

## Average Private Sector Wages



| 2018 Tier One |                              | 2018 Tier Two |                              | 2018 Tier Three       |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Counties      | Average Private Sector Wages | Counties      | Average Private Sector Wages | Counties              | Average Private Sector Wages |
| Alleghany     | \$29,118                     | Alamance      | \$40,024                     | Brunswick             | \$36,825                     |
| Anson         | \$32,594                     | Alexander     | \$32,070                     | Buncombe              | \$40,572                     |
| Ashe          | \$33,153                     | Avery         | \$29,459                     | Cabarrus              | \$39,244                     |
| Bertie        | \$29,669                     | Beaufort      | \$36,354                     | Carteret              | \$30,463                     |
| Bladen        | \$34,873                     | Burke         | \$34,954                     | Chatham               | \$35,970                     |
| Camden        | \$34,493                     | Caldwell      | \$37,614                     | Durham                | \$67,537                     |
| Caswell       | \$31,593                     | Catawba       | \$41,531                     | Granville             | \$40,440                     |
| Cherokee      | \$30,804                     | Cleveland     | \$37,910                     | Haywood               | \$35,271                     |
| Chowan        | \$33,064                     | Craven        | \$37,174                     | Henderson             | \$37,470                     |
| Clay          | \$29,063                     | Cumberland    | \$35,434                     | Iredell               | \$47,842                     |
| Columbus      | \$33,736                     | Currituck     | \$32,684                     | Johnston              | \$38,132                     |
| Edgecombe     | \$33,487                     | Dare          | \$30,313                     | Lincoln               | \$38,487                     |
| Gates         | \$31,829                     | Davidson      | \$38,422                     | Mecklenburg           | \$65,285                     |
| Graham        | \$32,432                     | Davie         | \$34,679                     | Moore                 | \$38,398                     |
| Greene        | \$30,182                     | Duplin        | \$33,085                     | New Hanover           | \$43,307                     |
| Halifax       | \$31,839                     | Forsyth       | \$51,131                     | Orange                | \$45,189                     |
| Hertford      | \$35,356                     | Franklin      | \$41,786                     | Pender                | \$31,928                     |
| Hyde          | \$28,443                     | Gaston        | \$38,780                     | Union                 | \$42,627                     |
| Jackson       | \$31,779                     | Guilford      | \$46,744                     | Wake                  | \$56,244                     |
| Jones         | \$33,083                     | Harnett       | \$32,522                     | Watauga               | \$31,788                     |
| Lenoir        | \$35,543                     | Hoke          | \$32,560                     |                       |                              |
| Macon         | \$32,603                     | Lee           | \$39,092                     |                       |                              |
| Martin        | \$29,908                     | Madison       | \$32,108                     |                       |                              |
| McDowell      | \$35,503                     | Nash          | \$38,486                     |                       |                              |
| Mitchell      | \$34,895                     | Onslow        | \$28,957                     |                       |                              |
| Montgomery    | \$34,535                     | Pamlico       | \$26,700                     |                       |                              |
| Northampton   | \$35,350                     | Pitt          | \$38,404                     |                       |                              |
| Pasquotank    | \$33,828                     | Polk          | \$29,827                     |                       |                              |
| Perquimans    | \$32,577                     | Randolph      | \$34,819                     |                       |                              |
| Person        | \$39,544                     | Rockingham    | \$34,620                     |                       |                              |
| Richmond      | \$33,716                     | Rowan         | \$41,062                     |                       |                              |
| Robeson       | \$31,166                     | Rutherford    | \$33,810                     |                       |                              |
| Scotland      | \$35,331                     | Sampson       | \$35,632                     |                       |                              |
| Swain         | \$28,783                     | Stanly        | \$32,604                     |                       |                              |
| Tyrrell       | \$29,510                     | Stokes        | \$29,528                     |                       |                              |
| Vance         | \$33,946                     | Surry         | \$34,165                     |                       |                              |
| Warren        | \$26,996                     | Transylvania  | \$33,382                     |                       |                              |
| Washington    | \$41,838                     | Wayne         | \$35,345                     |                       |                              |
| Yadkin        | \$33,280                     | Wilkes        | \$34,599                     |                       |                              |
| Yancey        | \$29,109                     | Wilson        | \$42,376                     |                       |                              |
|               |                              |               |                              | <b>North Carolina</b> | <b>\$48,570</b>              |

**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 2018 (2016 Q3 through 2017 Q2)**.