

Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity ~ Business Recruitment ~ Real Estate Development

Project Averages



115
 JOBS



62
 THOUSAND
 SQUARE FEET



7
 ACRES

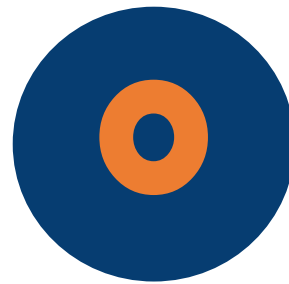


\$7
 MILLION
 INVESTMENT

Project Activity Stats



Active Projects



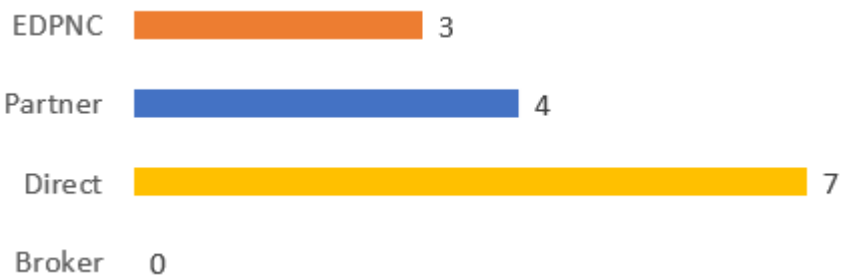
Projects Added



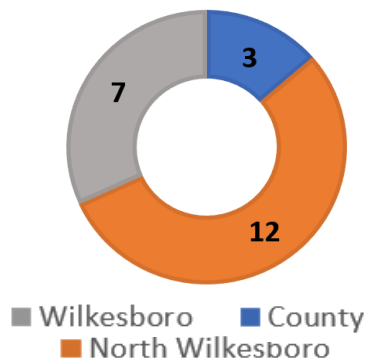
Project Visits

The EDC is engaged with 14 Active Projects which consists of 7 New and 7 Existing businesses. There was 1 Project Visit by an existing industry. There were 4 Missed Opportunities due to building size requirements.

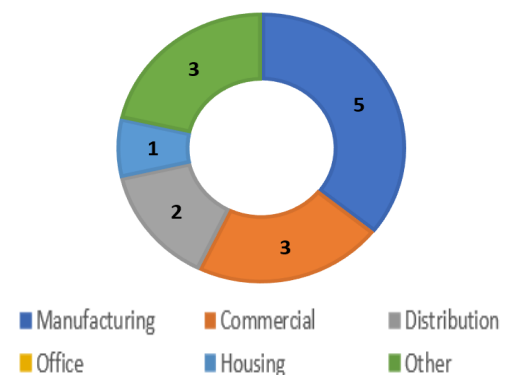
Projects by Source



Projects by Location



Projects by Type

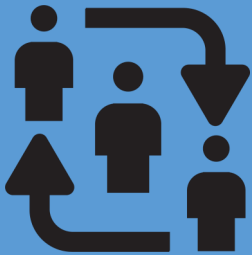


Existing Business Activity



1

UNIQUE VISITS



6

FOLLOW UP VISITS

Program Stats



21

PARTNER MEETINGS



8

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



26

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED

The Wilkes EDC Entrepreneurial Grant Program is now Open!

\$12,000 to be awarded.
\$6,000 awarded in two categories -
New and Existing Business.



Applications can be found on the [Wilkes EDC website](#).

Complete an application to be enrolled in the program. A class will be held on March 17th for help in completing your business plan. Online tutorials will also be available. Business Plans are due to the EDC office by April 20th. You will be asked to present your idea to a small panel of judges on April 30th. Funding for the winners will be available in May. If you have any questions, contact Robin Hamby rhamby@wilkesedc.com.

Start Up Wilkes Website is Live!

[Start Up Wilkes](#) is part of Start Up Northwest NC, an initiative of Wilkes Community College's Small Business Center. The site was launched on March 10th. Start Up Wilkes provides resources for Entrepreneurs in Wilkes County.

WEDN 2020



The Wilkes EDC Staff attended WEDN (Women's Economic Development Network) in Concord at the end of February. WEDN is hosted by Creative EDC and is held annually to bring women working in the economic development field together to share ideas and best practices. The event was attended by over 100 women from NC and surrounding states.

December Unemployment Rate

3.6% ↑

Up from 3.5% in November. State December Rate is 3.3%.

Note: January numbers will be published in late March 2020.