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Year	County	Created From	County Seat	First Settled	First Settled By	Population (2010)	Notes/ Comments
1664	<a href="#">Albemarle</a>	1st Charter	-	1650s	Virginians	-	Abolished in 1738
1664	<a href="#">Clarendon</a>	1st Charter	<a href="#">Charles Town</a>	1664	New Endlanders, then Barbadians	-	Abolished in 1667
1668	<a href="#">Chowan</a>	Albemarle County	<a href="#">Edenton</a>	1660s	Virginians	14,793	
1668	<a href="#">Currituck</a>	Albemarle County	<a href="#">Currituck</a>	1660s	Virginians	23,547	
1668	<a href="#">Pasquotank</a>	Albemarle County	<a href="#">Elizabeth City</a>	1660s	Virginians	40,661	
1668	<a href="#">Perquimans</a>	Albemarle County	<a href="#">Hertford</a>	1660s	Virginians	13,453	
1680	<a href="#">Albemarle Precinct</a>	Pasquotank Precinct	-	1660s	Virginians	-	Renamed back to Pasquotank in mid-1680s
1680	<a href="#">Berkeley Precinct</a>	Perquimans Precinct	-	1660s	Virginians	-	Renamed back to Perquimans in mid-1680s
1680	<a href="#">Carteret Precinct</a>	Currituck Precinct	-	1660s	Virginians	-	Renamed back to Currituck in mid-1680s
1680	<a href="#">Shaftesbury Precinct</a>	Chowan Precinct	-	1660s	Virginians	-	Renamed back to Chowan in mid-1680s
1696	<a href="#">Bath</a>	Old Albemarle County	<a href="#">Bath</a>	1660s	Virginians	-	Abolished in 1738
1705	<a href="#">Archdale</a>	Bath County	-	1690s	Virginians	-	Abolished in 1712
1705	<a href="#">Pamtecough</a>	Bath County	-	1690s	Virginians	-	Abolished in 1712
1705	<a href="#">Wickham</a>	Bath County	-	1690s	Virginians	-	Abolished in 1712
1712	<a href="#">Beaufort</a>	Pamtecough Precinct	<a href="#">Washington</a>	1690s	Virginians	47,759	

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1712	<a href="#">Craven</a>	Archdale Precinct	<a href="#">New Bern</a>	1690s	Virginians	103,505	
1712	<a href="#">Hyde</a>	Wickham Precinct	<a href="#">Swan Quarter</a>	1690s	Virginians	5,810	
1722	<a href="#">Bertie</a>	Chowan County	<a href="#">Windsor</a>	1690s	Virginians	21,282	
1722	<a href="#">Carteret</a>	Craven County	<a href="#">Beaufort</a>	~1700	From Craven County	66,469	
1729	<a href="#">New Hanover</a>	Craven County	<a href="#">Wilmington</a>	1724	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	202,667	
1729	<a href="#">Tyrrell</a>	Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, and Pasquotank Counties	<a href="#">Columbia</a>	~1700	Virginians	4,407	
1734	<a href="#">Bladen</a>	New Hanover County	<a href="#">Elizabethtown</a>	1720	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	35,190	
1734	<a href="#">Onslow</a>	New Hanover County	<a href="#">Jacksonville</a>	1705/6	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	177,772	
1741	<a href="#">Edgecombe</a>	Bertie and Beaufort Counties	<a href="#">Tarboro</a>	1720s	Virginians	56,552	
1741	<a href="#">Northampton</a>	Bertie County	<a href="#">Jackson</a>	1660s	Virginians	22,099	
1746	<a href="#">Granville</a>	Edgecombe County	<a href="#">Oxford</a>	1720s	From Edgecombe County/ Virginians	59,916	
1746	<a href="#">Johnston</a>	Craven County	<a href="#">Smithfield</a>	1720s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	168,878	
1750	<a href="#">Anson</a>	Bladen County	<a href="#">Wadesboro</a>	1730s	From Bladen County, then Scots-Irish	26,948	
1750	<a href="#">Duplin</a>	New Hanover County	<a href="#">Kenansville</a>	1720s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	58,505	

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1752	<a href="#">Orange</a>	Johnston, Bladen, and Granville Counties	<a href="#">Hillsborough</a>	1740s	Germans	133,801	
1753	<a href="#">Rowan</a>	Anson County	<a href="#">Salisbury</a>	1740s	Germans, Scots-Irish	138,428	
1754	<a href="#">Cumberland</a>	Bladen County	<a href="#">Fayetteville</a>	1729	Highland Scots	319,431	
1758	<a href="#">Dobbs</a>	Johnston County	<a href="#">Kinston</a>	1730s	From Johnston County	-	Abolished in 1791
1758	<a href="#">Halifax</a>	Edgecombe County	<a href="#">Halifax</a>	1720s	From Edgecombe County	54,691	
1759	<a href="#">Hertford</a>	Chowan, Bertie, and Northampton Counties	<a href="#">Winton</a>	1680s	Virginians	24,669	
1760	<a href="#">Pitt</a>	Beaufort County	<a href="#">Greenville</a>	1714	Virginians	168,148	
1762	<a href="#">Mecklenburg</a>	Anson County	<a href="#">Charlotte</a>	1740s	Scots-Irish	919,628	
1764	<a href="#">Brunswick</a>	New Hanover County	<a href="#">Bolivia</a>	1713	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	107,431	
1764	<a href="#">Bute</a>	Granville County	<a href="#">Buffalo Race Path</a>	1720s	From Granville County/Virginia	-	Abolished in 1779
1768	<a href="#">Tryon</a>	Mecklenburg County	<a href="#">Tryon C.H.</a>	1740s	Scots-Irish	-	Abolished in 1779
1771	<a href="#">Chatham</a>	Orange County	<a href="#">Pittsboro</a>	1750s	Germans and Scots-Irish	63,505	
1771	<a href="#">Guilford</a>	Rowan and Orange Counties	<a href="#">Greensboro</a>	1740s	Germans, then Quakers	488,406	
1771	<a href="#">Surry</a>	Rowan County	<a href="#">Dobson</a>	1740s	Moravians, Germans, Scots-Irish	73,673	
1771	<a href="#">Wake</a>	Johnston, Cumberland,	<a href="#">Raleigh</a>	1740s	From Johnston, Cumberland, and Orange Counties	900,993	

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		and Orange Counties					
1774	<a href="#">Martin</a>	Halifax and Tyrrell Counties	<a href="#">Williamston</a>	1720s	From Halifax and Tyrrell Counties	24,505	
1775	<a href="#">Pelham</a>	Never Established	-	1740s	Scots-Irish	-	Map-maker's attempt to curry favor with British Secretary of State for Southern Department.
1776	<a href="#">Washington District</a>	-	-	1760s	Mostly From Virginia, some from Surry County, NC	-	Abolished in 1777. Renamed to Washington County.
1777	<a href="#">Burke</a>	Rowan County	<a href="#">Morganton</a>	1760s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	90,912	
1777	<a href="#">Camden</a>	Pasquotank County	<a href="#">Camden</a>	1680s	Virginians	9,980	
1777	<a href="#">Caswell</a>	Orange County	<a href="#">Yanceyville</a>	1740s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	23,719	
1777	<a href="#">Nash</a>	Edgecombe County	<a href="#">Nashville</a>	1730s	From Edgecombe County	95,840	
1777	<a href="#">Washington</a>	Washington District	<a href="#">Jonesborough</a>	1760s	Mostly From Virginia, some from Surry County, NC	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1777	<a href="#">Wilkes</a>	Surry County	<a href="#">Wilkesboro</a>	1750s	Germans, Scots-Irish	69,340	
1779	<a href="#">Franklin</a>	Bute County	<a href="#">Louisburg</a>	1750s	From Granville and Edgecombe Counties	60,619	
1779	<a href="#">Gates</a>	Chowan, Hertford, and	<a href="#">Gatesville</a>	1690s	Virginians	12,197	

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		Perquimans Counties					
1779	<a href="#">Jones</a>	Craven County	<a href="#">Trenton</a>	1710	Swiss/Palatines who settled New Bern	10,153	
1779	<a href="#">Lincoln</a>	Tryon County	<a href="#">Lincolnton</a>	1740s	Germans, Scots- Irish	78,265	
1779	<a href="#">Montgomery</a>	Anson County	<a href="#">Troy</a>	1750s	Scots-Irish	27,798	
1779	<a href="#">Randolph</a>	Guilford County	<a href="#">Asheboro</a>	1750s	From Guilford County	141,752	
1779	<a href="#">Richmond</a>	Anson County	<a href="#">Rockingham</a>	1740s	From Bladen County	46,639	
1779	<a href="#">Rutherford</a>	Tryon County	<a href="#">Rutherfordton</a>	1750s	Scots-Irish	67,810	
1779	<a href="#">Sullivan</a>	Washington County	-	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1779	<a href="#">Warren</a>	Bute County	<a href="#">Warrenton</a>	1720s	Virginians	20,972	
1779	<a href="#">Wayne</a>	Dobbs County	<a href="#">Goldsboro</a>	1740s	Scots-Irish	122,623	
1783	<a href="#">Davidson</a>	Indian Lands	<a href="#">Nashville</a>	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1783	<a href="#">Greene</a>	Washington County	<a href="#">Greeneville</a>	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1784	<a href="#">Fayette</a>	Cumberland County	<a href="#">Fayetteville</a>	1729	Highland Scots	-	Renamed back to Cumberland County in October 1784.

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1784	<a href="#">Moore</a>	Cumberland County	<a href="#">Carthage</a>	1739	Scots-Irish	88,247	
1784	<a href="#">Sampson</a>	Duplin or Pelham County	<a href="#">Clinton</a>	1740s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	63,431	
1785	<a href="#">Rockingham</a>	Guilford County	<a href="#">Wentworth</a>	1760s	From Guilford County	93,643	
1787	<a href="#">Hawkins</a>	Sullivan County	<a href="#">Rogersville</a>	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1787	<a href="#">Sumner</a>	Davidson County	-	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1787	<a href="#">Robeson</a>	Bladen County	<a href="#">Lumberton</a>	1730s	From Bladen County, Scots-Irish	134,168	
1788	<a href="#">Iredell</a>	Rowan County	<a href="#">Statesville</a>	1753	Scots-Irish and Germans	159,437	
1788	<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	Davidson County	-	1770s	Scots-Irish	-	Ceded to Ohio Territory in 1790, later to become Tennessee in 1796
1789	<a href="#">Stokes</a>	Surry County	<a href="#">Danbury</a>	1750s	Scots-Irish	47,401	
1791	<a href="#">Buncombe</a>	Burke and Rutherford Counties	<a href="#">Asheville</a>	1770s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	238,318	
1791	<a href="#">Glasgow</a>	Dobbs County	<a href="#">Glasgow C.H.</a>	1730s	From Dobbs and Craven Counties	-	Abolished in 1799
1791	<a href="#">Lenoir</a>	Dobbs County	<a href="#">Kinston</a>	1730s	From Dobbs and Craven Counties	59,495	

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1791	<a href="#">Person</a>	Caswell County	<a href="#">Roxboro</a>	1720s	Virginians from Halifax County, Virginia	39,464	
1792	<a href="#">Cabarrus</a>	Mecklenburg County	<a href="#">Concord</a>	1740s	Germans, Scots-Irish	178,011	
1799	<a href="#">Ashe</a>	Wilkes County	<a href="#">Jefferson</a>	1773	From Wilkes County and Virginians	27,281	
1799	<a href="#">Greene</a>	Glasgow County	<a href="#">Snow Hill</a>	1710	From Craven County	21,362	
1799	<a href="#">Washington</a>	Tyrrell County	<a href="#">Plymouth</a>	~1700	Virginians	13,228	
1808	<a href="#">Columbus</a>	Bladen and Brunswick Counties	<a href="#">Whiteville</a>	1720s	English/Welsh, then Scots-Irish	58,098	
1808	<a href="#">Haywood</a>	Buncombe County	<a href="#">Waynesville</a>	1784	Scots-Irish, Revolutionary War Veterans	59,036	
1822	<a href="#">Davidson</a>	Rowan County	<a href="#">Lexington</a>	1740s	Scots-Irish, Germans	162,878	
1828	<a href="#">Macon</a>	Haywood County	<a href="#">Franklin</a>	1820	From Haywood County	33,922	Treaty of 1819, Cherokees Ceded and Left
1833	<a href="#">Yancey</a>	Burke, Buncombe Counties	<a href="#">Burnsville</a>	1760s	From Burke and Buncombe Counties	17,818	
1836	<a href="#">Davie</a>	Rowan County	<a href="#">Mocksville</a>	1740s	Scots-Irish	41,240	
1838	<a href="#">Henderson</a>	Buncombe County	<a href="#">Hendersonville</a>	1770	Pioneers from Rutherford County	106,740	
1839	<a href="#">Cherokee</a>	Macon County	<a href="#">Murphy</a>	1820s	From Macon County	27,444	After Trail of Tears of 1838, Cherokees Left
1841	<a href="#">Caldwell</a>	Burke and Wilkes County	<a href="#">Lenoir</a>	1760s	From Burke and Wilkes Counties	83,029	

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1841	<a href="#">Cleveland</a>	Rutherford and Lincoln Counties	<a href="#">Shelby</a>	1750s	From Rutherford and Lincoln Counties	98,078	
1841	<a href="#">Stanly</a>	Montgomery County	<a href="#">Albemarle</a>	1746	From Montgomery County, Germans in 1750s	60,585	
1842	<a href="#">Catawba</a>	Lincoln County	<a href="#">Newton</a>	1740s	Swiss in northern part, English and Scots-Irish in southeastern part	154,358	
1842	<a href="#">McDowell</a>	Burke and Rutherford Counties	<a href="#">Marion</a>	1760s	From Burke and Rutherford Counties	44,996	
1842	<a href="#">Union</a>	Anson and Mecklenburg Counties	<a href="#">Monroe</a>	1740s	From Anson and Mecklenburg Counties	201,292	
1846	<a href="#">Gaston</a>	Lincoln County	<a href="#">Gastonia</a>	1740s	Virginians and Charlestonians	206,086	
1847	<a href="#">Alexander</a>	Iredell, Caldwell, and Wilkes Counties	<a href="#">Taylorsville</a>	1750s	From Iredell County	37,198	
1849	<a href="#">Alamance</a>	Orange County	<a href="#">Graham</a>	1740	Germans	151,131	
1849	<a href="#">Forsyth</a>	Stokes County	<a href="#">Winston-Salem</a>	1753	Moravians	350,670	
1849	<a href="#">Watauga</a>	Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, and Yancey Counties	<a href="#">Boone</a>	1760s	Scots-Irish	51,079	
1850	<a href="#">Yadkin</a>	Surry County	<a href="#">Yadkinville</a>	1740s	From Pennsylvania	38,406	
1851	<a href="#">Hooper</a>	Richmond and Robeson Counties	-	-	-	-	Voters rejected the creation of this new county.



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1851	<a href="#">Jackson</a>	Haywood and Macon Counties	<a href="#">Sylva</a>	1796	English	40,271	
1851	<a href="#">Madison</a>	Buncombe and Yancey Counties	<a href="#">Marshall</a>	1784	Revolutionary War Veterans	20,764	
1855	<a href="#">Harnett</a>	Cumberland County	<a href="#">Lillington</a>	1720s	From Cumberland County	114,678	
1855	<a href="#">Polk</a>	Rutherford and Henderson Counties	<a href="#">Columbus</a>	1760s	From Rutherford County	20,510	
1855	<a href="#">Wilson</a>	Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, and Wayne Counties	<a href="#">Wilson</a>	1740s	From Edgecombe County	81,234	
1859	<a href="#">Alleghany</a>	Ashe County	<a href="#">Sparta</a>	1750s	From Surry County	11,155	
1861	<a href="#">Clay</a>	Cherokee County	<a href="#">Hayesville</a>	1830s	From Cherokee County	10,587	After Trail of Tears of 1838, Cherokees Left
1861	<a href="#">Mitchell</a>	Yancey, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, and McDowell Counties	<a href="#">Bakersville</a>	1770s	From Watauga County	15,579	
1861	<a href="#">Transylvania</a>	Jackson and Henderson Counties	<a href="#">Brevard</a>	1800	From Catawba County, George Shuford	33,090	
1870	<a href="#">Dare</a>	Currituck, Tyrrell, and Hyde Counties	<a href="#">Manteo</a>	1690s	Virginians	33,920	
1871	<a href="#">Swain</a>	Jackson and Macon Counties	<a href="#">Bryson City</a>	1799	From Jackson and Macon Counties	13,981	Cherokees Ceded in 1798, final pullout in 1819.

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1872	<a href="#">Graham</a>	Cherokee County	<a href="#">Robbinsville</a>	1838	From Cherokee County	8,861	After Trail of Tears of 1838, Cherokees Left
1872	<a href="#">Pamlico</a>	Craven and Beaufort Counties	<a href="#">Bayboro</a>	1710s	From Craven and Beaufort Counties	13,144	Settled after Tuscarora War
1875	<a href="#">Pender</a>	New Hanover County	<a href="#">Burgaw</a>	1730s	Scots-Irish	52,217	Henry McCulloch brought many immigrants over
1881	<a href="#">Durham</a>	Orange and Wake Counties	<a href="#">Durham</a>	1740s	Germans	267,587	
1881	<a href="#">Vance</a>	Granville, Warren, and Franklin Counties	<a href="#">Henderson</a>	1750s	From Granville, Warren, and Franklin Counties	44,422	
1899	<a href="#">Scotland</a>	Richmond County	<a href="#">Laurinburg</a>	1730s	Scots-Irish	36,157	
1907	<a href="#">Lee</a>	Moore and Chatham Counties	<a href="#">Sanford</a>	1750s	Germans, Scots-Irish	57,866	
1911	<a href="#">Avery</a>	Mitchell, Watauga, and Caldwell Counties	<a href="#">Newland</a>	1770s	Scots-Irish	17,797	
1911	<a href="#">Hoke</a>	Cumberland and Robeson Counties	<a href="#">Raeford</a>	1740s	Highland Scots	46,952	

