

Average Private Sector Wages

2022 Tier One		2022 Tier Two		2022 Tier Three	
County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage
Anson	\$37,270	Alamance	\$46,999	Brunswick	\$42,500
Bertie	\$34,023	Alexander	\$36,614	Buncombe	\$47,677
Bladen	\$38,556	Alleghany	\$35,216	Cabarrus	\$43,687
Burke	\$39,499	Ashe	\$37,853	Camden	\$41,972
Caldwell	\$43,905	Avery	\$35,820	Carteret	\$36,750
Caswell	\$39,139	Beaufort	\$40,255	Chatham	\$41,638
Cherokee	\$35,651	Catawba	\$48,028	Currituck	\$36,926
Chowan	\$39,274	Clay	\$35,066	Durham	\$82,247
Cleveland	\$42,511	Craven	\$43,435	Henderson	\$43,698
Columbus	\$37,680	Dare	\$36,525	Iredell	\$59,411
Cumberland	\$40,760	Davidson	\$45,117	Johnston	\$44,150
Duplin	\$39,111	Davie	\$43,425	Lincoln	\$45,011
Edgecombe	\$39,222	Forsyth	\$57,351	Mecklenburg	\$75,907
Graham	\$39,411	Franklin	\$47,568	Moore	\$46,471
Greene	\$34,316	Gaston	\$44,781	New Hanover	\$53,421
Halifax	\$36,309	Gates	\$42,768	Orange	\$59,026
Hertford	\$44,007	Granville	\$45,096	Pender	\$36,711
Hoke	\$35,846	Guilford	\$53,994	Transylvania	\$39,028
Hyde	\$33,402	Harnett	\$37,947	Union	\$49,129
Jones	\$36,922	Haywood	\$40,306	Wake	\$68,317
Lenoir	\$42,321	Jackson	\$40,351		
Martin	\$33,338	Lee	\$45,743	North Carolina	\$57,926
Mitchell	\$40,950	Macon	\$39,181		
Nash	\$44,377	Madison	\$38,074		
Northampton	\$41,307	McDowell	\$39,071		
Pasquotank	\$40,149	Montgomery	\$45,284		
Richmond	\$38,035	Onslow	\$35,576		
Robeson	\$37,649	Pamlico	\$31,613		
Rockingham	\$38,563	Perquimans	\$37,602		
Rutherford	\$39,588	Person	\$44,066		
Sampson	\$40,199	Pitt	\$45,723		
Scotland	\$40,894	Polk	\$35,612		
Swain	\$31,311	Randolph	\$40,522		
Tyrrell	\$32,506	Rowan	\$48,360		
Vance	\$40,159	Stanly	\$37,466		
Warren	\$31,563	Stokes	\$33,674		
Washington	\$43,302	Surry	\$40,686		
Wayne	\$40,996	Watauga	\$37,294		
Wilkes	\$40,441	Yadkin	\$39,302		
Wilson	\$47,863	Yancey	\$38,506		

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 2022 (2020 Q3 through 2021 Q2)**.