

COUNTY RECESSION DATA WATCH
Dec-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	-1.9	-967	-27.1%	12,118	17.4%
Alexander County	-3.2	-566	-52.7%	93	0.5%
Alleghany County	-1.1	-69	-25.8%	-430	-8.9%
Anson County	-3.6	-364	-46.1%	196	1.9%
Ashe County	-2.2	-288	-42.0%	110	0.9%
Avery County	-1.6	-163	-40.0%	-1,080	-13.2%
Beaufort County	-1.9	-464	-37.7%	-1,577	-7.4%
Bertie County	-1.8	-206	-38.6%	-1,018	-11.5%
Bladen County	-2.5	-437	-41.1%	-870	-5.5%
Brunswick County	-0.9	-136	-5.2%	6,383	13.5%
Buncombe County	-1.1	-581	-13.7%	25,552	21.4%
Burke County	-3.1	-1,215	-47.6%	1,228	3.1%
Cabarrus County	-1.5	-432	-11.4%	26,739	32.2%
Caldwell County	-3.4	-1,307	-50.9%	-919	-2.4%
Camden County	-1.3	-62	-27.8%	3	0.1%
Carteret County	-1.2	-411	-27.1%	-954	-3.0%
Caswell County	-2.9	-335	-46.4%	-716	-6.7%
Catawba County	-2.8	-1,961	-44.1%	3,599	4.8%
Chatham County	-1.1	-252	-19.6%	2,800	8.6%
Cherokee County	-2.7	-222	-34.3%	1,042	10.4%
Chowan County	-3.4	-299	-58.1%	-1,464	-20.5%
Clay County	-0.2	-39	-18.9%	-675	-14.1%
Cleveland County	-2.5	-1,257	-41.1%	-325	-0.7%
Columbus County	-1.6	-507	-33.0%	-2,074	-8.4%
Craven County	-1.2	-545	-27.4%	-762	-1.8%
Cumberland County	-1	-1,271	-18.1%	-808	-0.6%
Currituck County	-1.4	-138	-23.7%	1,199	9.6%
Dare County	-3.2	-805	-49.8%	-2,875	-13.9%
Davidson County	-2.3	-1,712	-39.0%	3,488	4.4%
Davie County	-1.8	-364	-36.8%	456	2.2%
Duplin County	-0.9	-184	-16.6%	1,366	5.6%
Durham County	-1	-460	-8.6%	32,835	24.1%
Edgecombe County	-3.3	-898	-46.1%	-2,539	-10.5%
Forsyth County	-1.4	-1,814	-23.0%	16,655	9.6%
Franklin County	-1.3	-218	-17.0%	4,373	16.2%
Gaston County	-2.3	-1,773	-31.1%	14,905	15.2%
Gates County	-1	-37	-16.3%	426	8.7%
Graham County	-3.1	-233	-57.7%	-1,616	-34.4%
Granville County	-2.6	-501	-36.5%	4,924	19.6%
Greene County	-2	-175	-36.8%	377	4.1%
Guilford County	-1.3	-2,565	-22.0%	17,567	7.2%
Halifax County	-1.7	-582	-34.9%	-3,387	-14.0%
Harnett County	-1.2	-355	-14.8%	5,378	11.1%
Haywood County	-1.7	-380	-29.9%	3,243	11.8%
Henderson County	-0.5	-7	-0.4%	8,734	18.2%
Hertford County	-1.6	-187	-32.4%	-781	-7.8%
Hoke County	-0.5	-54	-5.7%	1,016	5.3%
Hyde County	0.4	-43	-18.3%	-559	-22.0%
Iredell County	-1.8	-1,081	-27.2%	10,872	13.6%
Jackson County	-0.6	-206	-23.9%	-1,847	-8.7%
Johnston County	-1.2	-161	-5.0%	23,503	31.2%
Jones County	-2	-106	-41.2%	-318	-6.7%
Lee County	-2	-546	-35.7%	-93	-0.4%
Lenoir County	-2.3	-605	-38.8%	849	3.1%

Lincoln County	-2.3	-762	-35.7%	4,613	11.7%
Macon County	-1.1	-212	-29.4%	-731	-4.5%
Madison County	-1.1	-91	-22.6%	756	7.7%
Martin County	-0.9	-235	-37.3%	-2,965	-24.7%
McDowell County	-2.4	-534	-42.8%	-680	-3.2%
Mecklenburg County	-1.7	-2,806	-12.6%	169,346	36.8%
Mitchell County	-3.3	-305	-55.6%	-1,511	-20.6%
Montgomery County	-3.1	-369	-47.5%	-220	-1.9%
Moore County	-1.5	-374	-21.2%	5,405	14.6%
Nash County	-1.6	-864	-32.9%	-2,684	-5.8%
New Hanover County	-1.2	-619	-14.3%	22,643	22.0%
Northampton County	-2.1	-241	-38.9%	-1,155	-12.8%
Onslow County	-0.7	-244	-8.6%	3,932	6.5%
Orange County	-0.4	17	0.8%	11,071	16.4%
Pamlico County	-1.7	-99	-36.7%	-138	-2.5%
Pasquotank County	-1.4	-311	-31.4%	-1,408	-7.7%
Pender County	-1.4	-122	-10.9%	6,112	26.3%
Perquimans County	-0.9	-59	-20.8%	-251	-4.7%
Person County	-2.7	-519	-43.8%	-242	-1.3%
Pitt County	-1.4	-733	-18.4%	10,707	13.4%
Polk County	-0.6	-65	-18.0%	-462	-4.8%
Randolph County	-2	-1,700	-43.8%	-6,678	-9.0%
Richmond County	-3.6	-911	-53.2%	-3,806	-18.6%
Robeson County	-1.7	-1,282	-34.8%	-6,480	-11.3%
Rockingham County	-2.2	-1,092	-40.9%	-3,204	-7.3%
Rowan County	-2.3	-1,807	-41.4%	-2,975	-4.2%
Rutherford County	-1.5	-700	-38.3%	-5,012	-16.5%
Sampson County	-0.8	-395	-28.7%	-3,337	-10.0%
Scotland County	-4.3	-760	-52.8%	-2,546	-17.9%
Stanly County	-2.2	-591	-36.7%	2,477	8.2%
Stokes County	-1.5	-400	-36.0%	-1,486	-6.3%
Surry County	-3	-1,071	-48.6%	-693	-2.0%
Swain County	-5.2	-408	-63.8%	-927	-12.7%
Transylvania County	-0.6	-37	-7.2%	1,509	11.5%
Tyrrell County	-1.6	-81	-51.9%	-822	-38.0%
Union County	-1.3	-305	-7.8%	32,780	35.5%
Vance County	-2.1	-502	-35.8%	-1,973	-10.1%
Wake County	-0.8	1,197	7.6%	157,071	35.5%
Warren County	-1.4	-177	-33.6%	-1,218	-15.5%
Washington County	-1	-184	-43.5%	-2,079	-32.2%
Watauga County	-0.9	-67	-7.6%	5,190	21.3%
Wayne County	-1.2	-639	-25.5%	79	0.1%
Wilkes County	-1.7	-579	-35.4%	-1,790	-5.8%
Wilson County	-0.9	-662	-27.6%	-6,100	-15.0%
Yadkin County	-1	-217	-28.0%	-714	-3.8%
Yancey County	-3.3	-241	-45.6%	629	7.9%

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.