

## Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity ~ Business Recruitment ~ Product Development

### Project Averages



**66**  
 JOBS



**41**  
 THOUSAND  
 SQUARE FEET



**11**  
 ACRES



**\$6**  
 MILLION  
 INVESTMENT

### Project Activity Stats



Active Projects



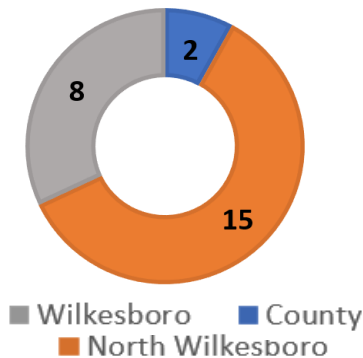
Projects Added

The EDC is engaged with 18 active projects which consists of 10 New and 8 Existing Businesses. There was 1 missed opportunity this month due not having shovel ready site.

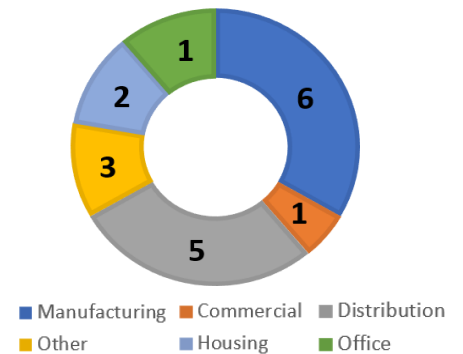
### Projects by Source



### Projects by Location



### Projects by Type

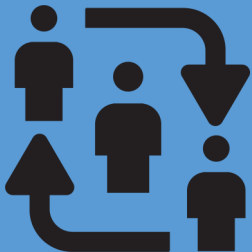


## Existing Business Activity



**3**

UNIQUE VISITS



**3**

FOLLOW UP VISITS

## Meetings



**9**

PARTNER MEETINGS



**8**

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



**14**

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED



## Wilkes EDC is Celebrating ECMD Inc. ranking #5 in NC Mid-Market Fast 40!

ECMD rose in the ranks from #13 in 2018 to #5 in 2019.

*Read more* in the Business NC special publication where Bill Elkin, CFO shares insight during a round-table discussion. [2019 NC Mid-Market Fast 40 Report](#)

## Wilkes EDC Staff Attends the 2nd Annual Outdoor Economy Conference

The Wilkes EDC staff, along with leaders from the Health Foundation, North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro government and tourism, attended the 2nd Annual Outdoor Economy Conference in Asheville, NC. Over 500 attendees from 15 states came together at the conference to share ideas. Local leaders in Wilkes will continue to collaborate on how we can strengthen the outdoor sector of our local economy. To learn more about the conference, [click here](#).

## Wilkes EDC Hosts HR Committee Meeting

Wilkes EDC hosted local HR representatives with guest speakers from the Career Development Center at Appalachian State University to learn how local businesses can partner with ASU for workforce needs. To learn more about the Career Development Center, [visit their website](#).

## September Unemployment Rate

**3.7% ↓**

Down from 4.6% in August. State September Rate is 3.5%.

*Note: September 2019 Data are Preliminary.*