

## Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity ~ Business Recruitment ~ Real Estate Development

### Project Averages



### Project Activity Stats



Active Projects



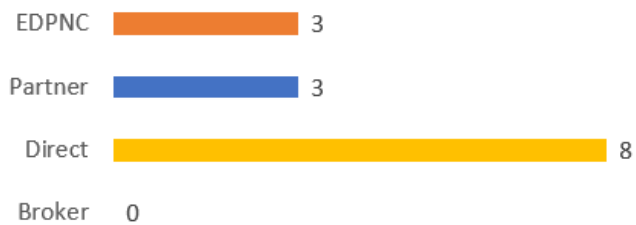
Project Added



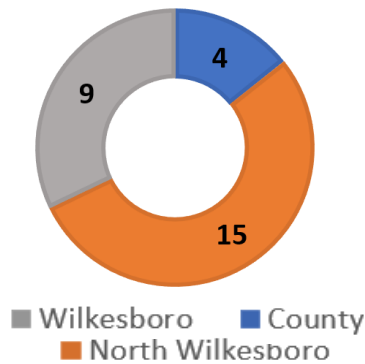
Site Visits

The EDC is engaged with 14 Active Projects which consists of 7 New and 7 Existing businesses. There was 1 Site Visit. 6 Projects were moved to Inactive and there was 6 Missed Opportunities due to lack of large building size or failure to meet requested criteria.

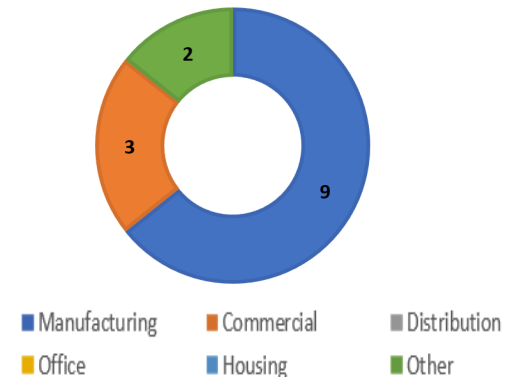
### Projects by Source



### Projects by Location



### Projects by Type



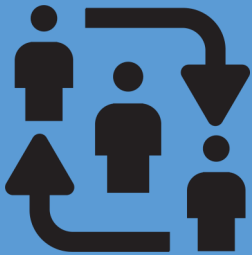
## Existing Business

### Activity



**43**

UNIQUE  
VISITS



**8**

FOLLOW  
UP VISITS

## Program Stats



**11**

PARTNER  
MEETINGS



**2**

REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT



**34**

SOLUTIONS  
PROVIDED

## The Wilkes EDC Awards \$196,000 to 98 Business Recovery Grant Winners

After almost two full months, **98 businesses** have been awarded \$2,000 each to go toward fixed business expenses including rent or utilities. **18 businesses** have been awarded \$500 to improve their online presence provided by local marketing professionals. Each week a review committee meets to approve applicants based on the criteria set for the program. It has become apparent that the small business owners in our area are beyond thankful for the help provided by this program; **many expressed it has kept them afloat**. Out of these applications, **483 jobs have been positively impacted** in our county. The grant program will continue to remain open until the remaining funds have been distributed. The Wilkes EDC once again wants to extend thanks to all contributing partners for the Marketing and Recovery Grant Programs: The Leonard G. Herring Family Foundation Inc, Lowe's, Wilkes EDC and their Local Expansion & Attraction Program (LEAP), Wilkes County Government, Town of North Wilkesboro, Town of Wilkesboro and few undisclosed donors.

*Window  
World*

## Window World Named Top Replacement Contractor for 12th Straight Year

["N. WILKESBORO, N.C. - Window World®](#), America's largest replacement window and exterior Remodeling company, was recently **named as the top replacement contractor** in Remodeling magazine's 2020 Remodeling 550 list of top remodelers for the **12th consecutive year** ... Maintaining its authority at the top of the Remodeling 550 is the latest accomplishment for Window World. **The company sold its 18 millionth window earlier this year** and has sold and installed more than one million residential replacement windows in each of the last 11 years ... Window World also supports the Veterans Airlift Command, a nonprofit organization that facilitates free air transportation to wounded veterans and their families. As a member of that network, Window World's corporate jet has provided transportation for over 115 missions, transporting 360 veterans and their families around the country. In total, Window World has contributed over \$2.5 million in flights and donations since 2008." **Additionally they are gracious corporate citizens engaged in many programs and events in Wilkes County.**

*Excerpt via Franchising.com*

## May Unemployment Rate

**11.2%↓**

Down from 11.6% in April. State April Rate is 12.7%.