

North Carolina County Formation: Dates and Parent Counties ^[1]

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Date	County	Formed From (or Date Extinct)
1664	Albemarle	Original county: Extinct 1689
1664	Clarendon	Original county: Extinct by 1667
1668	Chowan	Albemarle [Shaftesbury, 1670-82]
1668	Currituck	Albemarle [Carteret, 1670-82]
1668	Pasquotank	Albemarle [Carteret, 1670-82]
1668	Perquimans	Albemarle [Berkeley, 1670-82]
1696	Bath	Original county (extinct after 1724)
1705	Beaufort	Bath [Pamptecough, 1705-1712]
1705	Craven	Bath [Archdale, 1705-1712]
1705	Hyde	Bath [Wickham, 1705-1712]
1722	Bertie	Chowan
1722	Carteret	Craven
1729	New Hanover	Craven
1729	Tyrrell	Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, Pasquotank
1734	Bladen	New Hanover

Date 1734	County Onslow	Formed From (or Date Extinct) New Hanover
1741	Edgecombe	Bertie
1741	Northampton	Bertie
1746	Granville	Edgecombe
1746	Johnston	Craven
1750	Anson	Bladen
1750	Duplin	New Hanover
1752	Orange	Johnston, Bladen, Granville
1753	Rowan	Anson
1754	Cumberland	Bladen
1759	Dobbs	Johnston
1759	Halifax	Edgecombe
1760	Hertford	Chowan, Bertie, Northampton
1761	Pitt	Beaufort
1763	Mecklenburg	Anson
1764	Brunswick	New Hanover, Bladen
1764	Bute	Granville
1768	Tryon	Mecklenburg

1771 Date	Chatham County	Orange Formed From (or Date Extinct)
1771	Guilford	Rowan, Orange
1771	Surry	Rowan
1771	Wake	Johnston, Cumberland, Orange
1774	Martin	Halifax, Tyrrell
1777	Burke	Rowan
1777	Camden	Pasquotank
1777	Caswell	Orange
1777	Nash	Edgecombe
1778	Wilkes	Surry, District of Washington
1779	Franklin	Bute
1779	Gates	Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans
1779	Jones	Craven
1779	Lincoln	Tryon
1779	Montgomery	Anson
1779	Randolph	Guilford
1779	Richmond	Anson
1779	Rutherford	Tryon
1779	Warren	Bute

1779 Date	Wayne County	Dobbs Formed From (or Date Extinct)
1784	Moore	Cumberland
1784	Sampson	Duplin
1785	Rockingham	Guilford
1787	Robeson	Bladen
1788	Iredell	Rowan
1789	Stokes	Surry
1791	Buncombe	Burke, Rutherford
1791	Glasgow	Dobbs
1791	Lenoir	Dobbs
1792	Cabarrus	Mecklenburg
1792	Person	Caswell
1799	Ashe	Wilkes
1799	Greene	Glasgow
1799	Washington	Tyrrell
1808	Columbus	Brunswick, Bladen
1808	Haywood	Buncombe
1822	Davidson	Rowan
1828	Macon	Haywood

Date 1833	County Yancey	Formed From (or Date Extinct) Burke, Buncombe
1836	Davie	Rowan
1838	Henderson	Buncombe
1839	Cherokee	Macon
1841	Caldwell	Burke, Wilkes
1841	Cleveland	Rutherford, Lincoln
1841	Stanly	Montgomery
1842	Catawba	Lincoln
1842	McDowell	Rutherford, Burke
1842	Union	Anson, Mecklenburg
1846	Gaston	Lincoln
1847	Alexander	Iredell, Caldwell, Wilkes
1849	Alamance	Orange
1849	Forsyth	Stokes
1849	Watauga	Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Yancey
1850	Yadkin	Surry
1851	Jackson	Haywood, Macon
1851	Madison	Buncombe, Yancey
1855	Harnett	Cumberland

Date 1855	County Polk	Formed From (or Date Extinct) Rutherford, Henderson
1855	Wilson	Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, Wayne
1859	Alleghany	Ashe
1861	Clay	Cherokee
1861	Mitchell	Yancey, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell
1861	Transylvania	Henderson, Jackson
1870	Dare	Currituck, Tyrrell, Hyde
1871	Swain	Jackson, Macon
1872	Graham	Cherokee
1872	Pamlico	Craven, Beaufort
1875	Pender	New Hanover
1881	Durham	Orange, Wake
1881	Vance	Granville, Warren, Franklin
1899	Scotland	Richmond
1907	Lee	Moore, Chatham
1911	Avery	Mitchell, Watauga, Caldwell
1911	Hoke	Cumberland, Robeson

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