

**COUNTY RECESSION DATA WATCH**  
Mar-19

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	-1.2	-350	-9.8%	12,133	17.4%
Alexander County	-2.4	-424	-39.4%	274	1.5%
Alleghany County	-0.3	-42	-15.7%	-571	-11.9%
Anson County	-3.2	-325	-41.1%	157	1.5%
Ashe County	-0.9	-128	-18.7%	-102	-0.8%
Avery County	-0.6	-84	-20.6%	-804	-9.8%
Beaufort County	-0.8	-241	-19.6%	-1,258	-5.9%
Bertie County	-1	-142	-26.6%	-1,041	-11.8%
Bladen County	-1.7	-338	-31.8%	-1,135	-7.2%
Brunswick County	-0.3	171	6.5%	6,447	13.6%
Buncombe County	-0.4	294	6.9%	24,086	20.2%
Burke County	-2.5	-959	-37.6%	1,513	3.8%
Cabarrus County	-0.9	268	7.0%	26,462	31.9%
Caldwell County	-2.5	-954	-37.1%	-535	-1.4%
Camden County	-0.6	-24	-10.8%	89	1.9%
Carteret County	0.1	-20	-1.3%	-1,495	-4.6%
Caswell County	-2.1	-254	-35.2%	-657	-6.2%
Catawba County	-2.1	-1,418	-31.9%	4,493	5.9%
Chatham County	-0.4	-13	-1.0%	2,671	8.2%
Cherokee County	-1.8	-109	-16.8%	1,360	13.6%
Chowan County	-2.3	-234	-45.4%	-1,453	-20.4%
Clay County	0.5	-10	-4.9%	-677	-14.2%
Cleveland County	-2.1	-1,058	-34.6%	-507	-1.0%
Columbus County	-0.9	-359	-23.3%	-2,347	-9.5%
Craven County	-0.3	-149	-7.5%	-716	-1.7%
Cumberland County	-0.2	-172	-2.5%	735	0.6%
Currituck County	-0.6	-22	-3.8%	1,270	10.2%
Dare County	-0.8	-391	-24.2%	-3,087	-14.9%
Davidson County	-1.8	-1,263	-28.7%	3,670	4.7%
Davie County	-1.2	-236	-23.9%	521	2.5%
Duplin County	0	12	1.1%	370	1.5%
Durham County	-0.3	780	14.5%	34,279	25.1%
Edgecombe County	-2.1	-638	-32.8%	-2,481	-10.3%
Forsyth County	-0.7	-464	-5.9%	17,726	10.3%
Franklin County	-0.4	54	4.2%	4,130	15.3%
Gaston County	-1.8	-1,218	-21.3%	14,503	14.8%
Gates County	-0.3	3	1.3%	456	9.3%
Graham County	-2.3	-208	-51.5%	-1,588	-33.8%
Granville County	-2	-287	-20.9%	5,583	22.2%
Greene County	-1.2	-96	-20.2%	435	4.7%
Guilford County	-0.5	-466	-4.0%	17,496	7.1%
Halifax County	-1.1	-476	-28.5%	-3,705	-15.4%
Harnett County	-0.1	221	9.2%	5,244	10.9%
Haywood County	-0.9	-146	-11.5%	3,017	11.0%
Henderson County	0.2	373	23.3%	8,191	17.1%

Hertford County	-0.4	-76	-13.2%	-734	-7.3%
Hoke County	0.2	95	10.1%	1,172	6.1%
Hyde County	2.2	-25	-10.6%	-716	-28.2%
Iredell County	-1.3	-598	-15.1%	10,472	13.1%
Jackson County	0.7	53	6.2%	-1,943	-9.1%
Johnston County	-0.5	506	15.6%	22,429	29.7%
Jones County	-1.1	-66	-25.7%	-348	-7.3%
Lee County	-1.1	-274	-17.9%	577	2.2%
Lenoir County	-1.7	-422	-27.1%	517	1.9%
Lincoln County	-1.7	-510	-23.9%	4,308	10.9%
Macon County	0.2	-39	-5.4%	-1,383	-8.4%
Madison County	-0.3	-6	-1.5%	677	6.9%
Martin County	0	-132	-21.0%	-2,647	-22.1%
McDowell County	-2	-428	-34.3%	-74	-0.3%
Mecklenburg County	-1	1,356	6.1%	167,570	36.5%
Mitchell County	-2.3	-238	-43.4%	-1,362	-18.5%
Montgomery County	-2.5	-288	-37.1%	-51	-0.4%
Moore County	-0.7	-41	-2.3%	5,498	14.8%
Nash County	-0.7	-469	-17.9%	-2,717	-5.9%
New Hanover County	-0.4	367	8.5%	19,991	19.5%
Northampton County	-1.4	-197	-31.8%	-1,295	-14.3%
Onslow County	0.2	364	12.9%	4,691	7.7%
Orange County	0.5	700	32.8%	11,484	17.0%
Pamlico County	-0.8	-48	-17.8%	-136	-2.5%
Pasquotank County	-0.6	-171	-17.3%	-1,054	-5.8%
Pender County	-0.6	96	8.6%	5,433	23.4%
Perquimans County	-0.1	-17	-6.0%	-208	-3.9%
Person County	-1.8	-347	-29.3%	-68	-0.4%
Pitt County	-0.7	-60	-1.5%	11,316	14.1%
Polk County	0.2	2	0.6%	-504	-5.2%
Randolph County	-1.2	-1,204	-31.0%	-6,834	-9.2%
Richmond County	-2.9	-798	-46.6%	-3,944	-19.2%
Robeson County	-0.6	-807	-21.9%	-7,757	-13.5%
Rockingham County	-1.4	-803	-30.1%	-3,337	-7.6%
Rowan County	-2	-1,589	-36.4%	-3,533	-5.0%
Rutherford County	-0.7	-509	-27.9%	-5,287	-17.4%
Sampson County	0	-177	-12.9%	-3,939	-11.8%
Scotland County	-3.2	-649	-45.1%	-2,800	-19.7%
Stanly County	-1.4	-445	-27.6%	-35	-0.1%
Stokes County	-0.9	-260	-23.4%	-1,484	-6.2%
Surry County	-2.4	-848	-38.5%	-536	-1.5%
Swain County	-3.7	-300	-46.9%	-581	-8.0%
Transylvania County	0.3	85	16.6%	1,115	8.5%
Tyrrell County	0.7	-52	-33.3%	-839	-38.8%
Union County	-0.6	623	16.0%	32,192	34.9%
Vance County	-1.4	-373	-26.6%	-1,860	-9.5%
Wake County	0	5,367	34.0%	151,654	34.2%
Warren County	-0.8	-142	-26.9%	-1,335	-16.9%
Washington County	-0.1	-133	-31.4%	-1,915	-29.6%
Watauga County	0.4	279	31.8%	4,259	17.5%
Wayne County	-0.3	-165	-6.6%	300	0.6%
Wilkes County	-1.1	-363	-22.2%	-699	-2.2%
Wilson County	-0.2	-377	-15.7%	-5,394	-13.2%
Yadkin County	-0.5	-115	-14.8%	-688	-3.6%
Yancey County	-2.7	-198	-37.4%	269	3.4%

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.