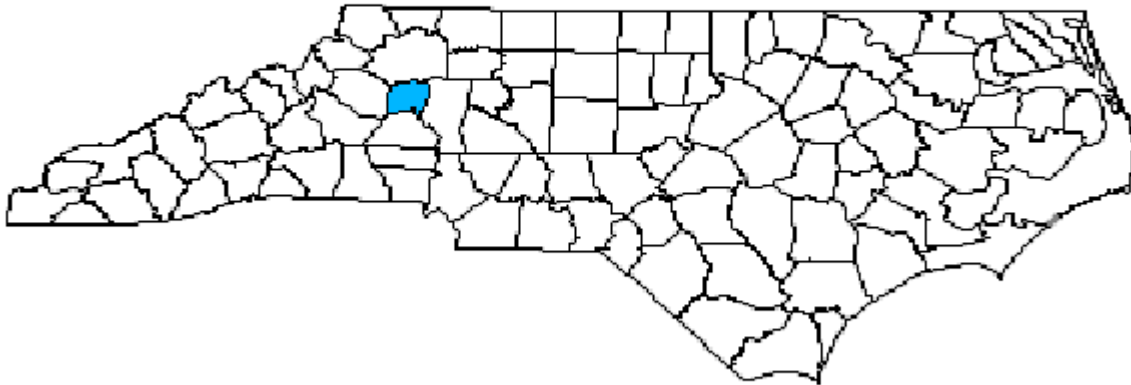


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I. Employment Status of the Civilian Population (updated 1/2012)

United States: Seasonally Adjusted

	November <u>2010</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2011</u>	Percent Change	
				Over Month	Over Year
Civilian Labor Force	153,950,000	154,198,000	153,883,000	-0.20%	-0.04%
Employment	138,909,000	140,302,000	140,580,000	0.20%	1.20%
Unemployment	15,041,000	13,897,000	13,303,000	-4.27%	-11.56%
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.0%	8.6%		

North Carolina: Seasonally Adjusted

	November <u>2010</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2011</u>	Percent Change	
				Over Month	Over Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,463,915	4,506,202	4,502,639	-0.08%	0.87%
Employment	4,024,717	4,038,404	4,051,226	0.32%	0.66%
Unemployment	439,198	467,798	451,413	-3.50%	2.78%
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.4%	10.0%		

United States: Not Seasonally Adjusted

	November <u>2010</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2011</u>	Percent Change	
				Over Month	Over Year
Civilian Labor Force	153,698,000	154,088,000	153,683,000	-0.26%	-0.01%
Employment	139,415,000	140,987,000	141,070,000	0.06%	1.19%
Unemployment	14,282,000	13,102,000	12,613,000	-3.73%	-11.69%
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	8.5%	8.2%		

North Carolina: Not Seasonally Adjusted

	November <u>2010</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2011</u>	Percent Change	
				Over Month	Over Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,464,897	4,510,783	4,496,387	-0.32%	0.71%
Employment	4,022,183	4,071,114	4,069,246	-0.05%	1.17%
Unemployment	442,714	439,669	427,141	-2.85%	-3.52%
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	9.7%	9.5%		

Custom Region Summary*: Not Seasonally Adjusted

	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Percent Change	
				Over Month	Over Year
Civilian Labor Force	17,363	16,911	16,799	-0.66%	-3.25%
Employment	15,344	15,199	15,139	-0.39%	-1.34%
Unemployment	2,019	1,712	1,660	-3.04%	-17.78%
Unemployment Rate	11.6%	10.1%	9.9%		

Alexander County: Not Seasonally Adjusted

	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Percent Change	
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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: LAUS; North Carolina Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis 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 6/2011)

Alexander County

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2010

	<u>Number of Business Units</u>	<u>Average Employees</u>	<u>Percent of NC Average</u>
Total, All Industries	602	8,713	0.23 %
Natural Resources and Mining	14	137	0.00 %
Construction	84	226	0.01 %
Manufacturing	72	3,280	0.09 %
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	140	983	0.03 %
Information	4	28	0.00 %
Financial Activities	49	202	0.01 %
Professional and Business Services	77	639	0.02 %
Education and Health Services	52	1,560	0.04 %
Leisure and Hospitality	46	521	0.01 %
Other Services	47	181	0.00 %
Public Administration	17	956	0.02 %

* Indicates data suppression

Source: QCEW; North Carolina Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division

III. Average Weekly Wage-State/County Comparison (updated 6/2011)

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 2010

	<u>Average Wage</u>	<u>Percent of North Carolina</u>
North Carolina	\$841.00	
Alexander County	\$578.00	68.7 %

Source: QCEW; North Carolina Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division

IV. Population Estimates (updated 4/2011)

	2011 Population Total	Rank in North Carolina
North Carolina	9,683,816	
Custom Region Summary	37,997	
Alexander County	37,997	65 th

Source: 2011 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

Total Workers Commuting Out of Alexander County:	11,840
Total Workers Commuting Into Alexander County:	4,050

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 12/2011)

Custom Region Summary

Quarter Ending June 30, 2011

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

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Source: QCEW; North Carolina Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division

VII. County and Municipal Population Estimates (updated 4/2011)

	<u>April 2000</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Custom Region Summary</u>	33,405	37,316	11.7
<u>Alexander County</u>	33,405	37,316	11.7
Taylorsville	1,813	1,931	6.5

* Includes only the portion within specified county.

Source: July 2009 Municipal Population Estimates by County, NC State Demographics Unit

Note: Custom Region does not equal statewide total due to rounding. North Carolina April 2000 population is 8,047,764 while July 2009 is 9,382,609, with a percent change of 16.6 percent.