

Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity ~ Business Recruitment ~ Product Development

Project Averages



71
 JOBS



34
 THOUSAND
 SQUARE FEET



11
 ACRES



\$18
 MILLION
 INVESTMENT

Project Activity Stats



Active Projects

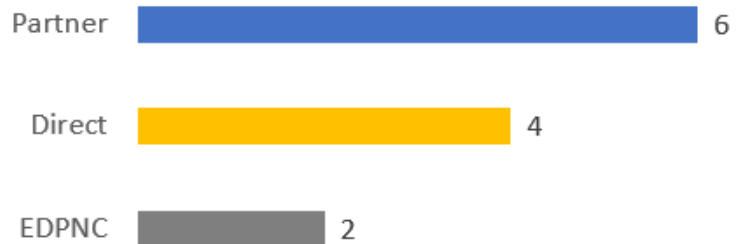


Projects Added

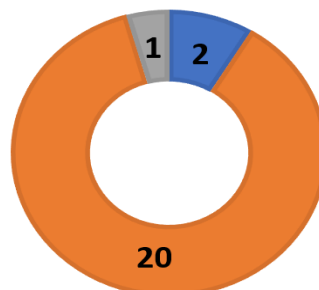
*9 Projects Moved to Inactive

The EDC is engaged with 12 active projects which consists of 4 New and 8 Existing Businesses. There were two missed opportunities this month due to the size of the building and their requirements.

Projects by Source

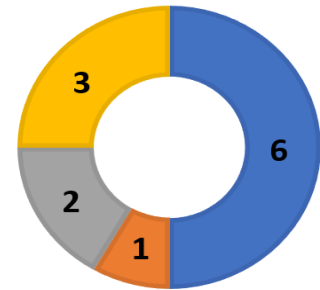


Projects by Location



■ Wilkesboro ■ County
 ■ North Wilkesboro

Projects by Type



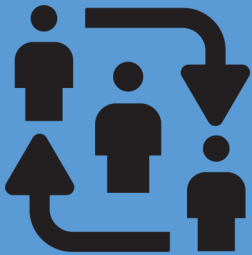
■ Manufacturing ■ Commercial
 ■ Distribution ■ Other

Existing Business Activity



4

UNIQUE VISITS



9

FOLLOW UP VISITS

Meetings



17

PARTNER MEETINGS



7

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



30

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED



MerleFest 2019

Wilkes EDC hosted several corporate guests and resource partners for the 32nd annual MerleFest on the campus of Wilkes Community College. MerleFest continues to be a huge economic driver for our community and a great way for the EDC to build relationships as a sponsor and a host to clients during the event. The EDC Board will receive a recap of this year's festival later this year.

Congratulations Town of North Wilkesboro - 2019 National Main Street Accreditation



The National Main Street Center has designated 46 North Carolina communities as accredited Main Street America™ programs for 2019...[read more.](#)

Wilkes EDC Action Planning

Wilkes EDC is updating its Economic Development Action Plan and wants your input. The plan will include a wide range of economic development strategies. Your input will be used in a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) Analysis and to develop goals and strategies. The information you provide will remain confidential and will be compiled with all survey responses.

Complete the [EDC Community Survey](#) to share your thoughts on economic development in Wilkes.

March Unemployment Rate

4.2% ↓

Down from 4.3% in February. State March Rate is 4.1%.