

**COUNTY RECESSION DATA WATCH**  
Dec-18

Area Name	Unemployment Rate Percentage Point Change from Pre-Recession	Number Change in Unemployed	Percent Change in Unemployed	Number Change in Labor Force	Percent Change in Labor Force
Alamance County	-1.5	-704	-19.7%	10,466	15.0%
Alexander County	-2.7	-475	-44.2%	263	1.5%
Alleghany County	-1.1	-75	-28.1%	-580	-12.1%
Anson County	-3.1	-328	-41.5%	0	0.0%
Ashe County	-1.8	-234	-34.1%	-33	-0.3%
Avery County	-1.4	-138	-33.9%	-783	-9.6%
Beaufort County	-1.1	-311	-25.3%	-1,592	-7.5%
Bertie County	-1.2	-162	-30.4%	-1,132	-12.8%
Bladen County	-1.6	-333	-31.3%	-1,590	-10.1%
Brunswick County	-0.2	72	2.8%	3,408	7.2%
Buncombe County	-0.6	-122	-2.9%	18,549	15.5%
Burke County	-2.8	-1,077	-42.2%	1,272	3.2%
Cabarrus County	-1.2	-172	-4.5%	23,696	28.5%
Caldwell County	-2.7	-1,071	-41.7%	-795	-2.1%
Camden County	-1	-49	-22.0%	-65	-1.4%
Carteret County	0	-34	-2.2%	-623	-1.9%
Caswell County	-2.7	-315	-43.6%	-844	-7.9%
Catawba County	-2.5	-1,721	-38.7%	3,532	4.7%
Chatham County	-0.7	-131	-10.2%	3,103	9.6%
Cherokee County	-2	-146	-22.5%	1,139	11.4%
Chowan County	-2.8	-269	-52.2%	-1,480	-20.8%
Clay County	0.1	-23	-11.2%	-654	-13.7%
Cleveland County	-2.4	-1,252	-40.9%	-1,427	-2.9%
Columbus County	-1.1	-413	-26.9%	-2,390	-9.7%
Craven County	-0.3	-190	-9.5%	-1,311	-3.1%
Cumberland County	-0.4	-635	-9.1%	-1,235	-0.9%
Currituck County	-1.1	-111	-19.0%	732	5.9%
Dare County	-2.4	-655	-40.5%	-2,932	-14.2%
Davidson County	-2	-1,487	-33.8%	2,554	3.3%
Davie County	-1.5	-318	-32.2%	33	0.2%
Duplin County	-0.3	-71	-6.4%	418	1.7%
Durham County	-0.6	201	3.7%	31,032	22.8%
Edgecombe County	-2.2	-688	-35.3%	-2,672	-11.0%
Forsyth County	-1	-1,120	-14.2%	13,183	7.6%
Franklin County	-0.8	-78	-6.1%	3,675	13.6%
Gaston County	-2.2	-1,678	-29.4%	12,898	13.2%
Gates County	-0.5	-15	-6.6%	305	6.2%
Graham County	-2.8	-227	-56.2%	-1,653	-35.2%
Granville County	-2.2	-386	-28.1%	4,820	19.2%
Greene County	-1.4	-128	-26.9%	232	2.5%
Guilford County	-0.9	-1,464	-12.5%	15,669	6.4%
Halifax County	-1.3	-548	-32.8%	-4,061	-16.8%
Harnett County	-0.5	-39	-1.6%	4,634	9.6%
Haywood County	-1.2	-275	-21.6%	1,746	6.4%
Henderson County	0	182	11.4%	5,553	11.6%

Hertford County	-0.9	-134	-23.2%	-913	-9.1%
Hoke County	0	42	4.5%	887	4.6%
Hyde County	-0.7	-70	-29.8%	-627	-24.7%
Iredell County	-1.6	-936	-23.6%	9,083	11.4%
Jackson County	0.1	-90	-10.5%	-2,333	-10.9%
Johnston County	-0.8	149	4.6%	20,533	27.2%
Jones County	-1.1	-68	-26.5%	-372	-7.8%
Lee County	-1.7	-437	-28.6%	100	0.4%
Lenoir County	-1.9	-493	-31.6%	323	1.2%
Lincoln County	-2.1	-698	-32.7%	3,719	9.4%
Macon County	-0.6	-141	-19.5%	-1,155	-7.1%
Madison County	-0.6	-55	-13.6%	115	1.2%
Martin County	-0.4	-172	-27.3%	-2,680	-22.4%
McDowell County	-2.2	-490	-39.2%	-503	-2.4%
Mecklenburg County	-1.4	-1,102	-5.0%	155,759	33.9%
Mitchell County	-3	-281	-51.2%	-1,382	-18.8%
Montgomery County	-2.7	-327	-42.1%	-291	-2.5%
Moore County	-1.1	-235	-13.3%	3,929	10.6%
Nash County	-1.1	-666	-25.4%	-3,533	-7.7%
New Hanover County	-0.4	104	2.4%	15,158	14.8%
Northampton County	-2	-253	-40.8%	-1,480	-16.4%
Onslow County	-0.2	88	3.1%	4,033	6.6%
Orange County	0.1	325	15.2%	9,751	14.4%
Pamlico County	-0.9	-58	-21.5%	-228	-4.1%
Pasquotank County	-0.7	-188	-19.0%	-1,169	-6.4%
Pender County	-0.6	35	3.1%	3,863	16.6%
Perquimans County	-0.4	-40	-14.1%	-330	-6.2%
Person County	-2.4	-460	-38.9%	-241	-1.3%
Pitt County	-1	-450	-11.3%	8,816	11.0%
Polk County	0	-21	-5.8%	-725	-7.5%
Randolph County	-1.5	-1,417	-36.5%	-6,605	-8.9%
Richmond County	-3.2	-845	-49.4%	-3,941	-19.2%
Robeson County	-0.9	-929	-25.2%	-7,800	-13.6%
Rockingham County	-1.7	-909	-34.1%	-2,980	-6.8%
Rowan County	-2.4	-1,852	-42.5%	-3,820	-5.4%
Rutherford County	-1.2	-634	-34.7%	-5,617	-18.5%
Sampson County	-0.3	-287	-20.8%	-4,765	-14.2%
Scotland County	-3.2	-648	-45.0%	-2,792	-19.6%
Stanly County	-1.8	-568	-35.2%	-323	-1.1%
Stokes County	-1.2	-329	-29.6%	-1,515	-6.4%
Surry County	-2.7	-976	-44.3%	-783	-2.2%
Swain County	-4.8	-371	-58.1%	-562	-7.7%
Transylvania County	-0.1	19	3.7%	821	6.3%
Tyrrell County	-0.3	-64	-41.0%	-824	-38.1%
Union County	-0.9	105	2.7%	29,774	32.3%
Vance County	-1.8	-464	-33.1%	-2,380	-12.2%
Wake County	-0.4	2,862	18.1%	142,624	32.2%
Warren County	-1	-163	-30.9%	-1,546	-19.6%
Washington County	-0.5	-150	-35.5%	-1,941	-30.0%
Watauga County	-0.3	84	9.6%	4,602	18.9%
Wayne County	-0.5	-307	-12.3%	-305	-0.6%
Wilkes County	-1.5	-499	-30.5%	-836	-2.7%
Wilson County	-0.5	-516	-21.5%	-5,838	-14.3%
Yadkin County	-0.7	-175	-22.6%	-1,067	-5.6%
Yancey County	-3.1	-231	-43.7%	343	4.3%

Sources: Unemployment rate, labor force, unemployed, employed from Local Area Unemployment Survey, NC Labor Market Analysis Division, NC Department of Commerce. Current readings compared to December 2007 data.