
EMPLOYMENT



Approximately 30% of
the County's workforce
is employed in manufacturing.

Workforce by Industry, 4th Qtr 2007

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Avg. Weekly Wage - County</u>	<u>Avg. Weekly Wage - State</u>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	3,489	17.9	\$ 583	\$ 535
Utilities	28	0.1	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,378
Construction	615	3.1	\$ 484	\$ 688
Manufacturing	5,303	27.2	\$ 515	\$ 891
Wholesale Trade	430	2.2	\$ 661	\$ 1,051
Retail Trade	1,662	8.5	\$ 340	\$ 448
Transportation & Warehousing	369	1.9	\$ 717	\$ 725
Information	74	0.4	\$ 539	\$ 1,119
Finance & Insurance	219	1.1	\$ 701	\$ 1,849
Real Estate & Rental/Leasing	83	0.4	\$ 356	\$ 685
Professional & Technical Services	137	0.7	\$ 467	\$ 1,080
Admin. & Waste Services	280	1.4	\$ 334	\$ 485
Educational Services	1,930	9.9	\$ 554	\$ 644
Health & Social Assistance	1,957	10.0	\$ 433	\$ 679
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	31	0.2	\$ 183	\$ 535
Accommodation & Food Services	1,085	5.6	\$ 165	\$ 248
Public Administration	1,279	6.5	\$ 591	\$ 723
Other Services	251	1.3	\$ 411	\$ 459
Unclassified	114	.6	\$ 343	\$ 508
TOTAL	19,336	100 %		

Source: NC Dept. of Commerce – 2009
www.nccommerce.com/cmedis/countyprofiles

Annual Average Unemployment Rate: 1983- 2008

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
1983	17,300	12.5%
1984	18,360	9.9%
1985	18,320	6.8%
1986	19,240	7.5%
1987	20,330	6.3%
1988	20,850	4.5%
1989	21,900	4.3%
1990	19,740	5.2%
1991	20,340	8.1%
1992	20,630	8.6%
1993	20,530	7.7%
1994	20,310	5.9%
1995	21,090	5.5%
1996	21,569	5.4%
1997	21,853	4.4%
1998	20,574	6.8%
1999	21,578	6.1%
2000	21,838	4.9%
2001	21,364	6.3%
2002	21,409	7.8%
2003	21,767	7.3%
2004	24,403	5.7%
2005	23,781	6.0%
2006	23,521	5.1%
2007	24,243	4.5%
2008	24,041	5.9%

Labor Force Characteristics

Duplin County has no unionized manufacturing plants; therefore, our total workforce is less than 1% unionized. Our labor force's average travel time to work is 20.7 minutes. There was 51.1% of the population in the labor force in 2008. Quality customized training is offered by James Sprunt Community College to meet the needs of industry in the county.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates by County
December 2008**

<u>County</u>	<u>Civilian Labor Force</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>	<u>Number Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
Duplin	25,407	23,457	1,950	7.7 %
Jones	5,030	4,613	417	8.3 %
Lenoir	28,172	25,480	2,692	9.6 %
Onslow	61,973	57,785	4,188	6.8 %
Pender	23,969	21,740	2,229	9.3 %
Sampson	33,739	31,336	2,403	7.1 %
Wayne	53,221	49,039	4,182	7.9 %

Source: NC Employment Security Commission
www.ncesc.com