

## North Carolina County Recycling Program Performance for Fiscal Year 2020-21

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 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. Local governments at the top of both lists have strong and well-rounded public recycling systems.

Common Household Recyclables Per Capita			Total Public Recycling Per Capita		
Rank	County	Pounds per Person	Rank	County	Pounds per Person
1	Currituck County	246	1	Currituck County	344
2	Catawba County	243	2	Brunswick County	340
3	Orange County	188	3	Catawba County	335
4	Watauga County	186	4	Pasquotank County	332
5	Onslow County	173	5	New Hanover County	324
6	Brunswick County	169	6	Pitt County	293
7	Camden County	167	7	Macon County	248
8	Dare County	167	8	Iredell County	239
9	Guilford County	161	9	Swain County	236
10	Davie County	154	10	Dare County	234
11	Durham County	150	11	Orange County	225
12	Haywood County	143	12	Watauga County	222
13	Mecklenburg County	142	13	Alexander County	195
14	Transylvania County	137	14	Mecklenburg County	191
15	Craven County	133	15	Haywood County	188
16	Cabarrus County	133	16	Onslow County	187
17	Buncombe County	130	17	Camden County	182
18	Carteret County	115	18	Buncombe County	177

19	Henderson County	111	19	Transylvania County	176
20	New Hanover County	110	20	Guilford County	173
21	Wake County	108	21	Davie County	164
22	Jackson County	105	22	Durham County	160
23	Macon County	103	23	Forsyth County	160
24	Lee County	101	24	Craven County	159
25	Pitt County	100	25	Carteret County	156
26	Forsyth County	100	26	Henderson County	155
27	Tyrrell County	98	27	Jackson County	151
28	Madison County	93	28	Madison County	148
29	Moore County	93	29	Ashe County	145
30	Hertford County	92	30	Perquimans County	140
31	Alexander County	92	31	Cabarrus County	140
32	McDowell County	87	32	McDowell County	140
33	Alamance County	86	33	Wake County	130
34	Polk County	86	34	Lee County	127
35	Nash County	86	35	Hyde County	126
36	Pender County	86	36	Avery County	124
37	Swain County	84	37	Chatham County	123
38	Pamlico County	82	38	Moore County	120
39	Perquimans County	80	39	Polk County	118
40	Chatham County	79	40	Wilson County	118
41	Ashe County	78	41	Tyrrell County	114
42	Rutherford County	74	42	Lincoln County	114
43	Surry County	74	43	Rutherford County	113
44	Rockingham County	74	44	Mitchell County	110
45	Wilson County	72	45	Nash County	109
46	Warren County	71	46	Pender County	107
47	Union County	71	47	Granville County	107
48	Martin County	68	48	Hertford County	105
49	Mitchell County	67	49	Alamance County	99
50	Granville County	66	50	Pamlico County	99
51	Gaston County	66	51	Clay County	97
52	Stanly County	66	52	Cumberland County	93
53	Pasquotank County	63	53	Gates County	92
54	Burke County	62	54	Surry County	91

55	Wilkes County	60	55	Bladen County	90
56	Caldwell County	59	56	Burke County	87
57	Vance County	57	57	Union County	86
58	Halifax County	56	58	Rockingham County	85
59	Cumberland County	54	59	Cleveland County	85
60	Iredell County	52	60	Warren County	82
61	Hyde County	52	61	Martin County	79
62	Person County	51	62	Caldwell County	78
63	Davidson County	49	63	Stanly County	77
64	Cherokee County	47	64	Gaston County	77
65	Lenoir County	44	65	Yancey County	76
66	Montgomery County	41	66	Chowan County	74
67	Wayne County	41	67	Vance County	73
68	Clay County	40	68	Wilkes County	72
69	Franklin County	40	69	Halifax County	68
70	Sampson County	40	70	Wayne County	67
71	Johnston County	39	71	Duplin County	66
72	Yadkin County	38	72	Johnston County	60
73	Scotland County	37	73	Davidson County	58
74	Stokes County	37	74	Person County	57
75	Northampton County	35	75	Franklin County	57
76	Rowan County	35	76	Stokes County	55
77	Chowan County	34	77	Cherokee County	54
78	Avery County	34	78	Edgecombe County	53
79	Bladen County	33	79	Lenoir County	51
80	Yancey County	32	80	Yadkin County	48
81	Duplin County	32	81	Montgomery County	48
82	Lincoln County	31	82	Graham County	47
83	Gates County	30	83	Northampton County	46
84	Harnett County	29	84	Sampson County	45
85	Greene County	27	85	Scotland County	45
86	Washington County	26	86	Rowan County	40
87	Hoke County	23	87	Harnett County	37
88	Randolph County	23	88	Richmond County	34
89	Cleveland County	22	89	Greene County	34

90	Edgecombe County	21	90	Beaufort County	33
91	Beaufort County	14	91	Washington County	32
92	Columbus County	13	92	Columbus County	32
93	Graham County	11	93	Randolph County	30
94	Richmond County	9	94	Hoke County	28
95	Robeson County	9	95	Robeson County	26
96	Anson County	6	96	Anson County	21
97	Jones County	4	97	Caswell County	15
98	Caswell County	4	98	Jones County	9
99	Bertie County	2	99	Bertie County	9
100	Alleghany County	0	100	Alleghany County	1