

*December 2008*

## ***Announced Business Closings and Permanent Layoffs***

During December 2008, the following business closings and permanent layoffs were announced. These data are derived from a statewide survey of newspaper accounts of closings and layoffs, and from information supplied to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina by the employing units experiencing the closings and layoffs. **THE DATA ARE NOT COMPREHENSIVE AND DO NOT MEET THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION DIVISION STANDARDS FOR ACCURACY.** Staff in the Employment Security Commission neither analyze nor evaluate the accuracy of these reports.

\*Note: For "#Affected", if blank = Unknown. The "# Affected" CANNOT BE USED FOR A COUNT for all workers experiencing layoffs in North Carolina during the stated period. "# Affected" represents only those workers experiencing layoffs AS REPORTED by the above-stated sources.

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<b><i>BUNCOMBE</i></b>								
	Asheville Citizen-Times	ASHEVILLE	511110	Printing facility	60	Slow advertising sales	1/3/2009	CL
	North Star Diner	WEAVERVILLE	722110	Restaurant	39	Not stated	12/29/2008	CL
<b><i>BURKE</i></b>								
	Shadowline	MORGANTON	315231	Intimate apparel	85	Import competition	1/31/2009	CL
	Tape Town	MORGANTON	453310	Music store	2	Economic conditions	12/27/2008	CL
<b><i>CABARRUS</i></b>								
	KB Toys	CONCORD	451120	Toy store	10	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	LA Weight Loss Centers	CONCORD	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	Ganassi-Sabates Racing	CONCORD	711219	NASCAR team	71	Economic conditions	12/11/2008	LY
	KiS Golf (Concord Mills)	CONCORD	713910	Golf packages	18	Bankruptcy	12/18/2008	CL
<b><i>CARTERET</i></b>								
	Willis Family Seafood	SALTER PATH	445220	Seafood market	2	Fire	12/4/2008	CL
	El Zarape	ATLANTIC BEACH	722110	Restaurant	5	Fire	12/24/2008	CL

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<b><i>CATAWBA</i></b>								
	Getrag Corporation	MAIDEN	336350	Power trains	141	Economic conditions	1/5/2009	LY
	Hickory Auto Group	HICKORY	441110	Auto dealer	50	Economic conditions	12/23/2008	CL
	LA Weight Loss Centers	HICKORY	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	Accucredit Inc.	HICKORY	541990	Business services		Legal problems	12/10/2008	CL
	Grant Writing Plus Inc.	HICKORY	541990	Business services		Legal problems	12/10/2008	CL
<b><i>CLEVELAND</i></b>								
	Eaton Corporation	KINGS MOUNTAIN	336399	Hydraulics segments	87	Economic conditions	12/18/2008	LY
<b><i>CRAVEN</i></b>								
	Shoreline Golf Course	NEW BERN	813990	Fairfield Harbour course		Underperformance	3/31/2008	CL
	Harbour Pointe Golf Course	NEW BERN	813990	Fairfield Harbour course		Not stated	11/30/2008	CL
<b><i>CUMBERLAND</i></b>								
	Dupont (Fayetteville Works)	FAYETTEVILLE	326113	Chemical mfg.		Economic conditions	12/8/2008	LY
	The Gap (Cross Creek)	FAYETTEVILLE	448140	Clothing store	14	Not stated	1/31/2008	CL
<b><i>DAVIDSON</i></b>								
	Miss Ruby's Tea Room	LEXINGTON	722213	Tea room	3	Retirement	12/13/2008	CL
<b><i>DURHAM</i></b>								
	American Airlines	RDU	481111	Airline	24	Economic conditions	1/30/2009	LY
	Symposium Café	DURHAM	722110	Restaurant	42	Not stated	12/23/2008	CL
	Pizza Palace of Durham	DURHAM	722110	Restaurant	7	Economic conditions	12/31/2008	CL
	McKinney	DURHAM	541810	Advertising firm	8	Economic conditions	11/30/2008	LY
	Qualex	DURHAM	812921	Photofinishing services	100	Declining demand	12/18/2008	LY
	Couch's Kwik Kar Wash	DURHAM	811192	Car wash	6	Retirement	1/17/2009	CL
	Standards-Based Solutions East	DURHAM	624190	Business services		Bankruptcy	12/6/2008	CL

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<b><i>FORSYTH</i></b>								
	Winston-Salem Journal	WINSTON-SALEM	511110	Newspaper	3	Economic conditions	12/10/2008	LY
	Pip Printing and Document Services	WINSTON-SALEM	323114	Printing shop		Economic conditions	1/5/2009	CL
	Winston-Salem Journal	WINSTON-SALEM	511110	Newspaper	9	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	LY
	Roadway Express	KERNERSVILLE	484122	Freight transportation	451	Consolidation	3/1/2009	LY
	Yellow Transportation	KERNERSVILLE	484121	Freight transportation	64	Consolidation	3/1/2009	CL
	S&K Famous Brands Inc.	WINSTON-SALEM	448110	Menswear	8	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	Triad Appliance Center	WINSTON-SALEM	443111	Appliance sales	18	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	The Master's Loft	WINSTON-SALEM	454111	Bookstore	19	Owner's decision	1/31/2009	CL
<b><i>FRANKLIN</i></b>								
	Franklin Regional Medical Center	LOUISBURG	622110	Hospital		Furlough	12/10/2008	LY
<b><i>GASTON</i></b>								
	R.L. Stowe Mills, Inc.	BELMONT	313111	Yarn	232	Declining demand	3/5/2009	CL
	Danaher Tool Group	GASTONIA	332212	Tool mfg.		Not stated	11/11/2008	LY
	LA Weight Loss Centers	GASTONIA	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	National Medical Clinic, P.A.	GASTONIA	621111	Medical office	4	Bankruptcy	12/19/2008	CL
<b><i>GATES</i></b>								
	Dalure Fashions Inc.	GATESVILLE	315999	Sewing factory	14	Import competition	10/15/2008	CL

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<b><i>GUILFORD</i></b>								
	VF Corporation	GREENSBORO	551114	Apparel		Cost cuts	12/16/2008	LY
	Celebrate Express	GREENSBORO	511199	Catalog call center	65	Economic conditions	2/1/2009	CL
	Celebrate Express	GREENSBORO	511199	Catalog call center	132	Economic conditions	2/28/2009	CL
	Celebrate Express	GREENSBORO	511199	Catalog call center	16	Economic conditions	5/31/2009	CL
	RF Micro Devices Inc.	GREENSBORO	334413	Power chips	150	Declining demand	2/28/2009	CL
	Pass & Seymour/Legrand	WHITSETT	335931	Wiring devices	143	Economic conditions	12/31/2009	CL
	West Market Gourmet	GREENSBORO	447110	Convenience store	6	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	Josette's Bridal at City Tuxedo	GREENSBORO	532220	Bridal shop	4	Owner's decision	12/30/2008	CL
	S&K Famous Brands Inc. (High Point	GREENSBORO	448110	Menswear	9	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	S&K Famous Brands Inc.(NW Center)	GREENSBORO	448110	Menswear	7	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	Grappa Grille	GREENSBORO	722211	Restaurant	15	Loan problems	12/10/2008	CL
	Aetna Inc.	HIGH POINT	524210	Call center	30	Cost cuts	12/31/2008	LY
	iQor Inc.	GREENSBORO	561422	Call center	73	Not stated	2/28/2009	CL
	Triad Racing Development Inc.	HIGH POINT	711212	Racing engines	91	Acquisition	12/23/2008	CL
	Piedmont Triad Entrepreneurial	GREENSBORO	541611	Consulting agency	3	Operations suspension	12/31/2008	CL
<b><i>HENDERSON</i></b>								
	Stepping Stone Properties	HENDERSONVILLE	531210	Real estate office		Fire	12/14/2008	CL
<b><i>IREDELL</i></b>								
	LA Weight Loss Centers	MOORESVILLE	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	Petty Enterprises	MOORESVILLE	711219	NASCAR team	39	Economic conditions	12/8/2008	LY
	Earnhardt Ganassi Racing	MOORESVILLE	711219	NASCAR Nationwide team	7	Lost sponsor	12/10/2008	LY
	JTG-Daugherty Racing	MOORESVILLE	711219	NASCAR team	12	Economic conditions	12/11/2008	LY
	Michael Waltrip Racing, Inc.	MOORESVILLE	711219	NASCAR team	12	Economic conditions	12/11/2008	LY
	Stewart-Haas Racing	MOORESVILLE	211219	NASCAR team	16	Economic conditions	12/11/2008	LY
	Gillett Evernham Motorsports	STATESVILLE	711219	NASCAR Nationwide team	65	Economic conditions	12/17/2008	LY
	Petty Enterprises	MOORESVILLE	711219	NASCAR team	39	Merger with GEM	12/31/2008	CL

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<b>JOHNSTON</b>								
	Caterpillar Clayton BCP Inc.	CLAYTON	333120	Heavy equipment		Not stated	12/18/2008	LY
	KB Toys	SMITHFIELD	451120	Toy store	9	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Therapeutic Strategies Inc.	CLAYTON	621420	Community support agency	18	Financial difficulty	12/5/2008	CL
<b>LEE</b>								
	Caterpillar Inc.	SANFORD	333120	Heavy equipment		Shift elimination	12/18/2008	LY
<b>LENOIR</b>								
	Lenox Outlet Store	KINSTON	327112	Outlet store	7	Slow sales	1/15/2009	CL
<b>LINCOLN</b>								
	Southern Fiber	LINCOLNTON	313230	Fibers	20	Fire	12/14/2008	CL
<b>MADISON</b>								
	Paddlers Pub	HOT SPRINGS	722110	Restaurant		Owner's death	11/1/2008	CL
<b>MCDOWELL</b>								
	McDowell Children's Center	MARION	624410	Child-care center	4	High operating costs	2/1/2009	CL
<b>MECKLENBURG</b>								
	Cardinal Moving & Storage	CHARLOTTE	484210	Moving company	44	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Caraustar Industries Inc.	CHARLOTTE	423930	Paperboard		Decrease in production	12/19/2008	LY
	Morton's The Steakhouse (SouthPark)	CHARLOTTE	722110	Restaurant	39	Slow sales	1/3/2009	CL
	KB Toys	PINEVILLE	451120	Toy store	6	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	KB Toys	CHARLOTTE	451120	Toy store	9	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Camera World of NC	CHARLOTTE	443130	Camera sales	8	Owner's decision	12/31/2008	CL
	Bank of America Corp.	CHARLOTTE	522292	Banking	20	Acquisition of Merrill Lynch	12/11/2008	LY
	LA Weight Loss Centers	CHARLOTTE	812191	Diet center	47	Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	LA Weight Loss Centers	HUNTERSVILLE	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	LA Weight Loss Centers	PINEVILLE	812191	Diet center		Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	KiS Golf (Carolina Place)	PINEVILLE	713910	Golf packages	35	Bankruptcy	12/18/2008	CL

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<b><i>MITCHELL</i></b>								
	Bombardier Recreational Products	SPRUCE PINE	423110	Outboard engines	30	Economic conditions	12/31/2008	LY
<b><i>NEW HANOVER</i></b>								
	WHQR 91.3 FM	WILMINGTON	515111	Public radio station	3	Restructuring	12/22/2008	LY
	R. Bryant Collections	WILMINGTON	448120	Women's clothing	5	Retirement	1/31/2009	CL
	Los Mojarras Mexican Restaurant	WILMINGTON	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	12/23/2008	CL
	Finely Finished	WILMINGTON	453220	Gift shop		Not stated	12/24/2008	CL
<b><i>ORANGE</i></b>								
	Minata Designer Jewelry &	CHAPEL HILL	448310	Jewelry store	8	Owner's decision	12/3/2008	CL
	Home Team Properties of Chatham Co.	CHAPEL HILL	531210	Real estate office	4	Bankruptcy	12/22/2008	CL
<b><i>PASQUOTANK</i></b>								
	Sweet Haven Bakery	ELIZABETH CITY	311811	Bakery		Economic conditions	1/24/2009	CL
	Albemarle Mental Health Center	ELIZABETH CITY	623210	Mental health services	30	State mandated service shift	12/30/2008	LY
	Albemarle Mental Health Center	ELIZABETH CITY	621420	Crisis unit	80	State mandated service shift	1/16/2009	CL
<b><i>RANDOLPH</i></b>								
	P & P Chair Co.	ASHEBORO	337122	Chair mfg.	4	Owner's death	12/25/2008	CL
	Office Depot Inc.	ASHEBORO	453210	Office supplies	8	Cost cuts	3/1/2009	CL
	Asheboro Ford, Lincoln-Mercury Inc.	ASHEBORO	441110	Auto dealer	6	Economic conditions	12/8/2008	LY
<b><i>ROWAN</i></b>								
	Rodgers Exxon Service	SALISBURY	447190	Service station	1	Retirement	12/31/2008	CL
<b><i>RUTHERFORD</i></b>								
	Regional Utility Services Inc.	MOORESBORO	811310	Utility services		Relocation to SC	12/17/2008	CL
<b><i>STATEWIDE</i></b>								
	St. Lawrence Homes	STATEWIDE	236115	Home builder	100	Housing slump	12/20/2008	LY
	NC Department of Transportation	STATEWIDE	926120	Road construction	750	Declining tax revenue	1/9/2009	LY

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<b>WAKE</b>								
	ETD of South Carolina	RALEIGH	541320	Landscaping		Bankruptcy	11/25/2008	CL
	USHomeComfort LLC	RALEIGH	236115	Building contractor	17	Financial difficulty	12/2/2008	CL
	Everest Construction, Inc.	RALEIGH	236115	Construction contractor	1	Bankruptcy	12/10/2008	CL
	Diamond Glass and Mirror, Inc.	ZEBULON	238151	Glass contractor	13	Bankruptcy	12/30/2008	CL
	Integrian Inc.	MORRISVILLE	334220	Mobile video technology	30	Acquisition	12/4/2008	LY
	Schneider Electric (Square D)	KNIGHTDALE	335314	Industrial controls	17	Economic conditions	12/16/2008	LY
	WNCN-17	RALEIGH	515120	TV station	6	Economic conditions	12/9/2008	LY
	Circle K (Quail Corners)	RALEIGH	447110	Convenience store	6	Not stated	12/12/2008	CL
	Conti's Italian Market	RALEIGH	445110	Grocery store	1	Owner's decision	12/19/2008	CL
	S&K Famous Brands Inc. (Sutton	RALEIGH	448110	Menswear	7	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	S&K Famous Brands Inc. (Towne	GARNER	448110	Menswear	7	Economic conditions	1/31/2009	CL
	Childspace	CARY	442110	Children's furniture		Not stated	12/12/2008	CL
	Furniture & Rug Gallery	RALEIGH	442210	Furniture, rugs		Not stated	12/20/2008	CL
	Dakota Grill	MORRISVILLE	722110	Restaurant	5	Not stated	12/12/2008	CL
	Ruby Tuesday (Falls of Neuse)	RALEIGH	722110	Restaurant	33	Economic conditions	12/12/2008	CL
	Vines Bistro LLC	CARY	722110	Restaurant	12	Economic conditions	1/3/2009	CL
	KB Toys	CARY	451120	Toy store	10	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Wakefield Lending Co. LLC	RALEIGH	522310	Lending company	3	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Wakefield Lending Holdings	RALEIGH	522310	Lending company		Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
	Overture Networks Inc.	MORRISVILLE	541512	Telecommunications equipment	10	Acquisition	12/16/2008	LY
	Capstrat	RALEIGH	541810	Advertising firm	6	Economic conditions	12/31/2008	LY
	Consonus Technologies	CARY	334111	Technology	14	Cost cuts	1/6/2009	LY
	Sanford Holshouser	CARY	541110	Law firm		Merger/Nexsen Pruet	1/5/2009	CL
	Elam, Todd & d'Ambrosi	MORRISVILLE	541320	Land-planning firm	25	Bankruptcy	12/12/2008	CL
<b>WILKES</b>								
	Tyson Foods Inc.	WILKESBORO	112320	Chicken production	75	Plant conversion	1/31/2009	LY
<b>WILSON</b>								
	Saint-Gobain Containers	WILSON	327213	Glass mfg.		Economic downtime	11/30/2008	LY
	Saint-Gobain Containers	WILSON	327213	Glass mfg.		Economic downtime	12/15/2008	LY
	Carolina Forge Co.	WILSON	332991	Auto parts	27	Industry downturn	11/20/2008	LY