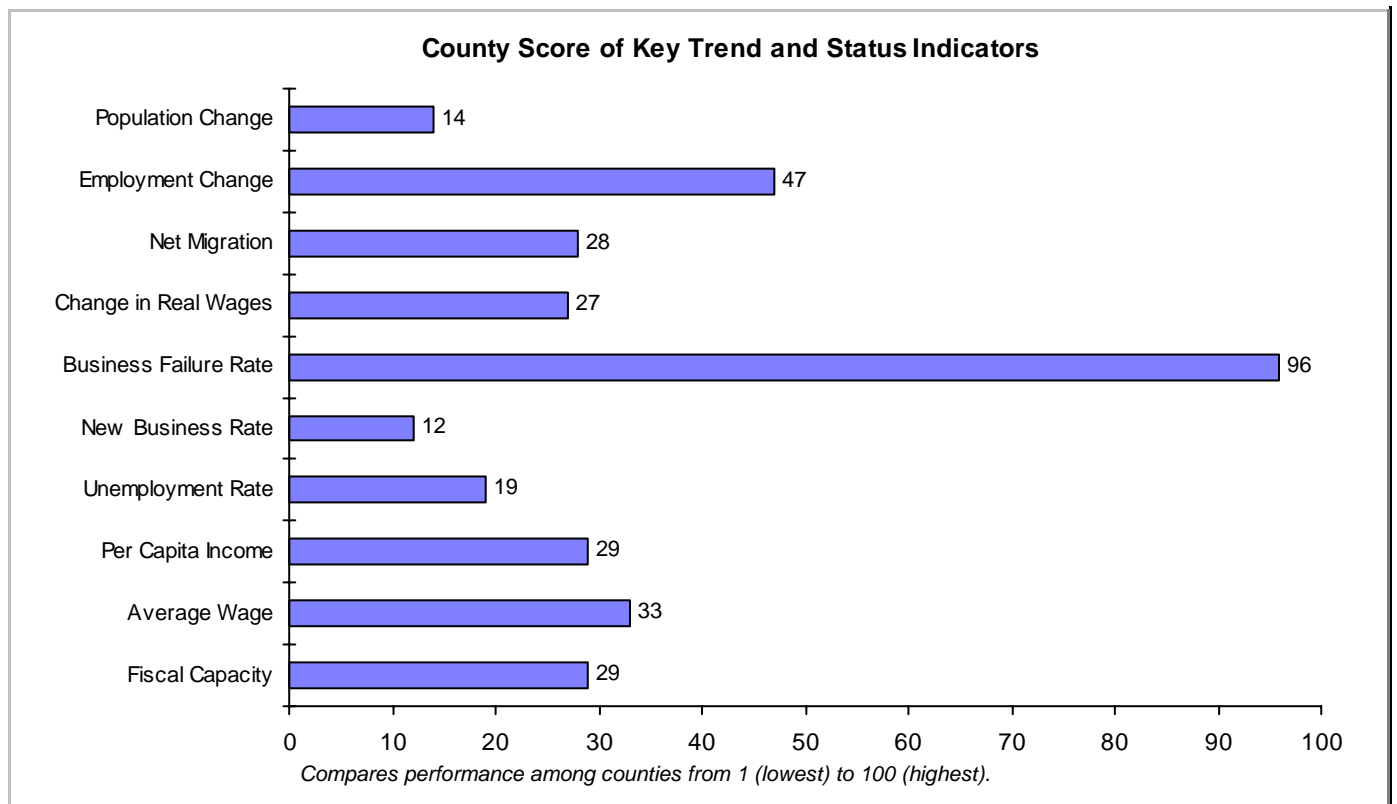


# Mitchell County

## I. Key Trend and Status Indicators

Indicator	Years	Mitchell County	North Carolina
Population Change	1990-99	2.4	15.3%
Employment Change	1998-99	1.6%	2.2%
Net Migration	1990-99	3.4	9.5%
Real Wages Change	1998-99	0.7%	6.2%
Business Failure Rate	1999	9.3%	7.0%
New Business Rate	1999	9.0%	11.6%
Unemployment Rate	1999	6.4%	3.2%
Poverty Rate	1995	13.9	13.1%
Per Capita Income	1998	\$19,449	\$25,181
Average Annual Wage	1999	\$22,263	\$29,321
Fiscal Capacity (<=100)	2000	9.57	NA



# Mitchell County

## II. Economic and Demographic Data

### Population

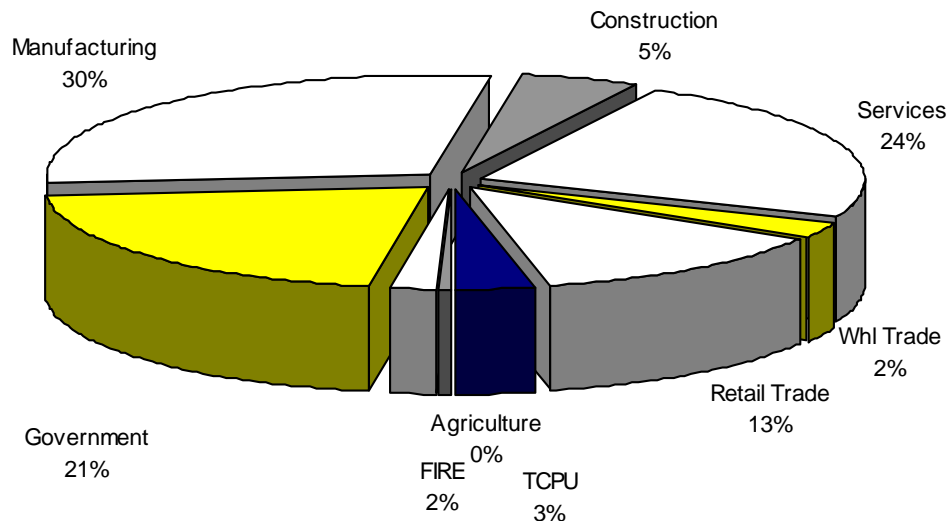
Indicator	Years	Mitchell	North Carolina	County Score
Population	1999	14,763	7,650,789	14
Projected Population	2008	14,723	8,493,432	13
Projected AnnualGrowth Rate	1999-2008	0.0%	1.2%	13
Labor Force	1999	7,010	3,874,500	16
% Population in Labor Force	1999	47.7%	48.4%	NA
% Population Non-White	1999	0.4%	24.1%	NA
% Adults w/HS Education	1990	55.3%	70.0%	8
% Adults w/College Education	1990	9.2%	17.4%	35

County Score: Compares performance among counties from 1 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

### Employment and Wages

Sector	1999 Employment	% of Cnty Emp	% of NC Emp	98-99 % Chg Cnty Emp	98-99% Chg NC Emp	99 Annual Avg Wage	% of NC Avg Wage
Agriculture	25	0.4%	1.4%	4.2%	3.7%	\$12,577	62.9%
Construction	285	4.8%	5.8%	14.0%	5.9%	\$23,753	81.0%
Finan/Ins/Real Est	106	1.8%	4.7%	-2.8%	3.8%	\$30,742	69.8%
Government	1,173	19.8%	15.7%	2.6%	1.8%	\$21,616	72.3%
Manufacturing	1,581	26.7%	21.3%	-1.4%	-3.1%	\$22,952	66.3%
Services	1,297	21.9%	23.5%	6.8%	5.5%	\$19,139	69.0%
Wholesale Trade	136	2.3%	5.0%	-1.4%	3.3%	\$24,085	61.5%
Retail Trade	720	12.2%	18.0%	6.4%	3.1%	\$13,970	83.2%
Trans/Com/Pub Util	175	3.0%	4.6%	2.9%	2.6%	\$33,920	86.2%
Total	5,914	100.0%	100.0%	1.6%	2.2%	\$22,263	75.5%

Share of County Employment, 1999



# Mitchell County

## II. Economic and Demographic Data (continued)

### Income by Major Source, 1998

Category	Cnty Per Capita	State Per Capita	% of Cnty Total	% of State Total
Net Labor Earnings	\$11,589	\$17,117	59.6%	68.0%
Income Maintenance Benefits	\$424	\$331	2.2%	1.3%
Unemployment Insurance Payments	\$152	\$58	0.8%	0.2%
Govt Retirement/Disability Payments	\$3,987	\$3,074	20.5%	12.2%
Dividends/Interest/Rent Earnings	\$3,297	\$4,601	17.0%	18.3%
Total Personal Income	\$19,449	\$25,181	100.0%	100.0%

### Cash Receipts from Agriculture, 1998

Category	Cnty Per Capita	State Per Capita	% of Cnty Total	% of State Total
Crops, Total	\$420	\$430	90.2%	44.5%
Tobacco	\$75	\$132	16.0%	13.7%
Other Crops	\$345	\$298	74.2%	30.9%
Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry	\$39	\$519	8.3%	53.7%
Government Payments	\$7	\$17	1.5%	1.8%
Total Farm Income	\$466	\$966	100.0%	100.0%

### Travel and Tourism, 1999

Indicator	Year	Total	Per Capita	County Score
Travel Spending	1999	\$17,270,000	\$1,176	72
Travel Wages	1999	\$3,230,000	\$220	69
Travel Employment	1999	210	14.3 (per thousand people)	69
Seasonal Dwelling Units	1990	325	22.5 (per thousand people)	67

County Score: Compares per capita spending, wages, and per thousand employment and dwellings among counties from 1 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

### Announced Investment and Employment in Manufacturing Plants, 1999

Type of Investment	1999 Investment	County Score Investment	1999 Employment	County Score Employment
New Plants	\$3,500,000	61	16	46
Expansions	\$5,390,629	45	38	40

County Score: Compares investment and employment among counties from 1 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

# Mitchell County

## III. Development Capacity, Accessibility, Infrastructure and Resources

### Development Capacity Checklist

Indicator	Yes	No
County Development Program	✓	
Local Development Corporation	✓	
Chamber of Commerce	✓	
Economic Development Plan	✓	
80% of population within 10 miles of a 4-lane road		✓
Commercial Airport within 50 miles		✓
Interstate Highway within 10 miles		✓
Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available	✓	
Natural Gas Available		✓
100,000+ sq ft of Industrial Space Available		✓
Industrial Sites Available		✓

### Accessibility

Nearest Major City (100,000+ population)	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City (miles)	110
Nearest Commercial Airport	Asheville Regional
Runway Length (feet)	8,000
Distance to Nearest Airport (miles)	60
Nearest Interstate(s)	I-40
Distance to Nearest Interstate (miles)	28
% Population within 10 miles of 4-lane road	0%

### Industrial Property

Indicator	Area	County Score
Available Space in Industrial Buildings (in sq.ft.)	0	1
Available Acreage in Industrial Sites	0.0	1

County Score: Compares available industrial space among counties from 1 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

### Municipal Wastewater Treatment

Indicator	Total in gal/day	Per Capita	County Score
Existing Wastewater Treatment Capacity	2,075,000	140.5	73
Surplus Wastewater Treatment Capacity	1,488,375	100.8	92

County Score: Compares per capita wastewater capacity among counties from 1 (lowest) to 100 (highest).

Number of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants: 2