

Average Private Sector Wages

2024 Tier One		2024 Tier Two		2024 Tier Three	
County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage	County	Average Private Sector Wage
Anson	\$42,710	Alamance	\$51,059	Brunswick	\$48,545
Beaufort	\$46,336	Alexander	\$41,662	Buncombe	\$54,416
Bertie	\$39,594	Alleghany	\$39,469	Cabarrus	\$49,058
Bladen	\$45,784	Ashe	\$42,900	Camden	\$48,179
Caswell	\$43,046	Avery	\$40,225	Carteret	\$41,149
Cherokee	\$41,054	Burke	\$45,083	Chatham	\$48,413
Chowan	\$45,155	Caldwell	\$49,333	Currituck	\$42,061
Columbus	\$42,056	Catawba	\$54,151	Davie	\$49,788
Cumberland	\$45,951	Clay	\$43,424	Durham	\$90,727
Duplin	\$45,722	Cleveland	\$48,310	Henderson	\$51,400
Edgecombe	\$43,103	Craven	\$47,046	Iredell	\$63,674
Gates	\$45,920	Dare	\$42,431	Johnston	\$50,605
Graham	\$44,218	Davidson	\$51,201	Lincoln	\$51,886
Greene	\$38,553	Forsyth	\$64,038	Mecklenburg	\$84,797
Halifax	\$41,574	Franklin	\$52,784	Moore	\$51,842
Hertford	\$45,912	Gaston	\$50,746	New Hanover	\$58,674
Hoke	\$42,633	Granville	\$51,439	Orange	\$66,979
Hyde	\$37,204	Guilford	\$58,843	Pender	\$43,071
Jones	\$45,104	Harnett	\$41,978	Union	\$57,648
Lenoir	\$48,512	Haywood	\$47,003	Wake	\$74,866
Martin	\$35,887	Jackson	\$43,403		
Mitchell	\$46,822	Lee	\$51,683	North Carolina	\$65,409
Nash	\$49,952	Macon	\$44,742		
Northampton	\$48,004	Madison	\$41,820		
Onslow	\$39,834	McDowell	\$44,131		
Pasquotank	\$44,457	Montgomery	\$46,990		
Pitt	\$50,937	Pamlico	\$32,050		
Richmond	\$43,208	Perquimans	\$41,318		
Robeson	\$42,730	Person	\$47,933		
Rockingham	\$43,892	Polk	\$41,617		
Rutherford	\$45,030	Randolph	\$45,801		
Sampson	\$46,518	Rowan	\$52,101		
Scotland	\$45,116	Stanly	\$42,272		
Tyrrell	\$38,887	Stokes	\$36,481		
Vance	\$44,720	Surry	\$46,691		
Warren	\$33,660	Swain	\$35,561		
Washington	\$49,123	Transylvania	\$45,752		
Wayne	\$45,743	Watauga	\$42,088		
Wilkes	\$45,819	Yadkin	\$44,223		
Wilson	\$52,619	Yancey	\$43,089		

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 2024 (2022 Q3 through 2023 Q2).