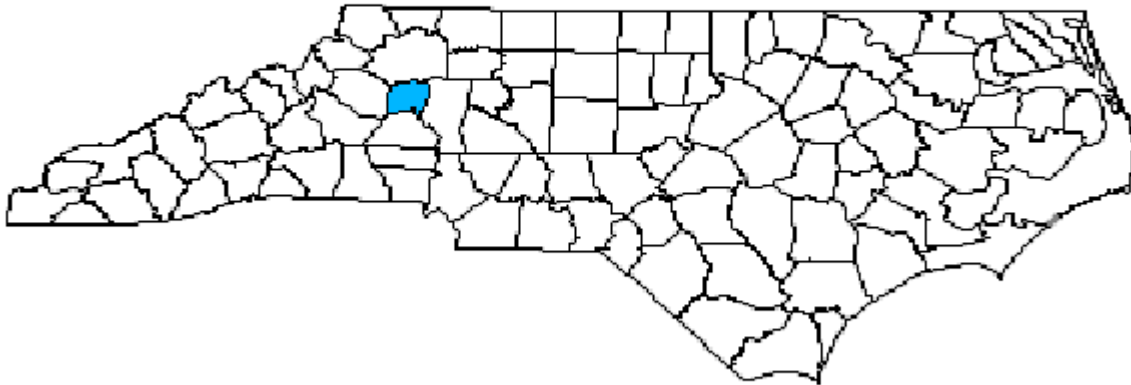


# Workforce In-Depth Alexander County Summary

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## *Alexander County*



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## I. Employment Status of the Civilian Population (updated 5/2010)

### United States: Seasonally Adjusted

	<u>April</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	
				<u>Over</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>Year</u>
Civilian Labor Force	154,718,000	153,910,000	154,715,000	0.52%	0.00%
Employment	140,902,000	138,905,000	139,455,000	0.40%	-1.03%
Unemployment	13,816,000	15,005,000	15,260,000	1.70%	10.45%
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.7%	9.9%		

### North Carolina: Seasonally Adjusted

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Civilian Labor Force	4,564,265	4,564,936	4,571,156	0.14%	0.15%
Employment	4,077,870	4,056,953	4,079,689	0.56%	0.04%
Unemployment	486,395	507,983	491,467	-3.25%	1.04%
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.1%	10.8%		

### United States: Not Seasonally Adjusted

	<u>April</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	
				<u>Over</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>Year</u>
Civilian Labor Force	153,834,000	153,660,000	153,911,000	0.16%	0.05%
Employment	140,586,000	137,983,000	139,302,000	0.96%	-0.91%
Unemployment	13,248,000	15,678,000	14,609,000	-6.82%	10.27%
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	10.2%	9.5%		

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				<u>Over</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>Year</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,555,691	4,556,433	4,544,767	-0.26%	-0.24%
Employment	4,085,089	4,058,974	4,089,754	0.76%	0.11%
Unemployment	470,602	497,459	455,013	-8.53%	-3.31%
Unemployment Rate	10.3%	10.9%	10.0%		

**Custom Region Summary\*: Not Seasonally Adjusted**

	<u>April 2009</u>	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>April 2010</u>	<b>Percent Change</b>	
				<u>Over Month</u>	<u>Over Year</u>
Civilian Labor Force	17,930	17,651	17,608	-0.24%	-1.80%
Employment	15,323	15,250	15,371	0.79%	0.31%
Unemployment	2,607	2,401	2,237	-6.83%	-14.19%
Unemployment Rate	14.5%	13.6%	12.7%		

**Alexander County: Not Seasonally Adjusted**

	<u>April 2009</u>	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>April 2010</u>	<b>Percent Change</b>	
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\* Data may vary due to rounding.

Note: When comparing area/county data to state data, use not seasonally adjusted state and national data.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Unit, ESC/LMI Division

Preliminary data: current month, national, statewide and county.

Revised data: previous month data all areas also 2009 national and county data.

Benchmarked data: statewide 2009.

## **II. Current Industry Structure (updated 6/2010)**

### **Alexander County**

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2009

	<b><u>Number of Business Units</u></b>	<b><u>Average Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of NC Average</u></b>
Total, All Industries	614	8,691	0.23 %
Natural Resources and Mining	12	122	0.00 %
Construction	84	235	0.01 %
Manufacturing	76	3,374	0.09 %
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	133	1,016	0.03 %
Information	5	31	0.00 %
Financial Activities	45	198	0.01 %
Professional and Business Services	68	480	0.01 %
Education and Health Services	54	1,577	0.04 %
Leisure and Hospitality	45	547	0.01 %
Other Services	51	139	0.00 %
Public Administration	17	959	0.03 %
Unclassified	24	13	0.00 %

\* Indicates data suppression

Source: NAICS Employment and Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Unit, ESC/LMI Division

## **III. Average Weekly Wage-State/County Comparison (updated 6/2010)**

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2009

	<b><u>Average Wage</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of North Carolina</u></b>
North Carolina	\$817.00	
Alexander County	\$575.00	70.4 %

Source: NAICS Employment and Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Unit, ESC/LMI Division

#### IV. Population Estimates (updated 4/2010)

	2009 Population <u>Total</u>	Rank in <u>North Carolina</u>
North Carolina	9,380,884	
Custom Region Summary	36,777	
Alexander County	36,777	65 th

Source: 2009 Log Into North Carolina (LINC); North Carolina State Demographer

#### V. Commuting Patterns-2006 (LED)\* (updated 11/2008)

##### Residents Commuting out of and into Alexander County

<b>Total Workers Commuting Out of Alexander County:</b>	<b>11,840</b>
<b>Total Workers Commuting Into Alexander County:</b>	<b>4,050</b>

**5,134 Alexander County Residents live and work in Alexander County**

Out of Alexander County		Into Alexander County	
<u>Destination County</u>	<u>Number of Workers</u>	<u>Origin County</u>	<u>Number of Workers</u>
Catawba , NC	5,519	Catawba , NC	1,182
Iredell , NC	2,041	Caldwell , NC	713
Caldwell , NC	818	Iredell , NC	460
Mecklenburg , NC	519	Wilkes , NC	375
Wilkes , NC	415	Burke , NC	220
Other Areas	2,528	Other Areas	1,100

Source: U.S.Census Bureau; \*Local Employment Dynamics (LED) - Data extracted November 2008 Note: Data are only available for partnering states. Ohio and Puerto Rico are pending production; Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire are not yet partners. Data are produced on two-year cycles at this time.

## **VI. Twenty-Five Largest Employers (updated 6/2010)**

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### **Custom Region Summary**

**Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2009**

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<b><u>Company Name</u></b>	<b><u>Industry Description</u></b>	<b><u>Employment</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
1. ALEXANDER COUNTY SCHOOLS	Education and Health Services	500-999	Alexander
2. THE MITCHELL GOLD CO (A CORP)	Manufacturing	500-999	Alexander
3. STATE OF NC DEPT OF CORRECTION	Public Administration	250-499	Alexander
4. CRAFTMASTER FURNITURE	Manufacturing	250-499	Alexander
5. HANCOCK & MOORE INC	Manufacturing	250-499	Alexander
6. ALEXANDER COUNTY	Public Administration	250-499	Alexander
7. SCHNEIDER MILLS INC	Manufacturing	250-499	Alexander
8. WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	100-249	Alexander
9. WESTMINISTER NURSING CENTER	Education and Health Services	100-249	Alexander
10. HUNTINGTON HOUSE INC	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
11. TAYLOR KING FURNITURE INC	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
12. SHURTAPE TECHNOLOGIES INC	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
13. AMERICAN ROLLER BEARING &	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
14. BRIGETTE'S STAFFING INC	Professional and Business Services	100-249	Alexander
15. INDUSTRIAL TIMBER INC	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
16. WILKES CONTRACTING LLC TIMOTHY A GL	Manufacturing	100-249	Alexander
17. ALEXVALE FURNITURE INC	Manufacturing	50-99	Alexander
18. PAUL ROBERT CHAIR INC	Manufacturing	50-99	Alexander
19. E R CARPENTER CO INC	Manufacturing	50-99	Alexander
20. CHECK MATE	Professional and Business Services	50-99	Alexander
21. HOSPICE AND HOME CARE OF	Education and Health Services	50-99	Alexander
22. MARKET BASKET FOOD STORES INC	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	50-99	Alexander
23. MCDONALDS	Leisure and Hospitality	50-99	Alexander
24. COMSERV INC	Education and Health Services	50-99	Alexander
25. MASTERFIELD FURNITURE CO INC	Manufacturing	50-99	Alexander

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**Alexander County****Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2009**

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3. STATE OF NC DEPT OF CORRECTION	Public Administration	250-499
4. CRAFTMASTER FURNITURE	Manufacturing	250-499
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24. COMSERV INC	Education and Health Services	50-99
25. MASTERFIELD FURNITURE CO INC	Manufacturing	50-99

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Unit, ESC/LMI Division

## VII. County and Municipal Population Estimates (updated 5/2010)

	<u>April 2000</u>	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b>Custom Region Summary</b>	33,603	36,953	10.0
<b>Alexander County</b>	33,603	36,953	10.0
Taylorsville	1,813	1,932	6.6

\* Includes only the portion within specified county.

Source: July 2008 Municipal Population Estimates by County, NC State Demographics Unit

## VIII. Announced Business Closings and Layoffs, 06/2009 - 06/2010

### Alexander County

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number Affected</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>				
Second Fret Coffeehouse and Music Hall	Not stated	19	Closing	Jan. 2010

Note: These data are not all-inclusive and are derived from a statewide survey of newspaper accounts of closings/layoffs and from information supplied to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina by employing units experiencing closings/layoffs. ESC staff do not analyze or evaluate the accuracy of the data.

Data are now being reported by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For more information on the industry type, including the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, see Announced Business Closings and Layoffs at <http://www.ncesc.com/lmi/default.asp?init=true>.