

County Economic Status and Number of Distressed Areas in Appalachian North Carolina, Fiscal Year 2026

Counties in **Bold** Contain Distressed Areas

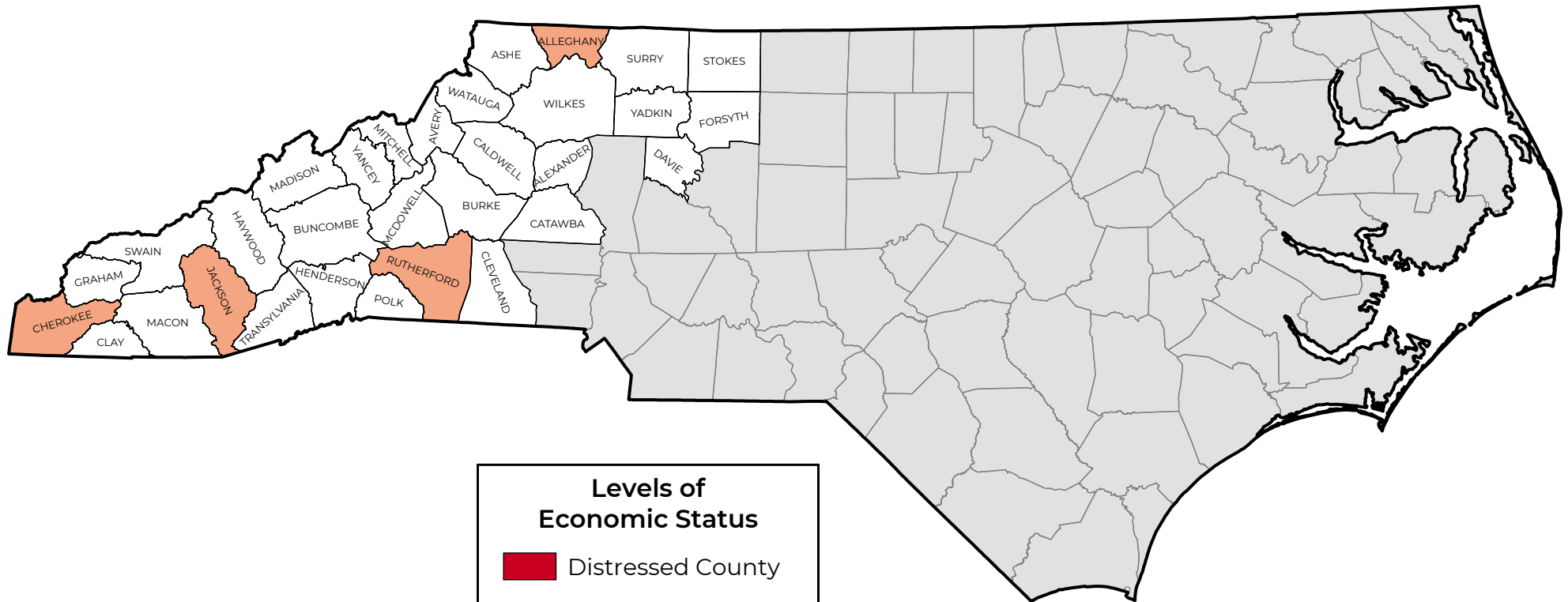
County	Economic Status	Number of Distressed Areas
Alexander	Transitional	1
Alleghany	At-Risk	0
Ashe	Transitional	2
Avery	Transitional	0
Buncombe	Transitional	4
Burke	Transitional	4
Caldwell	Transitional	3
Catawba	Transitional	5
Cherokee	At-Risk	4
Clay	Transitional	0
Cleveland	Transitional	7
Davie	Transitional	0
Forsyth	Transitional	20
Graham	Transitional	0
Haywood	Transitional	2
Henderson	Transitional	4
Jackson	At-Risk	2
McDowell	Transitional	2
Macon	Transitional	1
Madison	Transitional	0
Mitchell	Transitional	0
Polk	Transitional	1
Rutherford	At-Risk	8
Stokes	Transitional	1
Surry	Transitional	5
Swain	Transitional	0
Transylvania	Transitional	3
Watauga	Transitional	1
Wilkes	Transitional	6
Yadkin	Transitional	1
Yancey	Transitional	0

Distressed Areas in Appalachian North Carolina, Fiscal Year 2026

County	Census Tract ID Number	County	Census Tract ID Number
Alexander	401	Forsyth	16.02
Ashe	9703	Forsyth	18
Ashe	9708.02	Forsyth	19.01
Buncombe	13	Forsyth	20.01
Buncombe	24.01	Forsyth	20.02
Buncombe	25.06	Forsyth	27.02
Buncombe	32.05	Forsyth	27.04
Burke	201	Forsyth	28.04
Burke	202.02	Forsyth	34.03
Burke	206	Forsyth	34.04
Burke	214	Forsyth	35
Caldwell	304	Forsyth	39.03
Caldwell	308.02	Haywood	9211
Caldwell	314.03	Haywood	9213.02
Catawba	103.04	Henderson	9301
Catawba	104.02	Henderson	9310
Catawba	109	Henderson	9312
Catawba	110	Henderson	9313
Catawba	114.01	Jackson	9402
Cherokee	9301.01	Jackson	9503
Cherokee	9301.02	McDowell	9704
Cherokee	9306.03	McDowell	9705
Cherokee	9306.04	Macon	9707
Cleveland	9501.02	Polk	9202.02
Cleveland	9505	Rutherford	9601.02
Cleveland	9506.04	Rutherford	9602.01
Cleveland	9507.01	Rutherford	9605.02
Cleveland	9509	Rutherford	9605.03
Cleveland	9511	Rutherford	9607
Cleveland	9516.02	Rutherford	9608
Forsyth	3.01	Rutherford	9609
Forsyth	4	Rutherford	9611.04
Forsyth	5	Stokes	703.02
Forsyth	6	Surry	9302.01
Forsyth	7	Surry	9302.02
Forsyth	8.02	Surry	9304
Forsyth	14	Surry	9308.02
Forsyth	15	Surry	9310.03

County	Census Tract ID Number	County	Census Tract ID Number
Transylvania	9602.01		
Transylvania	9605.02		
Transylvania	9606.02		
Watauga	9206.01		
Wilkes	9601.02		
Wilkes	9602		
Wilkes	9605		
Wilkes	9607		
Wilkes	9608.01		
Wilkes	9610.01		
Yadkin	504.01		

County Economic Status in Appalachian North Carolina, Fiscal Year 2026



Levels of Economic Status

-  Distressed County
-  At-Risk County
-  Transitional County
-  Competitive County
-  Attainment County

0 25 50
Miles

County Economic Status and Distressed Areas in Appalachian North Carolina, Fiscal Year 2026

