

North Carolina County Recycling Program Performance for Fiscal Year 2018-19

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) uses data from the [Solid Waste and Materials Management Annual Reports](#) completed by each local government in the state to assess county and municipal public recycling efforts.

DEACS uses this public recycling program data to produce per capita recycling rates for counties across the state. This analysis combines municipal and county recycling efforts, and then ranks counties based on program performance. Counties and the municipalities within them are ranked in two ways: the overall recycling rate and the recycling rate for common household materials.

The per capita recovery rate for common household materials compares the effectiveness of programs recovering cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard. The total public recovery includes other materials such as concrete, shingles, and wood wastes, as well as special and hazardous wastes like televisions, used motor oil and used cooking oil. Communities at the top of both lists have strong and well-rounded public recycling systems.

Common Household Recyclables Per Capita			Total Public Recycling Per Capita Recovery		
Rank	Community	Pounds/Person	Rank	Community	Pounds/Person
1	CATAWBA COUNTY	247	1	CATAWBA COUNTY	449
2	DARE COUNTY	222	2	PITT COUNTY	321
3	ORANGE COUNTY	210	3	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	301
4	WATAUGA COUNTY	176	4	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	294
5	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	176	5	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	290
6	CURRITUCK COUNTY	175	6	DARE COUNTY	271
7	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	155	7	ORANGE COUNTY	264
8	GUILFORD COUNTY	146	8	MACON COUNTY	260
9	DURHAM COUNTY	146	9	FORSYTH COUNTY	244
10	DAVIE COUNTY	142	10	IREDELL COUNTY	236
11	MACON COUNTY	139	11	CURRITUCK COUNTY	226
12	CRAVEN COUNTY	134	12	ALEXANDER COUNTY	218
13	HAYWOOD COUNTY	133	13	WATAUGA COUNTY	217
14	CABARRUS COUNTY	130	14	SWAIN COUNTY	213
15	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	128	15	CAMDEN COUNTY	176
16	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	128	16	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	176
17	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	122	17	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	167
18	PITT COUNTY	116	18	HAYWOOD COUNTY	166
19	WAKE COUNTY	116	19	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	161
20	HENDERSON COUNTY	113	20	DURHAM COUNTY	156
21	SWAIN COUNTY	110	21	GUILFORD COUNTY	155
22	FORSYTH COUNTY	107	22	CRAVEN COUNTY	153
23	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	104	23	HENDERSON COUNTY	153
24	MOORE COUNTY	103	24	DAVIE COUNTY	152
25	CAMDEN COUNTY	100	25	CARTERET COUNTY	151
26	JACKSON COUNTY	99	26	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	144
27	CARTERET COUNTY	97	27	WAKE COUNTY	137
28	CHOWAN COUNTY	95	28	JACKSON COUNTY	137

29	MADISON COUNTY	91	29	CABARRUS COUNTY	137
30	ALEXANDER COUNTY	91	30	MADISON COUNTY	137
31	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	90	31	MCDOWELL COUNTY	131
32	LEE COUNTY	89	32	MOORE COUNTY	128
33	TYRRELL COUNTY	89	33	GRANVILLE COUNTY	126
34	GRANVILLE COUNTY	88	34	CHOWAN COUNTY	126
35	POLK COUNTY	84	35	HYDE COUNTY	125
36	SURRY COUNTY	84	36	ASHE COUNTY	122
37	ALAMANCE COUNTY	83	37	CLEVELAND COUNTY	115
38	MCDOWELL COUNTY	82	38	GATES COUNTY	115
39	GASTON COUNTY	82	39	LINCOLN COUNTY	114
40	WARREN COUNTY	75	40	LEE COUNTY	113
41	NASH COUNTY	75	41	POLK COUNTY	113
42	UNION COUNTY	72	42	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	112
43	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	72	43	WILSON COUNTY	110
44	PAMLICO COUNTY	72	44	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	109
45	CHATHAM COUNTY	69	45	AVERY COUNTY	105
46	AVERY COUNTY	67	46	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	103
47	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	67	47	TYRRELL COUNTY	103
48	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	67	48	ALAMANCE COUNTY	101
49	EDGEcombe COUNTY	63	49	CHATHAM COUNTY	98
50	PERSON COUNTY	63	50	PAMLICO COUNTY	97
51	WILSON COUNTY	62	51	SURRY COUNTY	97
52	ASHE COUNTY	62	52	MITCHELL COUNTY	96
53	IREDELL COUNTY	61	53	NASH COUNTY	93
54	SCOTLAND COUNTY	60	54	GASTON COUNTY	92
55	CLEVELAND COUNTY	59	55	BLADEN COUNTY	88
56	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	59	56	STANLY COUNTY	83
57	STANLY COUNTY	59	57	UNION COUNTY	81
58	MITCHELL COUNTY	58	58	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	81
59	PENDER COUNTY	57	59	WARREN COUNTY	79
60	HYDE COUNTY	56	60	CALDWELL COUNTY	75
61	CALDWELL COUNTY	54	61	PERSON COUNTY	74
62	YADKIN COUNTY	51	62	EDGEcombe COUNTY	72
63	ROWAN COUNTY	46	63	SCOTLAND COUNTY	70
64	WILKES COUNTY	46	64	YANCEY COUNTY	69
65	FRANKLIN COUNTY	45	65	PENDER COUNTY	68
66	GATES COUNTY	45	66	BEAUFORT COUNTY	65
67	LENOIR COUNTY	43	67	WAYNE COUNTY	64
68	DAVIDSON COUNTY	41	68	CLAY COUNTY	64
69	ONslow COUNTY	41	69	FRANKLIN COUNTY	58
70	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	41	70	YADKIN COUNTY	58
71	BEAUFORT COUNTY	41	71	LENOIR COUNTY	58
72	YANCEY COUNTY	39	72	DAVIDSON COUNTY	57
73	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	38	73	GRAHAM COUNTY	57
74	CHEROKEE COUNTY	38	74	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	55

75	JOHNSTON COUNTY	36	75	WILKES COUNTY	54
76	CLAY COUNTY	34	76	WASHINGTON COUNTY	53
77	RANDOLPH COUNTY	33	77	ROWAN COUNTY	51
78	LINCOLN COUNTY	33	78	JOHNSTON COUNTY	51
79	BLADEN COUNTY	32	79	CHEROKEE COUNTY	50
80	SAMPSON COUNTY	31	80	ONslow COUNTY	50
81	WAYNE COUNTY	30	81	HERTFORD COUNTY	48
82	STOKES COUNTY	30	82	BURKE COUNTY	46
83	VANCE COUNTY	28	83	DUPLIN COUNTY	46
84	BURKE COUNTY	28	84	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	46
85	HERTFORD COUNTY	27	85	VANCE COUNTY	42
86	HARNETT COUNTY	25	86	RANDOLPH COUNTY	41
87	HOKE COUNTY	24	87	SAMPSON COUNTY	39
88	HALIFAX COUNTY	23	88	STOKES COUNTY	38
89	DUPLIN COUNTY	23	89	HOKE COUNTY	37
90	MARTIN COUNTY	22	90	HARNETT COUNTY	34
91	ROBESON COUNTY	20	91	ROBESON COUNTY	33
92	GRAHAM COUNTY	19	92	HALIFAX COUNTY	32
93	WASHINGTON COUNTY	18	93	RICHMOND COUNTY	29
94	BERTIE COUNTY	14	94	MARTIN COUNTY	28
95	COLUMBUS COUNTY	11	95	COLUMBUS COUNTY	27
96	RICHMOND COUNTY	10	96	ANSON COUNTY	27
97	GREENE COUNTY	7	97	BERTIE COUNTY	15
98	ANSON COUNTY	6	98	GREENE COUNTY	12
99	CASWELL COUNTY	5	99	CASWELL COUNTY	9
100	JONES COUNTY	5	100	JONES COUNTY	5