

March 2008

Announced Business Closings and Permanent Layoffs

During March 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>BUNCOMBE</i>								
	Black Mountain Chevrolet, LLC	BLACK MOUNTAIN	441110	Car dealership	26	Financial difficulty	3/14/2008	CL
	Black Mountain Ford, LLC	BLACK MOUNTAIN	441110	Car dealership	28	Financial difficulty	3/14/2008	CL
<i>CALDWELL</i>								
	Bernhardt-Seagle Hardware Co., Inc.	LENOIR	444130	Hardware store	3	Owner's decision	3/19/2008	CL
<i>CATAWBA</i>								
	Clayton Marcus (Rowe Fine Furniture,	HICKORY	337121	Furniture mfg.	232	Relocation to Va.	12/31/2008	CL
	Brookwood Family Restaurant	MAIDEN	722110	Restaurant	12	Fire	3/9/2008	CL
<i>CHATHAM</i>								
	Pilgrim's Pride Corp.	SILER CITY	311615	Chicken processing	836	Cost cuts	5/31/2008	CL
	Trusty Building Components	SILER CITY	444190	Roof trusses	100	Consolidation	3/14/2008	CL

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<i>CRAVEN</i>								
	Arby's Restaurant	NEW BERN	722211	Restaurant	25	Fire	3/30/2008	CL
	Bob Clark's, Inc.	HAVELOCK	446110	Gift shop		Owner's decision	4/30/2008	CL
	Ronnie's Barber Shop	NEW BERN	812111	Barber shop	1	Property sold	3/29/2008	CL
<i>CUMBERLAND</i>								
	C.J. Woodmaster	FAYETTEVILLE	442110	Furniture store	6	Bankruptcy	3/27/2008	CL
<i>DURHAM</i>								
	C.J. Woodmaster	DURHAM	442110	Furniture store	3	Bankruptcy	2/29/2008	CL
	On the Border	DURHAM	722110	Restaurant		Not stated	3/1/2008	CL
	Romano's Macaroni Grill	DURHAM	722110	Restaurant	71	Not stated	3/26/2008	CL
	Ringside	DURHAM	722110	Nightclub		Owner's decision	4/30/2008	CL
	Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC	RTP	541110	Law firm	2	Restructuring	2/26/2008	LY
	Omuteko Gwamaziima	DURHAM	611110	Charter school	13	Enrollment issues	6/1/2008	CL
	Phase Bioscience, Inc.	DURHAM	541711	Biotechnology	7	Relocation to Wake Co.	3/13/2008	CL
<i>FORSYTH</i>								
	Vineyards Restaurant	WINSTON-SALEM	722110	Restaurant	8	Not stated	3/15/2008	CL
	Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC	WINSTON-SALEM	541110	Law firm	15	Restructuring	2/26/2008	LY
<i>FRANKLIN</i>								
	Gordon Timber Sales	LOUISBURG	425120	Timber broker		Bankruptcy	3/27/2008	CL
<i>GASTON</i>								
	Swift Galey	GASTONIA	313210	Fabric	250	Not stated	3/21/2008	CL
	Kingsway No. 2	GASTONIA	447110	Convenience store	3	New management	3/21/2008	CL
<i>GUILFORD</i>								
	K & W Cafeteria (Holden Road)	GREENSBORO	722212	Restaurant		Property sold	3/2/2008	CL
<i>HALIFAX</i>								
	Allegheny Wood Products	ENFIELD	321113	Wood products	95	Not stated	4/15/2008	CL

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JOHNSTON								
	Four Seasons Gift Baskets & More	CLAYTON	453220	Gift shop		Relocation to Wake Co.	3/31/2008	CL
LEE								
	Thai House	SANFORD	722110	Restaurant		Fire	3/25/2008	CL
LENOIR								
	Smithfield Packing Co.	KINSTON	311612	Pork production	476	Old facility	5/23/2008	CL
MCDOWELL								
	Swift Gale	MARION	336612	Fabric	150	Foreign competition	1/31/2008	LY
MECKLENBURG								
	Inspiration Networks, Inc.	CHARLOTTE	515120	Broadcasting company		Relocation to SC	3/12/2008	CL
	Little Italy Restaurant	CHARLOTTE	722110	Restaurant		Retirement	3/22/2008	CL
	Metro One Telecommunications, Inc.	CHARLOTTE	561421	Telecommunications	271	Restructuring	5/20/2008	CL
NASH								
	DR Wells General Contractor	NASHVILLE	236115	Building contractor	15	Bankruptcy	3/6/2008	CL
	James Finch Chevrolet, Inc.	BAILEY	441110	Car sales	28	Slow sales	3/27/2008	CL
ONSLOW								
	Hatteras Yachts, Inc.	HUBERT	336612	Boat building	200	Economic conditions	6/17/2008	CL
ORANGE								
	Baum Diamonds & Jewelry Makers	CHAPEL HILL	339911	Jewelry	3	Not stated	3/29/2008	CL
PASQUOTANK								
	Hurdle Hardware, Inc.	ELIZABETH CITY	444130	Hardware store	1	Not stated	3/26/2008	CL
ROBESON								
	Scotland Family Practice	ROWLAND	621111	Medical clinic	3	Slow business	4/4/2008	CL

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ROCKINGHAM								
	Tuck's Shoe Clinic	EDEN	811430	Shoe repair	1	Owner's decision	3/31/2008	CL
ROWAN								
	Salisbury Millwork	SALISBURY	321918	Millwork	35	Fire	3/7/2008	CL
STATEWIDE								
	Bunkey's Carwash	STATEWIDE	811192	Carwash	30	Drought	3/10/2008	LY
WAKE								
	Artworks Landscaping & Design Inc.	CARY	541320	Landscaping contractor	4	Drought	3/10/2008	LY
	Tri-County Heating & Air Conditioning	RALEIGH	238222	HVAC contractor	9	Bankruptcy	3/6/2008	CL
	Tekelec	MORRISVILLE	334210	Telephone equipment	58	Cost cuts	12/31/2007	LY
	ComputerHQ, LLC	MORRISVILLE	425110	Computer services	3	Bankruptcy	3/20/2008	CL
	Misys Healthcare Systems	RALEIGH	423430	Medical-records systems		Merger	9/30/2008	LY
	Agri-Ethanol Products, LLC	RALEIGH	424720	Alternate energy	5	Not stated	10/31/2007	CL
	West Side Furnishings & Design	RALEIGH	425120	Home furnishings	3	Owner's decision	2/29/2008	CL
	Valentine's Bridal	RALEIGH	448190	Bridal shop	3	Not stated	3/8/2008	CL
	Kroger Stores (High House Road)	CARY	445110	Grocery store	105	Unprofitable	5/23/2008	CL
	C.J. Woodmaster	RALEIGH	442110	Furniture store	5	Bankruptcy	3/27/2008	CL
	C.J. Woodmaster	CARY	442110	Furniture store	5	Bankruptcy	3/27/2008	CL
	Pollo Rico	CARY	722110	Restaurant	3	Not stated	3/5/2008	CL
	Terra Nova	CARY	722110	Restaurant		Slow sales	3/5/2008	CL
	Planet Smoothie	CARY	722213	Snack bar		Remodeling	3/22/2008	CL
	Planet Smoothie (2 locations)	RALEIGH	722213	Snack bar		Remodeling	3/22/2008	CL
	Planet Smoothie (Pleasant Valley)	RALEIGH	722213	Snack bar		Not stated	3/22/2008	CL
	Cardinal Art Gallery	RALEIGH	453920	Art gallery		Not stated	1/31/2008	CL
	ATM Financial Services LLC	GARNER	561990	Financial services	13	Bankruptcy	3/18/2008	CL
	Tolly's Tailor Shop	RALEIGH	811490	Tailor shop	1	Retirement	3/31/2008	CL
	Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC	RALEIGH	541110	Law firm	6	Restructuring	2/26/2008	LY
	American Red Cross	RALEIGH	624230	Regional office	32	Restructuring	5/31/2008	CL
	Grant Quest, Inc.	RALEIGH	813910	Grant assistance		Default order	3/5/2008	CL

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WATAUGA								
	Tweetsie Railroad Museum	BLOWING ROCK	713110	Museum/Gift shop		Fire	3/16/2008	CL
WAYNE								
	GAF Materials Corporation	DUDLEY	425120	Building materials	110	Housing slowdown	3/31/2008	CL