



Sales Tax on Groceries (FY 2024-25)

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Sales tax rates vary by county in North Carolina, but all counties have a sales tax of at least 6.75%. The first 4.75% is a state sales tax. The next 2% is a local sales tax (authorized under Articles 39, 40, and 42) which is levied by all counties. This tax is levied on all goods, including groceries. Revenue generated supports county services with a required portion dedicated to school capital needs. Below is a table that shows the amount of sales tax collected on groceries by county and the percentage of the 2% local sales tax (Articles 39, 40, and 42) that is from groceries.

Note: Two additional local sales taxes require voter approval through a referendum: those authorized under Article 43, which funds transit, and Article 46, which supports the general fund. To date, only 50 counties have approved one or both of these taxes. Neither Article 43 nor Article 46 taxes apply to groceries.



\$578 million from sales tax on groceries funds county services.

County	Taxes from groceries	% of local sales tax*	County	Taxes from groceries	% of local sales tax*	County	Taxes from groceries	% of local sales tax*
Alamance	\$ 10,018,941	11.5%	Franklin	\$ 2,939,305	11.6%	Pamlico	\$ 708,461	15.7%
Alexander	1,868,645	15.5%	Gaston	13,888,212	12.9%	Pasquotank	2,572,790	11.9%
Alleghany	688,601	14.8%	Gates	569,093	22.4%	Pender	2,846,796	10.5%
Anson	1,173,334	15.7%	Graham	480,427	14.0%	Perquimans	639,189	15.1%
Ashe	1,501,820	12.3%	Granville	3,035,663	15.3%	Person	2,225,095	14.5%
Avery	1,361,939	11.6%	Greene	808,664	15.5%	Pitt	9,739,580	11.2%
Beaufort	3,088,160	15.8%	Guilford	30,604,245	12.0%	Polk	1,023,540	13.5%
Bertie	688,234	14.4%	Halifax	2,973,284	14.6%	Randolph	7,745,653	12.1%
Bladen	1,723,715	17.4%	Harnett	5,862,980	11.4%	Richmond	2,670,908	16.0%
Brunswick	7,860,117	9.1%	Haywood	3,994,708	12.0%	Robeson	6,654,377	14.1%
Buncombe	17,532,139	9.8%	Henderson	6,473,199	11.9%	Rockingham	5,733,247	16.0%
Burke	5,708,268	17.2%	Hertford	1,493,717	17.9%	Rowan	7,656,197	12.1%
Cabarrus	11,225,520	8.3%	Hoke	1,860,486	13.0%	Rutherford	3,760,845	13.6%
Caldwell	4,915,439	16.4%	Hyde	262,943	11.7%	Sampson	3,164,997	14.0%
Camden	353,371	10.7%	Iredell	9,853,711	10.0%	Scotland	2,177,562	18.3%
Carteret	5,246,452	12.0%	Jackson	2,463,777	10.1%	Stanly	3,892,767	12.8%
Caswell	889,779	16.6%	Johnston	10,047,813	11.2%	Stokes	2,110,392	14.9%
Catawba	9,844,058	11.0%	Jones	299,830	11.3%	Surry	5,213,830	13.9%
Chatham	3,310,484	9.1%	Lee	3,907,085	11.6%	Swain	802,879	11.8%
Cherokee	1,780,494	12.0%	Lenoir	3,400,605	16.4%	Transylvania	2,099,815	13.2%
Chowan	895,516	15.3%	Lincoln	4,558,580	10.5%	Tyrrell	172,000	13.6%
Clay	541,561	11.6%	Macon	2,278,385	11.0%	Union	10,430,184	10.6%
Cleveland	5,993,037	13.6%	Madison	982,180	13.0%	Vance	2,853,269	16.0%
Columbus	2,633,218	16.0%	Martin	1,279,548	14.9%	Wake	56,686,929	7.7%
Craven	5,612,942	12.7%	McDowell	2,661,975	14.4%	Warren	872,756	17.4%
Cumberland	18,165,615	11.6%	Mecklenburg	56,677,815	6.9%	Washington	748,035	18.5%
Currituck	1,426,003	7.7%	Mitchell	952,626	15.1%	Watauga	3,264,478	10.1%
Dare	4,091,984	8.8%	Montgomery	1,541,470	16.0%	Wayne	6,693,522	14.2%
Davidson	9,194,074	13.6%	Moore	6,339,474	10.2%	Wilkes	3,911,120	14.3%
Davie	1,963,138	12.4%	Nash	6,241,198	15.0%	Wilson	4,927,046	13.7%
Duplin	2,765,950	14.2%	New Hanover	14,438,425	8.4%	Yadkin	1,952,154	16.3%
Durham	18,894,466	7.7%	Northampton	567,905	11.9%	Yancey	1,047,334	14.8%
Edgecombe	3,163,510	17.8%	Onslow	9,583,758	10.1%			
Forsyth	22,858,690	11.4%	Orange	8,954,575	11.4%	Statewide	\$578,254,623	10.4%