

July 2008

## *Announced Business Closings and Permanent Layoffs*

During July 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>ALAMANCE</b> |                                 |             |              |                      |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                 | Hallmark (Burlington Square)    | BURLINGTON  | 453220       | Gift shop            |                    | Not stated          | 7/8/2008              | CL           |
| <b>ANSON</b>    |                                 |             |              |                      |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                 | N.C. DMV                        | WADESBORO   | 812990       | License plate agency |                    | Fraud investigation | 7/17/2008             | CL           |
| <b>BEAUFORT</b> |                                 |             |              |                      |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                 | J.H. Cuthrell Co.               | WASHINGTON  | 236220       | Building contractor  | 8                  | Bankruptcy          | 7/24/2008             | CL           |
|                 | Lee Tractor                     | WASHINGTON  | 423820       | Farm equipment       | 15                 | Bankruptcy          | 7/17/2008             | CL           |
| <b>BUNCOMBE</b> |                                 |             |              |                      |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                 | Sofas & Such                    | ASHEVILLE   | 442110       | Furniture store      |                    | Economic conditions | 7/11/2008             | CL           |
|                 | Boathouse on Lake Julian        | ARDEN       | 722110       | Restaurant           | 47                 | Owner's decision    | 7/7/2008              | CL           |
|                 | The Original Steakhouse         | ASHEVILLE   | 722110       | Restaurant           | 28                 | Economic conditions | 7/7/2008              | CL           |
|                 | Riverside Family Grill          | ASHEVILLE   | 722110       | Restaurant           |                    | Economic conditions | 7/9/2008              | CL           |
|                 | Land Resource, LLC ( Grey Rock) | LAKE LURE   | 237210       | Land sales           | 25                 | Economic conditions | 7/7/2008              | CL           |
|                 | Bouche Dental Spa               | ASHEVILLE   | 621210       | Dental office        | 5                  | Personal reason     | 7/18/2008             | CL           |

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| <b><i>CABARRUS</i></b>   |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Chip Ganassi Racing                  | CONCORD      | 711219       | NASCAR Sprint Cup team | 70                 | Lack of sponsors    | 7/1/2008              | LY           |
| <b><i>CALDWELL</i></b>   |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | American & Efird Inc.                | LENOIR       | 313111       | Thread plant           | 75                 | Consolidation       | 9/22/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>CATAWBA</i></b>    |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Starbucks Corporation                | HICKORY      | 722213       | Coffee shop            | 25                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                          | Catawba Valley Community College     | HICKORY      | 611210       | Motorsports program    |                    | Low enrollment      | 7/1/2008              | CL           |
| <b><i>CHOWAN</i></b>     |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Chowan County                        | EDENTON      | 921140       | County government      | 7                  | Cost cuts           | 7/30/2008             | LY           |
| <b><i>CRAVEN</i></b>     |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Venanzi's Mens Store, Inc.           | NEW BERN     | 448150       | Clothing store         | 2                  | Bankruptcy          | 6/25/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>CUMBERLAND</i></b> |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | South Beach, Inc.                    | FAYETTEVILLE | 722410       | Nightclub              |                    | Property conversion | 6/29/2008             | CL           |
|                          | Palomino                             | FAYETTEVILLE | 722410       | Nightclub              | 8                  | Owner's decision    | 9/29/2008             | CL           |
|                          | Jim's Discount Pharmacy, Inc.        | FAYETTEVILLE | 446110       | Pharmacy               | 1                  | Bankruptcy          | 7/18/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>DAVIDSON</i></b>   |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Stanley Furniture Co.                | LEXINGTON    | 337122       | Furniture mfg.         | 350                | Consolidation       | 9/8/2008              | CL           |
|                          | Danny Nicholson Inc.                 | LEXINGTON    | 484230       | Trucking firm          | 75                 | Bankruptcy          | 7/12/2008             | CL           |
|                          | N.C. DMV                             | THOMASVILLE  | 812990       | License plate agency   |                    | Fraud investigation | 7/11/2008             | CL           |
|                          | Furniture Brands International, Inc. | LEXINGTON    | 541910       | Corporate headquarters |                    | Relocating/Missouri | 7/11/2008             | LY           |
| <b><i>DAVIE</i></b>      |                                      |              |              |                        |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                          | Le Bleu of the Triad                 | ADVANCE      | 454390       | Distribution           |                    | Consolidation       | 9/1/2008              | CL           |

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| <b>DURHAM</b>    |                                     |               |              |                           |                    |                        |                       |              |
|                  | Bare Woods & Accessoriess, Inc.     | DURHAM        | 321999       | Wood products             |                    | Owner's decision       | 7/18/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Herald-Sun                          | DURHAM        | 511110       | Newspaper                 | 7                  | Slow sales/Cost cuts   | 7/29/2008             | LY           |
|                  | IBM Corporation                     | RTP           | 334113       | Computers                 | 30                 | Restructuring          | 7/8/2008              | LY           |
|                  | AirTran Airways, Inc.               | RDU           | 481111       | Airline                   |                    | Cost cuts              | 9/6/2008              | LY           |
|                  | Midwest Airlines                    | RDU           | 481111       | Airline                   |                    | Restructuring          | 9/8/2008              | LY           |
|                  | Steak Escape (Northgate)            | DURHAM        | 722211       | Restaurant                |                    | Property redevelopment | 7/15/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Dominion Ministries, Inc.           | DURHAM        | 813110       | Ministry                  | 7                  | Bankruptcy             | 7/24/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Council for Entrepreneurial         | DURHAM        | 541611       | Nonprofit                 | 5                  | Downsizing             | 7/2/2008              | LY           |
| <b>EDGECOMBE</b> |                                     |               |              |                           |                    |                        |                       |              |
|                  | Farmtrac                            | TARBORO       | 333111       | Tractor mfg.              |                    | Financial difficulty   | 2/27/2008             | CL           |
| <b>FORSYTH</b>   |                                     |               |              |                           |                    |                        |                       |              |
|                  | Jones Bakeries, Inc.                | WINSTON-SALEM | 311812       | Bakery                    | 28                 | Owner's decision       | 7/22/2008             | CL           |
|                  | South by Southwest                  | WINSTON-SALEM | 722110       | Restaurant                | 24                 | Economic conditions    | 7/19/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Starbucks Corporation (Harper Hill) | WINSTON-SALEM | 722213       | Coffee shop               | 23                 | Underperformance       | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Mullen Advertising, Inc.            | WINSTON-SALEM | 541810       | Advertising agency        |                    | Lost contract          | 7/31/2008             | LY           |
|                  | Sapp and Mast PLLC                  | WINSTON-SALEM | 541110       | Law firm                  |                    | Dissolution            | 7/8/2008              | CL           |
| <b>GUILFORD</b>  |                                     |               |              |                           |                    |                        |                       |              |
|                  | Sandra Anderson Builders, Inc.      | GREENSBORO    | 236115       | Building contractor       | 7                  | Slow sales             | 7/8/2008              | CL           |
|                  | U.S. Corrugated                     | GREENSBORO    | 322211       | Cardboard products        | 75                 | Not stated             | 7/17/2008             | CL           |
|                  | TradeWinds Airlines, Inc.           | GREENSBORO    | 481111       | Cargo company             |                    | Fuel costs             | 6/1/2008              | LY           |
|                  | Chautauqua Airlines, Inc.           | GREENSBORO    | 481111       | Airline                   |                    | Flight reductions      | 9/10/2008             | LY           |
|                  | Le Bleu of the Triad                | GREENSBORO    | 454390       | Distribution              |                    | Consolidation          | 9/1/2008              | CL           |
|                  | Black's Furniture                   | GREENSBORO    | 442110       | Furniture store           |                    | Economic conditions    | 7/29/2008             | LY           |
|                  | N.C. DMV                            | HIGH POINT    | 812990       | License plate agency      |                    | Fraud investigation    | 7/11/2008             | CL           |
|                  | Pacific Modeling and Acting Academy | GREENSBORO    | 711410       | Acting & modeling classes |                    | Not stated             | 5/30/2008             | CL           |
| <b>HERTFORD</b>  |                                     |               |              |                           |                    |                        |                       |              |
|                  | Lee Tractor                         | AHOSKIE       | 423820       | Farm equipment            | 5                  | Bankruptcy             | 7/17/2008             | CL           |

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| <b><i>IREDELL</i></b>     |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | Open Door Dentistry                     | STATESVILLE | 621210       | Dental clinic         |                    | Dentist resignation | 7/18/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>MARTIN</i></b>      |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | Lee Tractor                             | WILLIAMSTON | 423820       | Farm equipment        | 10                 | Bankruptcy          | 7/17/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>MECKLENBURG</i></b> |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated     | CHARLOTTE   | 551114       | Soft drink mfg.       | 35                 | Cost cuts           | 7/18/2008             | LY           |
|                           | American Airlines                       | CHARLOTTE   | 48111        | Airlines              | 7                  | Restructuring       | 9/5/2008              | LY           |
|                           | Republic Airways                        | CHARLOTTE   | 481111       | Airline               |                    | Restructuring       | 9/10/2008             | LY           |
|                           | WNOW-AM ('Radio Lider')                 | CHARLOTTE   | 515112       | Radio station         | 6                  | Expired lease       | 7/5/2008              | CL           |
|                           | WDYT-AM ('Think Mornings')              | CHARLOTTE   | 515112       | Radio morning show    | 6                  | Economic conditions | 7/19/2008             | LY           |
|                           | Broyhill Furniture Galleries by Tim     | PINEVILLE   | 442110       | Furniture store       |                    | Not stated          | 7/5/2008              | CL           |
|                           | Under the Grape LLC                     | CHARLOTTE   | 722110       | Wine bar              | 13                 | Owner's decision    | 6/28/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Woods on South                          | CHARLOTTE   | 722110       | Restaurant            |                    | Not stated          | 7/4/2008              | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Northlake)       | CHARLOTTE   | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 15                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Piedmont Town)   | CHARLOTTE   | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 14                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Providence)      | CHARLOTTE   | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 17                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Wilkinson Blvd.) | CHARLOTTE   | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 13                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Worthington)     | CHARLOTTE   | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 12                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Wachovia Corp.                          | CHARLOTTE   | 522110       | Banking IT            | 30                 | Downsizing          | 7/2/2008              | LY           |
|                           | TierOne Bank                            | CHARLOTTE   | 522292       | Loan production       | 2                  | Restructuring       | 7/1/2008              | CL           |
|                           | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools           | CHARLOTTE   | 611110       | School administration |                    | Budget shortfall    | 7/10/2008             | LY           |
| <b><i>NASH</i></b>        |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | Lee Tractor of Rocky Mount              | ROCKY MOUNT | 423820       | Farm equipment        | 10                 | Bankruptcy          | 7/17/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>NEW HANOVER</i></b> |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | L.A. Weight Loss                        | WILMINGTON  | 812191       | Weight loss clinic    | 9                  | Not stated          | 7/11/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>ORANGE</i></b>      |   |             |              |                       |                    |                     |                       |              |
|                           | Sal's Pizza and Ristorante (Eastgate)   | CHAPEL HILL | 722110       | Restaurant            | 8                  | Lost lease          | 6/30/2008             | CL           |
|                           | Starbucks Corporation (Chatham)         | CHAPEL HILL | 722213       | Coffee shop           | 13                 | Underperformance    | 7/31/2008             | CL           |

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| <b><i>PERSON</i></b>     |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | Force Protection          | ROXBORO     | 561612       | Security assembly plant |                    | Not stated           | 7/14/2008             | LY           |
| <b><i>PITT</i></b>       |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | Simclar Inc               | WINTERVILLE | 334113       | Computer manufacturing  | 70                 | Industry downturn    | 1/17/2008             | CL           |
|                          | Shoe Splash, Inc.         | GREENVILLE  | 448210       | Shoe store              | 6                  | Bankruptcy           | 7/25/2008             | CL           |
|                          | T & G Foods, Inc.         | GREENVILLE  | 722110       | Restaurant              | 12                 | Bankruptcy           | 7/2/2008              | CL           |
|                          | Starbucks                 | GREENVILLE  | 722213       | Coffee shop             |                    | Underperformance     | 7/31/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>RANDOLPH</i></b>   |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | N.C. Pottery Center       | SEAGROVE    | 712110       | Pottery promotion       | 1                  | Cost cuts            | 8/15/2008             | LY           |
| <b><i>ROBESON</i></b>    |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | IMKI, Inc. (Muffler King) | LUMBERTON   | 811111       | Auto repair             | 1                  | Bankruptcy           | 7/14/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>ROWAN</i></b>      |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | Grove Supply              | CHINA GROVE | 452990       | Building supplies       |                    | Storm damage         | 7/21/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>RUTHERFORD</i></b> |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | Continental AFA           | FOREST CITY | 326199       | Plastic nozzles         | 219                | Financial conditions | 7/24/2008             | CL           |
| <b><i>UNION</i></b>      |                           |             |              |                         |                    |                      |                       |              |
|                          | Island Spa                | MONROE      | 713940       | Massage parlor          | 3                  | Legal problems       | 7/21/2008             | CL           |

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| <b>WAKE</b>   |                               |               |              |                   |                    |                        |                       |              |
|               | GlaxoSmithKline               | ZEBULON       | 325412       | Pharmaceuticals   | 90                 | Economic conditions    | 9/26/2008             | LY           |
|               | American Airlines             | MORRISVILLE   | 481111       | Airline           | 35                 | Restructuring          | 9/5/2008              | LY           |
|               | Stock Building Supply         | APEX          | 444110       | Building supplies |                    | Economic conditions    | 7/23/2008             | LY           |
|               | Dormia (Cary Towne Center)    | CARY          | 425120       | Mattresses        |                    | Bankruptcy             | 9/11/2008             | CL           |
|               | Dormia (Crabtree)             | RALEIGH       | 425120       | Mattresses        |                    | Bankruptcy             | 9/11/2008             | CL           |
|               | Longbranch Saloon             | RALEIGH       | 722410       | Music venue       | 58                 | Economic conditions    | 7/6/2008              | CL           |
|               | Percolator                    | RALEIGH       | 722213       | Coffee shop       | 6                  | Not stated             | 7/7/2008              | CL           |
|               | Yancy's                       | RALEIGH       | 722210       | Restaurant        | 102                | Bankruptcy             | 7/15/2008             | CL           |
|               | Chop House Grille             | RALEIGH       | 722110       | Restaurant        | 45                 | Not stated             | 7/16/2008             | CL           |
|               | Schlotzsky's Deli (Six Forks) | RALEIGH       | 722211       | Restaurant        |                    | Not stated             | 7/19/2008             | CL           |
|               | Fast Break                    | RALEIGH       | 722211       | Restaurant        |                    | Property redevelopment | 7/25/2008             | CL           |
|               | South Hills Emporium          | CARY          | 453310       | Flea market       |                    | Not stated             | 7/19/2008             | CL           |
|               | TierOne Bank                  | RALEIGH       | 522292       | Loan production   | 2                  | Restructuring          | 7/1/2008              | CL           |
|               | Hidden Valley Golf Club       | FUQUAY-VARINA | 913910       | Golf course       | 9                  | Owner's decision       | 12/31/2007            | CL           |
|               | Raleigh Latin School          | RALEIGH       | 611110       | Private school    | 14                 | Low enrollment         | 7/2/2008              | CL           |
|               | INC Research, Inc.            | RALEIGH       | 541710       | Research firm     |                    | Reorganization         | 7/8/2008              | LY           |
| <b>WILSON</b> |                               |               |              |                   |                    |                        |                       |              |
|               | Starbucks Corporation         | WILSON        | 722213       | Coffee shop       | 18                 | Underperformance       | 7/31/2008             | CL           |