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Area Quick Facts:

NC Civilian Labor Force December 2007 Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Force	4,525,983
Employed	4,300,998
Unemployed	224,985
Rate	5.0

Duration of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (Weeks) For 12 Months Ending December*

	2007	2006
Cleveland	12.6	14.9
McDowell	8.9	9.3
Polk	10.4	10.4
Rutherford	12.7	15.5

*Duration is the number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments.

NC Average Weekly Benefit Amount December 2007 \$274.19

NC Maximum Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefit Amount \$476

New Corporations*

	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006
Cleveland	29	16
McDowell	8	4
Polk	8	11
Rutherford	12	19

*Source: NC Department of the Secretary of State.

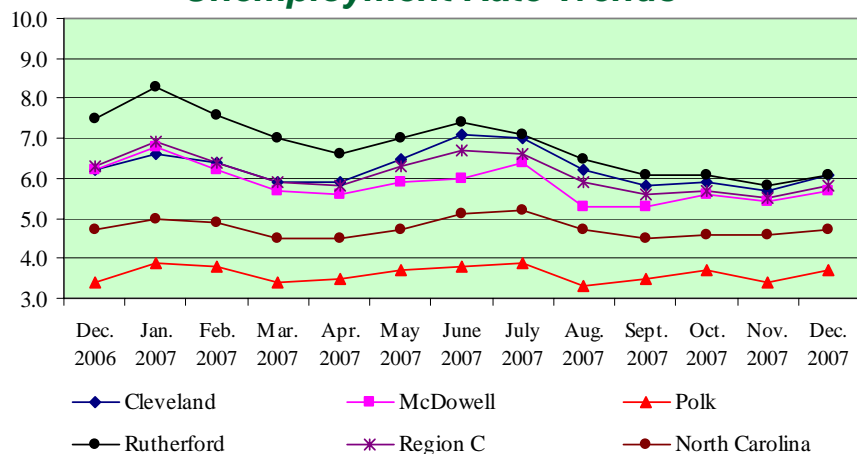
Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		December 2007	November 2007	December 2006
Cleveland	Labor Force	48,502	48,660	48,056
	Employed	45,566	45,869	45,089
	Unemployed	2,936	2,791	2,967
	Rate %	6.1	5.7	6.2
McDowell	Labor Force	20,987	21,081	20,868
	Employed	19,786	19,948	19,565
	Unemployed	1,201	1,133	1,303
	Rate %	5.7	5.4	6.2
Polk	Labor Force	9,532	9,616	9,501
	Employed	9,181	9,291	9,174
	Unemployed	351	325	327
	Rate %	3.7	3.4	3.4
Rutherford	Labor Force	28,948	29,168	30,012
	Employed	27,188	27,475	27,760
	Unemployed	1,760	1,693	2,252
	Rate %	6.1	5.8	7.5
Region C	Labor Force	107,969	108,525	108,437
	Employed	101,721	102,583	101,588
	Unemployed	6,248	5,942	6,849
	Rate %	5.8	5.5	6.3
NC	Labor Force	4,499,970	4,537,615	4,519,980
	Employed	4,288,134	4,328,837	4,308,328
	Unemployed	211,836	208,778	211,652
	Rate %	4.7	4.6	4.7

*January 2007 area/county estimates will be released on March 19, 2008.

Note: When comparing area/county data to state data, use not seasonally adjusted state data as in this chart. 2006 data are benchmarked.

Unemployment Rate Trends



**Total Industry Wages
For Quarter Ending June 30, 2007**

	Cleveland Empl.	McDowell Empl.	Polk Empl.	Rutherford Empl.
Federal Government	\$2,519,044	\$1,051,219	\$487,798	\$1,386,797
State Government	\$7,776,113	\$7,088,884	\$580,289	\$4,554,387
Local Government	\$34,798,602	\$12,169,889	\$6,061,846	\$20,941,005
Private Industry	\$221,541,562	\$96,610,453	\$30,158,306	\$131,740,691
Total All Industries	\$266,635,321	\$116,920,445	\$37,288,239	\$158,622,880

**Unemployment Insurance
Claims — December 2007**

**Gender and Age of Individuals Filing
Initial Claims — December 2007**

	Initial Claims	Benefits Paid		Cleveland	McDowell	Polk	Rutherford
Cleveland	1,066	\$1,110,025	Female	37%	42%	43%	41%
McDowell	932	\$652,265	Male	63%	58%	57%	59%
Polk	130	\$95,549	16 — 19	1%	2%	3%	1%
Rutherford	647	\$610,733	20 — 24	8%	8%	12%	8%
Statewide	56,514	\$78,242,389	25 — 34	18%	26%	22%	22%
			35 — 44	29%	28%	25%	25%
			45 — 54	30%	23%	24%	25%
			55 — 64	12%	12%	12%	16%
			65 +	2%	1%	2%	3%

Total Registered Applicants Active Anytime From 7/1/2007 - 12/31/07**

Occupation	Cleveland	McDowell	Polk	Rutherford
Professional, Technical & Managerial	1,019	455	99	569
Clerical	1,175	418	65	698
Sales	324	136	24	176
Domestic Services	42	8	*	21
Other Services	1,348	695	68	1,038
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	77	45	8	53
Processing	341	116	12	311
Machine Trade	1,118	526	75	810
Benchwork	452	267	20	324
Structural Work	904	377	52	447
Motor Freight & Transportation	227	111	17	132
Packaging & Material Handling	1,321	350	51	728
Miscellaneous	41	20	5	20

**Program Year 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008 *Number suppressed

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