

Average Private Sector Wages

2021 Tier One		2021 Tier Two		2021 Tier Three	
County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage
Alexander	\$33,431	Alamance	\$43,282	Cabarrus	\$41,255
Anson	\$35,083	Alleghany	\$32,461	Camden	\$37,398
Bertie	\$32,276	Ashe	\$36,429	Carteret	\$34,953
Bladen	\$38,052	Avery	\$33,213	Chatham	\$38,935
Burke	\$37,414	Beaufort	\$38,541	Currituck	\$34,847
Caldwell	\$41,157	Brunswick	\$40,184	Durham	\$75,892
Caswell	\$37,128	Buncombe	\$44,847	Henderson	\$40,529
Cherokee	\$33,148	Catawba	\$43,920	Iredell	\$51,136
Cleveland	\$40,466	Chowan	\$36,430	Johnston	\$41,776
Columbus	\$35,138	Clay	\$32,387	Lincoln	\$43,214
Cumberland	\$38,214	Craven	\$40,352	Macon	\$36,942
Duplin	\$36,490	Dare	\$33,681	Mecklenburg	\$71,689
Edgecombe	\$36,170	Davidson	\$42,274	Moore	\$42,255
Graham	\$37,074	Davie	\$39,598	Orange	\$52,155
Greene	\$32,853	Forsyth	\$54,914	Pender	\$35,036
Halifax	\$34,225	Franklin	\$44,826	Polk	\$33,383
Hertford	\$39,777	Gaston	\$42,018	Transylvania	\$35,833
Hoke	\$33,928	Gates	\$38,178	Union	\$46,386
Hyde	\$31,555	Granville	\$42,326	Wake	\$63,966
Lenoir	\$39,839	Guilford	\$50,603	Watauga	\$35,053
Martin	\$32,137	Harnett	\$35,637		
Mitchell	\$40,351	Haywood	\$37,577	North Carolina	\$54,005
Nash	\$41,827	Jackson	\$36,241		
Northampton	\$38,433	Jones	\$34,339		
Pasquotank	\$37,746	Lee	\$42,516		
Randolph	\$37,865	Madison	\$35,775		
Richmond	\$35,874	McDowell	\$37,962		
Robeson	\$35,033	Montgomery	\$38,237		
Rockingham	\$35,953	New Hanover	\$46,383		
Rowan	\$44,412	Onslow	\$32,760		
Rutherford	\$37,031	Pamlico	\$30,448		
Sampson	\$39,034	Perquimans	\$37,046		
Scotland	\$38,063	Person	\$42,446		
Swain	\$29,024	Pitt	\$42,801		
Tyrrell	\$33,463	Stanly	\$35,420		
Vance	\$36,717	Stokes	\$32,264		
Warren	\$30,494	Surry	\$37,836		
Washington	\$42,747	Yadkin	\$36,674		
Wayne	\$38,401	Yancey	\$37,476		
Wilkes	\$38,362				
Wilson	\$46,904				

Source: Calculated by the NC Dept. of Commerce, Labor & Economic Analysis Division. For programmatic purposes, these annualized average wages have been calculated using the most recent four quarters of available Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) data as of **January 2021 (2019 Q3 through 2020 Q2)**.