



North Carolina Counties: Local Education Agency Average Daily Membership

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) uses Average Daily Membership (ADM) to track the number of students enrolled in public schools. There are 115 Local Education Agencies (LEA) across North Carolina, with 100 of those being county school systems and the remaining 15 being city school systems. Comparing FY 19-20 with FY 24-25 using ADM Month Final for the 100 counties, 81 counties experienced a reduction in their ADM while 19 counties increased their ADM. Statewide, there was a 3% reduction.

Average Daily Membership for County Local Education Agencies – FY 24-25 Month Final

County	FY 24-25 Month Final ADM	% change from FY 19-20	County	FY 24-25 Month Final ADM	% change from FY 19-20	County	FY 24-25 Month Final ADM	% change from FY 19-20
Alamance	22,207	-2.7%	Franklin	7,779	-3.4%	Pamlico	1,073	-13.2%
Alexander	4,152	-12.0%	Gaston	30,347	-1.2%	Pasquotank	4,570	-11.4%
Alleghany	1,258	-7.4%	Gates	1,347	-13.5%	Pender	11,895	25.5%
Anson	2,889	-7.1%	Graham	1,177	4.8%	Perquimans	1,715	5.9%
Ashe	2,546	-12.2%	Granville	6,189	-13.6%	Person	4,547	6.2%
Avery	1,659	-12.2%	Greene	2,686	-5.1%	Pitt	23,657	1.6%
Beaufort	5,459	-12.4%	Guilford	65,633	-7.4%	Polk	1,963	-6.3%
Bertie	1,571	-20.4%	Halifax	2,019	-7.4%	Randolph	14,674	-6.2%
Bladen	3,804	-6.3%	Harnett	19,618	-1.6%	Richmond	6,359	-7.6%
Brunswick	13,309	7.0%	Haywood	6,602	-5.8%	Robeson	20,125	-4.5%
Buncombe	21,674	-7.4%	Henderson	12,361	-6.6%	Rockingham	10,692	-6.6%
Burke	11,081	-6.2%	Hertford	2,178	-16.6%	Rowan	17,436	-6.2%
Cabarrus	34,999	4.2%	Hoke	8,459	-3.0%	Rutherford	8,603	14.0%
Caldwell	11,769	6.1%	Hyde	434	-18.3%	Sampson	7,716	-2.4%
Camden	1,892	2.3%	Iredell	20,610	1.2%	Scotland	5,157	-6.9%
Carteret	7,652	-3.9%	Jackson	3,403	-4.6%	Stanly	8,635	4.4%
Caswell	2,014	-12.7%	Johnston	36,764	0.0%	Stokes	5,358	-6.2%
Catawba	16,436	5.0%	Jones	932	-7.9%	Surry	7,062	-4.2%
Chatham	8,761	-2.4%	Lee	9,466	-3.4%	Swain	1,786	-5.9%
Cherokee	3,467	12.9%	Lenoir	7,965	-5.1%	Transylvania	3,088	-6.7%
Chowan	1,649	-11.9%	Lincoln	11,338	-0.1%	Tyrrell	433	-23.9%
Clay	1,245	-1.8%	Macon	4,307	-2.3%	Union	40,644	-1.9%
Cleveland	13,862	-1.2%	Madison	1,991	-10.6%	Vance	4,913	-6.8%
Columbus	5,094	-4.0%	Martin	2,518	-8.2%	Wake	160,489	-0.1%
Craven	11,772	-10.2%	McDowell	5,263	-10.4%	Warren	1,475	-16.9%
Cumberland	47,840	-3.5%	Mecklenburg	140,801	-3.7%	Washington	979	-15.7%
Currituck	4,479	7.8%	Mitchell	1,659	-8.0%	Watauga	4,504	-2.5%
Dare	4,782	-8.7%	Montgomery	3,419	-6.4%	Wayne	16,720	-6.3%
Davidson	17,530	-4.9%	Moore	12,860	0.9%	Wilkes	8,095	-8.9%
Davie	5,924	-2.1%	Nash	13,052	-12.5%	Wilson	10,160	-6.5%
Duplin	9,477	-1.4%	New Hanover	24,232	-5.4%	Yadkin	4,853	-3.0%
Durham	30,722	-5.7%	Northampton	1,156	-17.4%	Yancey	2,010	-1.5%
Edgecombe	6,106	9.3%	Onslow	26,703	0.6%			
Forsyth	50,105	-6.2%	Orange	6,883	-6.5%	Statewide	1.3 million	-3.0%