

North Carolina County Recycling Program Performance for Fiscal Year 2017-18

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) uses data from the Solid Waste and Recycling Annual report completed by each local government in the state to assess the public recycling efforts conducted by municipalities and counties.

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: overall recycling rate and 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 efforts to manage other materials such as concrete, shingles and wood wastes, plus 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 Recovery			Total Public Recycling Per Capita Recovery		
Rank	Community	Lbs. / Person	Rank	Community	Lbs. / Person
1	CATAWBA COUNTY	265	1	ORANGE COUNTY	564
2	DARE COUNTY	218	2	CATAWBA COUNTY	464
3	ORANGE COUNTY	209	3	PITT COUNTY	358
4	ONSLow COUNTY	186	4	MACON COUNTY	334
5	PITT COUNTY	182	5	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	325
6	WATAUGA COUNTY	172	6	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	299
7	DAVIE COUNTY	164	7	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	284
8	CAMDEN COUNTY	155	8	DARE COUNTY	252
9	CURRITUCK COUNTY	153	9	IREDELL COUNTY	230
10	JONES COUNTY	150	10	FORSYTH COUNTY	219
11	MACON COUNTY	148	11	CURRITUCK COUNTY	216
12	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	148	12	WATAUGA COUNTY	208
13	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	145	13	ALEXANDER COUNTY	203
14	GUILFORD COUNTY	142	14	ONSLow COUNTY	200
15	HAYWOOD COUNTY	141	15	SWAIN COUNTY	192
16	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	141	16	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	190
17	DURHAM COUNTY	137	17	CAMDEN COUNTY	179
18	SWAIN COUNTY	130	18	DAVIE COUNTY	175
19	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	129	19	HAYWOOD COUNTY	167
20	MOORE COUNTY	129	20	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	162
21	CRAVEN COUNTY	127	21	MOORE COUNTY	158
22	CABARRUS COUNTY	123	22	HENDERSON COUNTY	155
23	HENDERSON COUNTY	118	23	JONES COUNTY	152
24	WAKE COUNTY	114	24	GUILFORD COUNTY	150
25	JACKSON COUNTY	107	25	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	148
26	FORSYTH COUNTY	106	26	CRAVEN COUNTY	148
27	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	105	27	DURHAM COUNTY	147
28	GRANVILLE COUNTY	102	28	CARTERET COUNTY	142
29	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	102	29	JACKSON COUNTY	141
30	CARTERET COUNTY	101	30	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	140
31	LEE COUNTY	93	31	GRANVILLE COUNTY	140
32	GASTON COUNTY	92	32	HYDE COUNTY	139

33	POLK COUNTY	90	33	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	139
34	ALEXANDER COUNTY	90	34	WAKE COUNTY	135
35	CHOWAN COUNTY	88	35	MARTIN COUNTY	134
36	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	87	36	CABARRUS COUNTY	130
37	TYRRELL COUNTY	87	37	ASHE COUNTY	124
38	ALAMANCE COUNTY	85	38	WILSON COUNTY	123
39	CHATHAM COUNTY	85	39	CHOWAN COUNTY	119
40	HYDE COUNTY	84	40	LEE COUNTY	117
41	PENDER COUNTY	80	41	LINCOLN COUNTY	114
42	MCDOWELL COUNTY	80	42	MADISON COUNTY	114
43	NASH COUNTY	77	43	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	113
44	MADISON COUNTY	76	44	CHATHAM COUNTY	113
45	SURRY COUNTY	73	45	GASTON COUNTY	108
46	UNION COUNTY	72	46	POLK COUNTY	106
47	WILSON COUNTY	72	47	MCDOWELL COUNTY	105
48	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	72	48	CLEVELAND COUNTY	105
49	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	70	49	TYRRELL COUNTY	105
50	PAMLICO COUNTY	70	50	ALAMANCE COUNTY	99
51	ASHE COUNTY	67	51	PENDER COUNTY	98
52	YADKIN COUNTY	66	52	MITCHELL COUNTY	98
53	SCOTLAND COUNTY	66	53	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	97
54	PERSON COUNTY	64	54	PAMLICO COUNTY	95
55	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	63	55	NASH COUNTY	95
56	STANLY COUNTY	63	56	HERTFORD COUNTY	91
57	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	62	57	SURRY COUNTY	88
58	ROWAN COUNTY	62	58	AVERY COUNTY	86
59	MARTIN COUNTY	62	59	ROWAN COUNTY	84
60	CLEVELAND COUNTY	61	60	UNION COUNTY	80
61	MITCHELL COUNTY	60	61	PERSON COUNTY	80
62	IREDELL COUNTY	57	62	CALDWELL COUNTY	80
63	WARREN COUNTY	57	63	YADKIN COUNTY	80
64	CALDWELL COUNTY	56	64	WAYNE COUNTY	77
65	FRANKLIN COUNTY	55	65	SCOTLAND COUNTY	77
66	RANDOLPH COUNTY	53	66	STANLY COUNTY	76
67	WAYNE COUNTY	53	67	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	73
68	DAVIDSON COUNTY	52	68	YANCEY COUNTY	70
69	WILKES COUNTY	51	69	CLAY COUNTY	69
70	AVERY COUNTY	46	70	FRANKLIN COUNTY	69
71	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	45	71	GATES COUNTY	67
72	LENOIR COUNTY	45	72	DAVIDSON COUNTY	65
73	BEAUFORT COUNTY	45	73	BEAUFORT COUNTY	64
74	SAMPSON COUNTY	40	74	WARREN COUNTY	60
75	JOHNSTON COUNTY	38	75	RANDOLPH COUNTY	59
76	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	37	76	LENOIR COUNTY	58
77	GATES COUNTY	37	77	JOHNSTON COUNTY	57
78	YANCEY COUNTY	36	78	WILKES COUNTY	56
79	CLAY COUNTY	35	79	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	54
80	LINCOLN COUNTY	34	80	BURKE COUNTY	50
81	STOKES COUNTY	33	81	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	49
82	CHEROKEE COUNTY	30	82	BLADEN COUNTY	49
83	HALIFAX COUNTY	30	83	WASHINGTON COUNTY	48

84	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	28	84	SAMPSON COUNTY	48
85	HERTFORD COUNTY	28	85	STOKES COUNTY	45
86	BURKE COUNTY	28	86	GRAHAM COUNTY	44
87	BLADEN COUNTY	27	87	DUPLIN COUNTY	43
88	VANCE COUNTY	25	88	CHEROKEE COUNTY	40
89	DUPLIN COUNTY	23	89	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	40
90	HARNETT COUNTY	21	90	VANCE COUNTY	38
91	GRAHAM COUNTY	21	91	HARNETT COUNTY	36
92	ROBESON COUNTY	21	92	HALIFAX COUNTY	34
93	WASHINGTON COUNTY	14	93	ROBESON COUNTY	34
94	GREENE COUNTY	13	94	RICHMOND COUNTY	32
95	RICHMOND COUNTY	11	95	COLUMBUS COUNTY	25
96	COLUMBUS COUNTY	9	96	HOKE COUNTY	23
97	HOKE COUNTY	9	97	GREENE COUNTY	16
98	BERTIE COUNTY	8	98	BERTIE COUNTY	15
99	CASWELL COUNTY	7	99	ANSON COUNTY	13
100	ANSON COUNTY	5	100	CASWELL COUNTY	13