13%		7	Martin	\$48,372	Randolph	7	Columbus	6.16%		7	Cumberland	8.29%	
57	Davie	\$109,476		6	Harnett	\$65,538		57	Cleveland	-2.14%		6	Bertie	\$48,337	Perquimans	6	Tyrrell	6.18%		6	Warren	8.33%	
56	Camden	\$107,683		5	Scotland	\$63,457		56	McDowell	-2.18%		5	Warren	\$47,892	Hoke	5	Halifax	6.19%		5	Vance	8.49%	
55	Northampton	\$105,853		4	Vance	\$61,655		55	Nash	-2.51%		4	Hertford	\$47,758	Davidson	4	Scotland	6.23%		4	Edgecombe	8.92%	
54	Chowan	\$105,196		3	Greene	\$60,667		54	Catawba	-2.86%		3	Northampton	\$47,757	Montgomery	3	Washington	6.27%		3	Dare	9.13%	
53	Rutherford	\$105,088		2	Edgecombe	\$60,475		53	Alleghany	-4.15%		2	Hyde	\$47,183	Haywood	2	Bertie	6.29%		2	Scotland	9.97%	
52	Guilford	\$99,098		1	Robeson	\$53,527		52	Rutherford	-7.65%		1	Tyrrell	\$46,864	Rowan	1	Robeson	6.32%		1	Hyde	10.89%	
51	Forsyth	\$98,276	2019 Tiers State Value	\$105,257	51	Avery	1.77%	2019 Tiers State Value	3.46%		51	Cumberland	\$46,779	Cumberland	\$50,595	2019 Tiers State Value	6.32%	2019 Tiers State Value	4.04%				

Note: 2019 Tiers State Values are provided as required by G.S. 143B-437.07(d). Both adjusted property tax base per capita and median household income are presented in nominal terms.