



North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc.

County Profile for Caldwell County

Population

Median Age.....	37.5
Percent American Indian.....	0.2%
Percent Asian.....	0.4%
Percent Black.....	5.5%
Percent Born in NC.....	80.7%
Percent 65 and over.....	13.3%
Percent Population Change 1990-2000.....	9.5%
Percent 0-17.....	23.4%
Percent White.....	91.7%
Population 2000.....	77,415
Population 2008.....	80,059
Population 1990.....	70,709
Population Density 2000.....	164

Income and Poverty

Child Poverty Rate.....	14.1%
Elderly Poverty Rate.....	11.9%
Median Household Income 2000.....	\$35,739
Per Capita Income 2000.....	\$17,353
Percent Receiving Food Stamps.....	12.7%
Population in Poverty 2000.....	8,161
Poverty Rate 2000.....	10.7%

Housing

Home-ownership Rate.....	74.9%
Percent Substandard Housing.....	0.0%

Percent Unaffordable Housing15.6%

Health

Infant Mortality Rate.....7.5

Percent Uninsured.....16.2%

Physicians Per Population.....9.7

Education

Graduation Rate.....68.5%

Per Student Expenditures K-12.....\$7,415

American Indian Students Passing End of Grade Exams.....55.6%

Asian Students Passing End of Grade Exams.....64.6%

Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher.....10.4%

Black Students Passing End of Grade Exams.....24.9%

Hispanic Students Passing End of Grade Exams43.0%

Percent with High School Diploma.....32.1%

Percent with Less Than High School Education33.8%

Students Passing End of Grade Exams.....53.0%

White Students Passing End of Grade Exams.....56.1%

Labor Force and Employment

Average Wage for Manufacturin.....\$7,046

Female Labor Force Participation Rate.....60.3%

Labor Force 2007.....38,373

Labor Force 2008.....37,980

Manufacturing Layoffs 2006.....692

Manufacturing Layoffs 2007.....0

Manufacturing Layoffs 2008.....12

Percent Working in Manufacturing.....26.1%

Percent Working in Production.....38.1%

Percent Professionals.....20.1%

Percent Working in Sales.....21.2%

Percent Working Age Population.....63.3%

Total Announced Layoffs 2006.....1,232

Total Announced Layoffs 2007.....	0
Total Announced Layoffs 2008.....	12
Unemployed 2007.....	2,722
Unemployed 2008	3,059
Unemployment Rate 2006.....	7.5%
Unemployment Rate 2007.....	7.1%
Unemployment Rate 2008.....	8.1%

Other

Ability to Pay.....	15.8
Crime Rate.....	33.9
Voting Rate.....	67.3%
Property Tax Rate.....	0.660

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Total Agricultural Receipts.....	\$20,751,000
Average Farm Size 2002.....	85
Percent Family Owned Farms.....	95.6%
Tobacco Dependency Ranking.....	Low
Total Farms 2002.....	411

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