

January 2008

Announced Business Closings and Permanent Layoffs

During January 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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<i>ALAMANCE</i>								
	Helton Residential Construction	BURLINGTON	236115	Building contractor	2	Bankruptcy	1/31/2008	CL
	GoldToeMoretz, LLC	BURLINGTON	313312	Sock mfg.	425	International expansion	6/30/2008	CL
	GoldToeMoretz, LLC	BURLINGTON	313312	Product development		Relocation to Newton	6/30/2008	CL
	Sharkey's Grill	BURLINGTON	722110	Restaurant	3	Fire	1/6/2008	CL
<i>CALDWELL</i>								
	Northside Superette	GRANITE FALLS	445120	Convenience store		Fire	1/3/2008	CL
	Fred's Tire	GRANITE FALLS	441320	Tire service	8	Fire	1/3/2008	CL
	Northside Laundry	GRANITE FALLS	812320	Tire service	9	Fire	1/3/2008	CL

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CATAWBA								
	Pembrook Chair Corp.	CLAREMONT	337121	Furniture mfg.	85	Import competition	2/14/2008	CL
	Garden Café	HICKORY	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
	Open Flame	HICKORY	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
	Peddler Steakhouse	HICKORY	722110	Restaurant		Owner's decision	1/19/2008	CL
	Prime Sirloin	HICKORY	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
	Rock-Ola-Café	HICKORY	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
	Schlotzchy's Deli	HICKORY	722211	Restaurant		Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
CHATHAM								
	CellzDirect	PITTSBORO	541710	Biotechnology	40	Relocation to Durham	1/12/2008	CL
CLEVELAND								
	Leatherwood Trading & Coffee Co.	SHELBY	453998	Comics, antiques		Owner's decision	1/31/2008	CL
CUMBERLAND								
	Waldenbooks (Cross Creek)	FAYETTEVILLE	451211	Bookstore	9	Restructuring	1/31/2008	CL
	Showcase Interiors, Inc.,	FAYETTEVILLE	541410	Interior design	3	Not stated	1/19/2008	CL
DAVIE								
	Hanesbrands, Inc.	ADVANCE	315192	Elastic fabrics	80	Outsourcing	6/30/2008	CL
	QST Industries, Inc.	MOCKSVILLE	315999	Apparel parts	52	Cost cuts	8/1/2007	LY
	QST Industries, Inc.	MOCKSVILLE	315999	Apparel parts	26	Cost cuts	3/4/2008	LY
DURHAM								
	Talbot's Kids (Southpoint)	DURHAM	448130	Children's clothes	23	Underperformance	8/31/2008	CL
	S & S Stewarts, Inc.	DURHAM	722211	Restaurant	4	Not stated	1/16/2008	CL
FORSYTH								
	Arx Technology, Inc.	WINSTON-SALEM	238212	Security-support	9	Merger	1/16/2008	CL
	R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.	WINSTON-SALEM	312221	Cigarettes	100	Outsourcing	8/1/2008	LY
	Big Cans	WINSTON-SALEM	722110	Nightclub		Owner's decision	1/26/2008	CL
	Niche at Reynolda Village	WINSTON-SALEM	453220	Gift shop	2	Not stated	1/19/2008	CL

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<i>GUILFORD</i>								
	84 Lumber Co.	GREENSBORO	444190	Building supplies	7	Consolidation	12/5/2007	CL
	Lowe's Foods	GIBSONVILLE	445110	Grocery store		Relocation to Burlington	2/4/2008	CL
	Exxon (Wendover)	GREENSBORO	447110	Gas station		Not stated	12/28/2007	CL
	Shell (Wendover)	GREENSBORO	447110	Gas station		Not stated	12/28/2007	CL
	Pep Boys	GREENSBORO	441310	Auto parts	27	Underperformance	11/30/2207	CL
	Talbot's Petites (Four Seasons)	GREENSBORO	448120	Women's clothing	13	Expired lease	1/17/2008	CL
	Lane Bryant, Inc. (Oak Hollow Mall)	HIGH POINT	448120	Women's clothing	17	Expired lease	1/27/2008	CL
	Talbot's Kids	GREENSBORO	448130	Children's clothes	9	Underperformance	8/31/2008	CL
	Rum Runners	GREENSBORO	722110	Restaurant	39	Tax problems	1/24/2008	CL
	Simply Cottage	GREENSBORO	453220	Home furnishings	3	Owner's decision	2/29/2008	CL
	Friendship Care Assisted Living	GREENSBORO	623110	Adult-care facility	32	License problems	1/31/2008	CL
<i>HAYWOOD</i>								
	Joey's Wrecker Service	JONATHAN CREEK	488410	Towing service		Fire	1/10/2008	CL
<i>IREDELL</i>								
	John Boyle Co.	STATESVILLE	313320	Technical fabrics		Acquisition/Glen Raven	1/16/2008	CL
	Lake Norman Pet Cemetery	MOORESVILLE	812220	Pet cemetery		Not stated	1/9/2008	CL
<i>JOHNSTON</i>								
	Crazy Horse	CLAYTON	722110	Adult club	80	Fire	1/6/2008	CL
<i>LEE</i>								
	Universal Forest Products, Inc.	SANFORD	321214	Wood production	20	Housing decline	11/1/2007	CL
<i>MCDOWELL</i>								
	Swift Galely	MARION	313210	Fabric	150	Downsizing/Competition	1/25/2008	LY

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MECKLENBURG								
	Old Navy (Arboretum)	CHARLOTTE	448140	Clothing store		Relocation	1/26/2008	CL
	Old Navy (Northcross)	HUNTERSVILLE	448140	Clothing store		Relocation	1/26/2008	CL
	Talbot's Kids	CHARLOTTE	448130	Children's clothes	7	Underperformance	8/31/2008	CL
	Brownlee Jewelers	CHARLOTTE	448310	Jewelry store	6	Not stated	1/18/2008	CL
	Bank of America Corp.	CHARLOTTE	523110	Banking	2	Restructuring	1/23/2008	LY
ORANGE								
	CenturyTel (Madison River Comm.)	MEBANE	517110	Telephone company	24	Acquisition	12/31/2007	LY
	RMA Enterprises	CHAPEL HILL	722110	Restaurant/Sports bar		Bankruptcy	1/31/2008	CL
PAMLICO								
	DMV Contract Office	ALLIANCE	812990	Contract office	1	Underperformance	1/11/2008	CL
RANDOLPH								
	Ramtex Yarns and Fabrics, LLC	RAMSEUR	313111	Textile weaving	102	Cost cuts	3/17/2008	LY
	Hanesbrands, Inc.	ASHEBORO	315192	Elastic finishing	40	Outsourcing	6/30/2008	CL
	Klaussner Home furnishings	ASHEBORO	337121	Furniture mfg.	130	Consolidation	3/7/2008	LY
ROWAN								
	Las Palmas	SALISBURY	722110	Restaurant	16	Underperformance	1/19/2008	CL
SAMPSON								
	Royal Trustworthy Hardware Store	SALEMBURG	444130	Hardware store	5	Fire	1/25/2008	CL
STANLY								
	Universal Forest Products, Inc.	STANFIELD	321214	Wood production	20	Housing decline	11/1/2007	CL
SURRY								
	Blyth Homescents International	ELKIN	339999	Candle mfg.	70	Downsizing	12/31/2007	LY
	Smith Phillips Building Supply	ELKIN	444110	Building supplies	2	Consolidation	2/1/2008	CL

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WAKE								
	Groundscapes of NC, Inc.	CARY	561730	Landscaping	9	Drought effects	1/22/2008	LY
	News & Observer	RALEIGH	511110	Newspaper	16	Outsourcing/Offshoring	5/30/2008	LY
	United Parcel Service	RALEIGH	492110	Courier services	60	Consolidation	1/31/2008	CL
	ProTire (GDB of Raleigh)	RALEIGH	441320	Tire service	7	Bankruptcy	1/24/2008	CL
	Talbot's Kids (Cameron Village)	RALEIGH	448130	Children's clothes	9	Underperformance	8/31/2008	CL
	Talbot's Mens (Cameron Village)	RALEIGH	448110	Men's clothes	24	Underperformance	8/31/2008	CL
	Ivy Cottage Collections (North Hills)	RALEIGH	442299	Home furnishings		Consolidation	1/19/2008	CL
	Damon's Grill	RALEIGH	722110	Restaurant	70	Financial difficulty	1/11/2008	CL
	Hideaway Music Hall	RALEIGH	722110	Restaurant/Music venue	27	Underperformance	1/19/2008	CL
	Capital Creations Gourmet Pizza	RALEIGH	722211	Restaurant		Not stated	1/22/2008	CL
	Wachovia Bank (Crabtree)	RALEIGH	522110	Bank		Property redevelopment	7/1/2008	CL
	Nationwide Insurance	RALEIGH	524126	Insurance	100	Restructuring	1/17/2008	CL
	Excellent Form, Inc.	RALEIGH	812990	Personal services	7	Bankruptcy	1/17/2008	CL
	SPARC Academy	RALEIGH	611110	Charter school	25	Lost charter	6/30/2008	CL
WILSON								
	Leiner Health Products, Inc.	WILSON	325412	OTC drug mfg.	171	Cost cuts	2/29/2008	CL
	McDonald's (Ward Blvd.)	WILSON	722110	Restaurant		Relocation	1/20/2008	CL
	New Foundations (Wilson Medical Ctr)	WILSON	622210	Psychiatric ward		Director leaving	1/18/2008	CL