

## North Carolina County Recycling Program Performance for Fiscal Year 2024-25

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 tons and then ranks counties based on total recycling tons per capita. Counties, including the municipalities within them, are ranked in two ways: the recycling rate for common household materials and the overall recycling rate.

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 additional materials such as food waste, concrete, shingles, scrap metal, white goods, wood wastes (excluding yard waste), televisions, computer equipment, used oil, and household hazardous waste.

Although these metrics represent one of many ways to measure the effectiveness of recycling programs, local governments regularly at the top of both lists are assumed to have strong and well-rounded public recycling systems.

Common Household Recyclables Per Capita			Total Public Recycling Per Capita		
Rank	Area Name	Pounds per Person	Rank	Area Name	Pounds per Person
1	HAYWOOD COUNTY	156.1	1	MACON COUNTY	701.2
2	ORANGE COUNTY	154.2	2	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	405.6
3	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	151.1	3	HAYWOOD COUNTY	329.6
4	CRAVEN COUNTY	144.2	4	SWAIN COUNTY	303.4
5	DAVIE COUNTY	142.0	5	HYDE COUNTY	289.8
6	CATAWBA COUNTY	140.7	6	CAMDEN COUNTY	261.3
7	WATAUGA COUNTY	139.4	7	CATAWBA COUNTY	241.5
8	GUILFORD COUNTY	138.3	8	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	235.6
9	DARE COUNTY	133.6	9	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	233.4
10	MACON COUNTY	130.8	10	PITT COUNTY	232.5
11	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	127.0	11	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	194.4
12	ALAMANCE COUNTY	126.2	12	ORANGE COUNTY	189.3
13	DURHAM COUNTY	124.0	13	CURRITUCK COUNTY	187.5
14	ALEXANDER COUNTY	122.5	14	HENDERSON COUNTY	181.5
15	CABARRUS COUNTY	118.8	15	FORSYTH COUNTY	181.3
16	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	114.7	16	ALEXANDER COUNTY	177.2
17	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	109.7	17	DARE COUNTY	176.0
18	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	105.7	18	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	174.8
19	CURRITUCK COUNTY	103.1	19	WATAUGA COUNTY	171.2
20	HENDERSON COUNTY	101.7	20	CRAVEN COUNTY	168.1

21	JACKSON COUNTY	97.3
22	LEE COUNTY	88.4
23	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	86.1
24	SWAIN COUNTY	84.7
25	CARTERET COUNTY	84.5
26	WAKE COUNTY	83.3
27	PENDER COUNTY	81.0
28	UNION COUNTY	78.4
29	NASH COUNTY	78.3
30	MOORE COUNTY	77.9
31	GRANVILLE COUNTY	77.8
32	MADISON COUNTY	76.8
33	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	75.5
34	FORSYTH COUNTY	75.0
35	WILSON COUNTY	73.8
36	MCDOWELL COUNTY	73.0
37	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	70.1
38	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	69.5
39	SURRY COUNTY	66.1
40	CHATHAM COUNTY	63.1
41	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	62.2
42	CAMDEN COUNTY	58.3
43	STANLY COUNTY	57.2
44	POLK COUNTY	55.9
45	HERTFORD COUNTY	55.3
46	HYDE COUNTY	55.2
47	ASHE COUNTY	55.1
48	CALDWELL COUNTY	53.0
49	PITT COUNTY	50.9
50	YADKIN COUNTY	49.0
51	WARREN COUNTY	48.1
52	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	47.6
53	VANCE COUNTY	46.9
54	PAMLICO COUNTY	46.8
55	WAYNE COUNTY	46.4
56	DAVIDSON COUNTY	45.5
57	IREDELL COUNTY	44.9
58	HALIFAX COUNTY	44.8
59	BURKE COUNTY	44.0
60	PERSON COUNTY	43.8
61	CLAY COUNTY	43.6

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36	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	115.3
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39	LEE COUNTY	110.1
40	CLAY COUNTY	107.9
41	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	102.2
42	GRANVILLE COUNTY	101.9
43	WAKE COUNTY	100.6
44	CARTERET COUNTY	95.4
45	STANLY COUNTY	94.5
46	NASH COUNTY	93.5
47	POLK COUNTY	85.3
48	UNION COUNTY	85.2
49	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	84.5
50	CHOWAN COUNTY	83.4
51	SURRY COUNTY	82.8
52	MITCHELL COUNTY	80.6
53	LINCOLN COUNTY	80.3
54	HALIFAX COUNTY	80.2
55	BURKE COUNTY	75.5
56	PAMLICO COUNTY	73.7
57	LENOIR COUNTY	73.1
58	IREDELL COUNTY	72.1
59	GATES COUNTY	70.9
60	CALDWELL COUNTY	70.4
61	BLADEN COUNTY	67.0

62	CHOWAN COUNTY	43.3
63	LENOIR COUNTY	42.4
64	GREENE COUNTY	41.9
65	MITCHELL COUNTY	39.1
66	COLUMBUS COUNTY	38.9
67	AVERY COUNTY	37.6
68	CHEROKEE COUNTY	37.6
69	ONSLOW COUNTY	35.5
70	RANDOLPH COUNTY	33.9
71	SAMPSON COUNTY	31.8
72	LINCOLN COUNTY	31.6
73	ROWAN COUNTY	29.9
74	GATES COUNTY	28.6
75	WILKES COUNTY	28.0
76	DUPLIN COUNTY	27.5
77	YANCEY COUNTY	27.4
78	GASTON COUNTY	27.3
79	FRANKLIN COUNTY	27.3
80	JOHNSTON COUNTY	27.2
81	HARNETT COUNTY	27.2
82	BLADEN COUNTY	25.5
83	WASHINGTON COUNTY	24.6
84	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	21.4
85	STOKES COUNTY	19.7
86	BEAUFORT COUNTY	17.3
87	CLEVELAND COUNTY	16.1
88	MARTIN COUNTY	14.0
89	SCOTLAND COUNTY	13.7
90	BERTIE COUNTY	11.9
91	CASWELL COUNTY	10.6
92	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	7.1
93	ANSON COUNTY	5.1
94	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	4.9
95	GRAHAM COUNTY	4.3
96	JONES COUNTY	4.2
97	RICHMOND COUNTY	3.3
98	ROBESON COUNTY	2.4
99	HOKE COUNTY	0.6
100	TYRRELL COUNTY	0.0

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