

## Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity ~ Business Recruitment ~ Real Estate Development

### Project Averages



**115**  
 JOBS



**59**  
 THOUSAND  
 SQUARE FEET



**12**  
 ACRES



**\$6**  
 MILLION  
 INVESTMENT

### Project Activity Stats



Active Projects



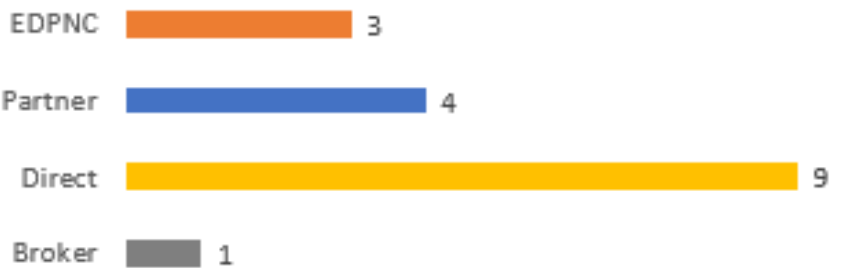
Projects Added



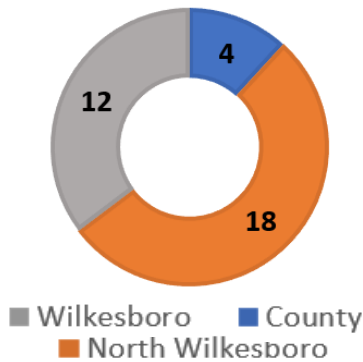
Project Visits

The EDC is engaged with 17 Active Projects which consists of 10 New and 7 Existing businesses. There was 1 Project Visit by an existing industry and 1 Project Announced - Project Sport.

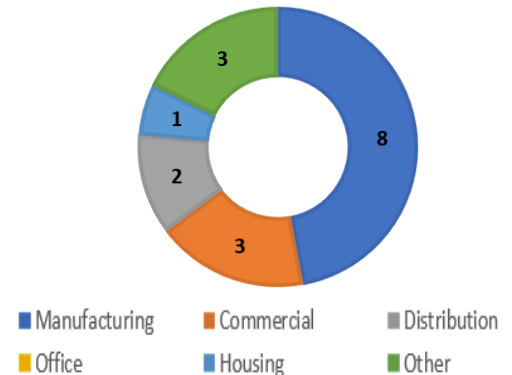
### Projects by Source



### Projects by Location



### Projects by Type

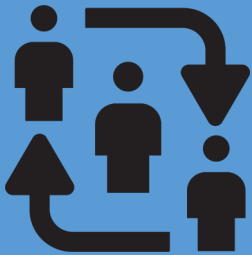


## Existing Business Activity



**18**

UNIQUE VISITS



**21**

FOLLOW UP VISITS

## Program Stats



**21**

PARTNER MEETINGS



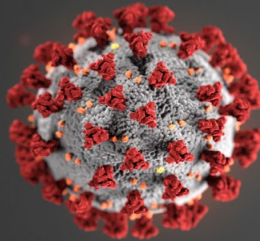
**10**

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



**45**

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED



## Wilkes EDC COVID-19 Resource Page

The Wilkes EDC has created a [COVID-19 resource page](#) to connect businesses to programs available. Some of the most requested are [SBA Disaster Loan Assistance](#) and [Small Business CARES Act](#). Another important resource available is [Manufactured in NC](#), where you can locate products in your supply chain or list your business so others can find you! Locate more information on these programs and many more by visiting our website. Contact the [Wilkes EDC](#) for more information. We are here to help.

## The Wilkes EDC Entrepreneurial Grant Program is Open!

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



We have adjusted the dates to give applicants more time. Business Plans are now due to the EDC office by **April 30th**. Presentations due on **May 15th**. Presentations may take place through video conferencing. \$12,000 will be awarded in two categories for new and existing business. Winners could win up to \$6,000. For more information contact Robin Hamby at [rhamby@wilkesedc.com](mailto:rhamby@wilkesedc.com).

## Wilkes Housing Study Moving Forward

Wilkes EDC, in partnership with Winston-Salem Association of Realtors engaged with Bowen National Research to conduct a Housing Needs Study for Wilkes County over the next 5 months. Researchers will be contacting members of the community soon to gather information. We will be including buildings and sites conducive for housing development. Email LeeAnn Nixon [lnixon@wilkesedc.com](mailto:lnixon@wilkesedc.com) to add your property or for more information.

## January Unemployment Rate

**4.4%↑**

Up from 3.6% in December. State January Rate is 4.1%.

*Note: January 2020 Data are Preliminary.*