

## North Carolina County Recycling Program Performance for Fiscal Year 2013-14

The North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) uses data from the Solid Waste and Materials Management Annual Report completed by each local government in the state to assess the performance of the public recycling efforts conducted by counties and municipalities.

Public recycling data for the past several years illustrates that new recycling programs have taken hold targeting materials such as asphalt shingles, construction debris, and wood wastes. In addition to handling these non-traditional materials, North Carolina municipal and county recycling programs continue to show strong momentum in their efforts to recover and divert common household recyclables or “traditional” materials including items like cans, bottles and paper. During FY 2013-14 public recycling systems in North Carolina recycled more common household recyclables than ever before, and this happened at a time when the state and the country as a whole has seen a continued decrease in the circulation of printed newspapers, the downsizing of those papers still in print, and the falling circulation of magazines.

Each year DEACS uses 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 are ranked in two ways: the overall recycling rate, and the recycling rate for common household materials such as cans, bottles and paper. The per-capita recovery rate for traditional materials helps to compare the relative effectiveness of residential recycling programs, while 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 that find themselves at the top of both lists represent strong and well-rounded public recycling systems.

For information on recycling and solid waste disposal in North Carolina, see the FY 2013-14 North Carolina Solid Waste and Materials Management Annual Report at: [http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?p\\_l\\_id=4649434&folderId=23241613&name=DLFE-113296.pdf](http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=4649434&folderId=23241613&name=DLFE-113296.pdf)

Total Public Recycling Per Capita Recovery			Common Household Recyclable Per Capita Recovery		
Rank	County	Lbs./Person	Rank	County	Lbs./person
1	CATAWBA COUNTY	507.55	1	DARE COUNTY	280.16
2	PITT COUNTY	470.97	2	CURRITUCK COUNTY	249.17
3	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	333.43	3	WATAUGA COUNTY	242.87
4	DARE COUNTY	332.90	4	CATAWBA COUNTY	213.95
5	CURRITUCK COUNTY	277.92	5	ORANGE COUNTY	208.68
6	ORANGE COUNTY	273.52	6	GUILFORD COUNTY	176.14
7	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	271.58	7	PITT COUNTY	170.20

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Rank	County	Lbs./Person	Rank	County	Lbs./person
8	WATAUGA COUNTY	256.66	8	CABARRUS COUNTY	160.55
9	MACON COUNTY	251.32	9	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	151.79
10	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	239.71	10	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	141.21
11	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	206.76	11	MACON COUNTY	136.62
12	GUILFORD COUNTY	183.79	12	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	136.30
13	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	170.17	13	MOORE COUNTY	136.22
14	ALEXANDER COUNTY	167.72	14	CRAVEN COUNTY	134.88
15	CABARRUS COUNTY	164.73	15	HAYWOOD COUNTY	130.09
16	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	162.16	16	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	124.02
17	SWAIN COUNTY	159.92	17	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	122.37
18	MOORE COUNTY	159.43	18	WAKE COUNTY	121.99
19	HAYWOOD COUNTY	157.35	19	ONSLow COUNTY	118.40
20	FORSYTH COUNTY	154.13	20	FORSYTH COUNTY	114.64
21	CRAVEN COUNTY	144.40	21	DURHAM COUNTY	113.93
22	WAKE COUNTY	137.79	22	PAMLICO COUNTY	112.02
23	HENDERSON COUNTY	136.64	23	HENDERSON COUNTY	111.63
24	JACKSON COUNTY	136.23	24	SWAIN COUNTY	110.82
25	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	134.92	25	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	108.79
26	ANSON COUNTY	134.43	26	JACKSON COUNTY	106.82
27	ONSLow COUNTY	129.92	27	DAVIE COUNTY	103.26
28	MADISON COUNTY	126.61	28	PERSON COUNTY	102.41
29	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	126.11	29	LEE COUNTY	98.74
30	PAMLICO COUNTY	122.09	30	UNION COUNTY	95.55
31	IREDELL COUNTY	121.27	31	CHOWAN COUNTY	94.95
32	DURHAM COUNTY	120.88	32	PENDER COUNTY	91.54
33	GRANVILLE COUNTY	118.38	33	MADISON COUNTY	90.86
34	LEE COUNTY	118.31	34	GRANVILLE COUNTY	86.96
35	HYDE COUNTY	117.75	35	GASTON COUNTY	86.29
36	PERSON COUNTY	117.25	36	SCOTLAND COUNTY	83.88
37	CHOWAN COUNTY	112.26	37	POLK COUNTY	82.86
38	PENDER COUNTY	107.88	38	HYDE COUNTY	82.55
39	DAVIE COUNTY	107.87	39	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	81.63
40	UNION COUNTY	103.53	40	CARTERET COUNTY	79.51
41	ASHE COUNTY	100.54	41	ALAMANCE COUNTY	76.25
42	DUPLIN COUNTY	100.02	42	NASH COUNTY	76.19
43	MARTIN COUNTY	97.55	43	MCDOWELL COUNTY	75.69
44	CARTERET COUNTY	94.93	44	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	74.44
45	POLK COUNTY	94.73	45	SURRY COUNTY	70.10

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Rank	County	Lbs./Person	Rank	County	Lbs./Person
46	GASTON COUNTY	92.82	46	ALEXANDER COUNTY	68.29
47	WAYNE COUNTY	91.54	47	CHATHAM COUNTY	66.78
48	NASH COUNTY	90.51	48	ASHE COUNTY	63.92
49	SCOTLAND COUNTY	88.18	49	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	59.13
50	ALAMANCE COUNTY	87.76	50	WAYNE COUNTY	59.13
51	DAVIDSON COUNTY	87.22	51	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	58.51
52	LINCOLN COUNTY	85.81	52	MITCHELL COUNTY	57.91
53	CHATHAM COUNTY	85.72	53	CLEVELAND COUNTY	55.34
54	CAMDEN COUNTY	83.12	54	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	55.20
55	CLAY COUNTY	81.31	55	CLAY COUNTY	55.09
56	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	80.76	56	CAMDEN COUNTY	54.36
57	MITCHELL COUNTY	80.41	57	IREDELL COUNTY	53.95
58	CLEVELAND COUNTY	80.38	58	WILSON COUNTY	53.91
59	YANCEY COUNTY	80.31	59	ROWAN COUNTY	53.47
60	BURKE COUNTY	79.62	60	RANDOLPH COUNTY	52.50
61	WILSON COUNTY	79.39	61	DAVIDSON COUNTY	52.35
62	SURRY COUNTY	78.86	62	WARREN COUNTY	51.77
63	MCDOWELL COUNTY	78.51	63	YADKIN COUNTY	50.30
64	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	75.81	64	MARTIN COUNTY	47.54
65	AVERY COUNTY	63.32	65	HALIFAX COUNTY	47.19
66	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	63.30	66	SAMPSON COUNTY	45.77
67	FRANKLIN COUNTY	61.82	67	LENOIR COUNTY	45.59
68	YADKIN COUNTY	60.07	68	FRANKLIN COUNTY	45.37
69	RANDOLPH COUNTY	57.12	69	WILKES COUNTY	44.27
70	ROWAN COUNTY	56.32	70	YANCEY COUNTY	44.14
71	WARREN COUNTY	56.05	71	VANCE COUNTY	43.84
72	LENOIR COUNTY	55.36	72	BEAUFORT COUNTY	43.39
73	STANLY COUNTY	53.07	73	GRAHAM COUNTY	41.37
74	BEAUFORT COUNTY	51.67	74	GATES COUNTY	38.60
75	GATES COUNTY	51.06	75	STOKES COUNTY	37.48
76	WILKES COUNTY	50.77	76	JOHNSTON COUNTY	37.00
77	GRAHAM COUNTY	50.29	77	CALDWELL COUNTY	36.28
78	VANCE COUNTY	50.28	78	DUPLIN COUNTY	36.04
79	SAMPSON COUNTY	50.27	79	STANLY COUNTY	34.72
80	HALIFAX COUNTY	50.10	80	HERTFORD COUNTY	34.55
81	BLADEN COUNTY	47.03	81	AVERY COUNTY	34.06
82	JOHNSTON COUNTY	45.22	82	LINCOLN COUNTY	32.85
83	STOKES COUNTY	44.62	83	BURKE COUNTY	32.64

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Rank	County	Lbs./Person	Rank	County	Lbs./Person
84	CALDWELL COUNTY	43.14	84	BLADEN COUNTY	30.53
85	HERTFORD COUNTY	41.55	85	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	29.50
86	HOKE COUNTY	39.89	86	HOKE COUNTY	28.07
87	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	38.67	87	HARNETT COUNTY	27.53
88	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	38.65	88	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	27.36
89	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	37.90	89	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	27.00
90	HARNETT COUNTY	36.98	90	CHEROKEE COUNTY	24.25
91	CHEROKEE COUNTY	28.05	91	GREENE COUNTY	18.74
92	RICHMOND COUNTY	27.14	92	JONES COUNTY	18.49
93	ROBESON COUNTY	23.65	93	ROBESON COUNTY	15.83
94	GREENE COUNTY	20.50	94	WASHINGTON COUNTY	15.78
95	COLUMBUS COUNTY	19.15	95	TYRRELL COUNTY	11.91
96	JONES COUNTY	18.49	96	COLUMBUS COUNTY	11.21
97	TYRRELL COUNTY	17.72	97	CASWELL COUNTY	10.99
98	WASHINGTON COUNTY	15.78	98	BERTIE COUNTY	10.48
99	CASWELL COUNTY	13.40	99	RICHMOND COUNTY	6.12
100	BERTIE COUNTY	12.31	100	ANSON COUNTY	4.59