

North Carolina County Formations

Through 1700s

1710 Carolina separated into North and South Carolina

County	Parent/Gain	Lost to
Albemarle	1664 1 of 2 original counties	1670 Berkeley Prc 1670 Currituck Prc 1670 Pasquotank Prc 1670 Shaftesbury Prc 1689 DISSOLVED, Prc became counties
Anson	1750 Bladen	1753 Rowan 1762 Mecklenburg 1778 Hertford, Perquimans, Montgomery 1779 Richmond 1842 Union
Archdale	1705 Prc of Bath Co	1712 changed to Craven Prc of Bath
Ashe	1799 Wilkes	
Bath	1696 new county	1705 Archdale Prc, Pamtecough Prc, Wickham Prc 1739 Bath Co DISSOLVED
Beaufort	1696 Bath Co 1705 Pamtecough Prc of Bath Co 1712 Beaufort Prc of Bath Co 1739 Beaufort Co 1757 gain from Craven	1760 Pitt
Berkeley Prc	1670 precinct of Albemarle Co	1681 renamed Perquimans
Bertie	1722 Chowan 1739 precinct to county	1729 Tyrrell 1741 Edgecombe 1741 Northampton 1759 Hertford
Bladen	1734 New Hanover Precinct 1739 precinct to county	1750 Anson 1752 Orange 1754 Cumberland 1764 Brunswick 1786 Robeson
Brunswick	1764 Bladen, New Hanover	
Buncombe	1791 Burke, Rutherford	
Burke	1777 Rowan	1779 Rutherford 1782 Lincoln

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		1787 Rutherford 1791 Buncombe 1793 Iredell
Bute	1764 Granville	1779 DISSOLVED 1779 Warren, Franklin
Cabarrus	1792 Mecklenburg	
Camden	1777 Pasquotank	
Cartaret	1722 Craven Precinct 1739 precinct to county 1770 Ocracoke Island	
Caswell	1777 Orange	1791 Person
Chatham	1770 Orange	
Chowan	1670 Shaftesbury Prc of Albemarle 1685 renamed Chowan Prc of Albermarle Co 1739 precinct to county	1722 Bertie 1729 Tyrrell 1759 Hertford 1778 Gates
Clarendon	1664 1 of 2 original counties	1667 DISSOLVED
Columbus		
Craven	1705 Archdale Prc of Bath Co 1712 changed to Craven Prc of Bath 1739 precinct to county	1722 Cartaret 1729 New Hanover 1746 Johnston 1754 Beaufort 1778 Jones 1798 Craven
Cumberland	1754 Bladen	1770 Wake
Currituck	1670 precinct of Albemarle Co 1730 precinct to county	1729 Tyrrell 1745 Hyde
Dobbs	1758 Johnston	1791 DISSOLVED 1791 Glasgow , Lenoir
Duplin	1750 New Hanover	1784 Rutherford 1784 Sampson
Edgecombe	1741 Bertie	1746 Granville 1758 Halifax 1777 Nash
Franklin	1779 Bute	
Gates	1778 Chowan	
Glasgow	1791 Dobbs	1793 Wayne 1799 renamed Greene

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Granville	1746 Edgecombe	1752 Orange 1764 Bute
Greene	1712 Archdale Prc to Craven Prc 1746 Johnston from Craven 1758 Dobbs from Johnston 1791 Glasgow from Dobbs 1799 name changed from Glasgow	
Guilford	1770 Rowan and Orange	1778 Randolph 1785 Rockingham
Halifax	1758 Edgecombe	1774 Martin
Hertford	1759 Bertie, Chowan, Northampton 1778 gain from Anson	
Hyde	1670 Wickham Prc of Bath Co 1712 renamed Hyde Prc of Bath 1739 precinct to county 1745 gain from Currituck	
Iredell	1788 Rowan 1793 gain from Burke, Wilkes	
Johnston	1746 Craven	1752 Orange 1758 Dobbs 1770 Wake
Jones	1778 Craven	
Lenoir	1791 Dobbs 1798 Craven	
Lincoln	1782 Burke	
Martin	1774 Halifax, Tyrrell	
Mecklenburg	1762 Anson	1769 Tryon 1792 Cabarrus 1842 Union
Montgomery	1778 Anson	1841 Stanley
Moore	1784 Cumberland	
Nash	1777 Edgecombe	
New Hanover	1729 Craven Prc of Bath 1739 precinct to county	1734 Bladen 1734 Onslow 1750 Duplin 1764 Brunswick 1795 New Hanover
Northampton	1741 Bertie	1759 Hertford
Onslow	1734 New Hanover Precinct 1739 precinct to county	
Orange	1752 Bladen, Granville, Johnston	1770 Chatham, Rowan 1770 Wake

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		1777 Caswell
Pamptecough Prc	1705 Prc of Bath	1712 renamed to Beaufort Prc of Bath
Pasquotank	1670 Prc of Albemarle Co 1739 precinct to county	1729 Tyrrell 1777 Camden
Perquimans	1681 Prc of Albemarle 1739 precinct to county 1778 gain from Anson	
Person	1791 Caswell Co	
Pitt	1760 Beaufort	
Randolph	1778 Guilford	
Richmond	1779 Oct 18 Anson Co	1899 Scotland
Rockingham	1785 Guilford	
Robeson	1786 Bladen	
Rowan	1753 Anson	1770 Guilford, Surry 1777 Burke 1788 Iredell
Rutherford	1779 Burke, Tryon 1787 gain from Burke	1791 Buncombe
Sampson	1784 Duplin 1795 New Hanover	
Scotland	1899 Richmond	
Shaftesbury Prc	1670 Prc of Albermarle Co	1685 renamed Chowan Prc
Stokes	1789 Surry	1796 Surry
Surry	1770 Rowan 1792 gain from Wilkes 1796 Stokes	1778 Wilkes 1789 Stokes
Tryon	1768 Mecklenburg	1779 DISSOLVED 1779 Lincoln, Rutherford
Tyrrell	1729 Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, and Pasquotank Precincts 1739 precinct to county	1774 Martin 1799 Washington
Union	1842 Anson, Mecklenburg	
Wake	1770 Cumberland, Johnston, Orange	
Warren	1779 Bute	
Washington Dist	1776 western area of NC	1777 Wilkes, Washington Dist TN 1785 part of State of Franklin 1788 becomes part of TN
Washington	1799 Tyrrell	
Wayne	Oct 18 1779 western part of Dobbs 1793 Glasgow	
Wickham	1705 prc of Bath	1712 name change to Hyde

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Wilkes	1777 Surry, District of Washington 1792 gain from non-county area	1785 part of State of Franklin 1785 Wayne Co TN 1793 Iredell 1799 Ashe