

# Poverty in North Carolina

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## *NC Poverty Statewide*

- 2007 poverty rate estimated at 14.8%. US poverty rate is 13.3%.
- 6.2% of NC residents fall below 50% of the poverty line. 19.8% are below 125%.
- 35% of female-headed households are poor; 43.2% hover just above the poverty line.

Source: US Census Bureau 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates.

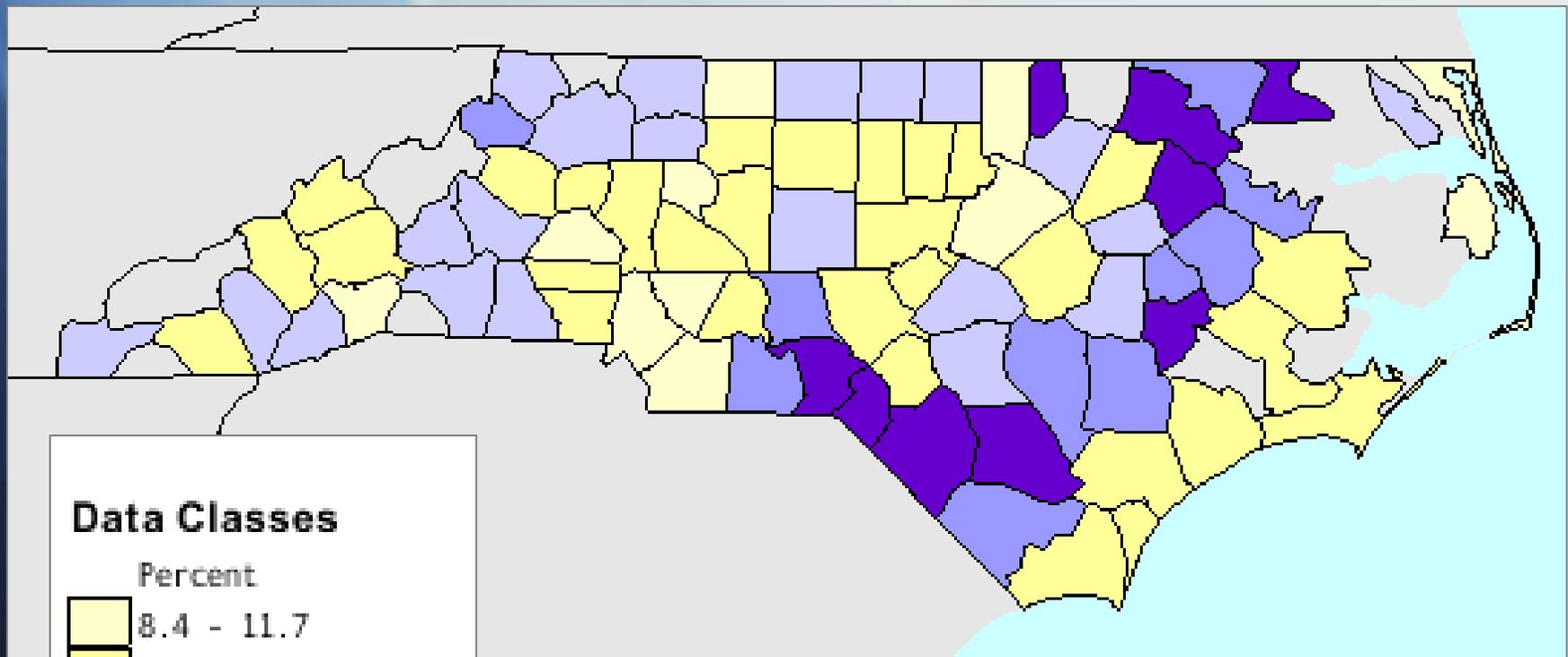
# *NC Poverty by County*

77 counties have poverty rates higher than US average. 21 counties have poverty rates over 20%.

Robeson County has the highest rate at 28.6%; Union County the lowest at 7.9%.

Source: US Census Bureau 2007 State Area Income Poverty and Income Estimates (SAIPE), released Dec. 2008.

# *Poverty by County 2007*



## Data Classes

Percent

8.4 - 11.7
12.2 - 15.2
15.6 - 19.3
19.9 - 23.5
24.3 - 30.4

US estimate: 13.3 %

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *Poverty by Race/Ethnicity*

White (not Hispanic)	9.9%
	579,489 people
Asian	12.7%
	19,643 people
American Indian	25.3%
	25,433 people
African American	26%
	469,519 people
Hispanic	27.4%
	158,796 people

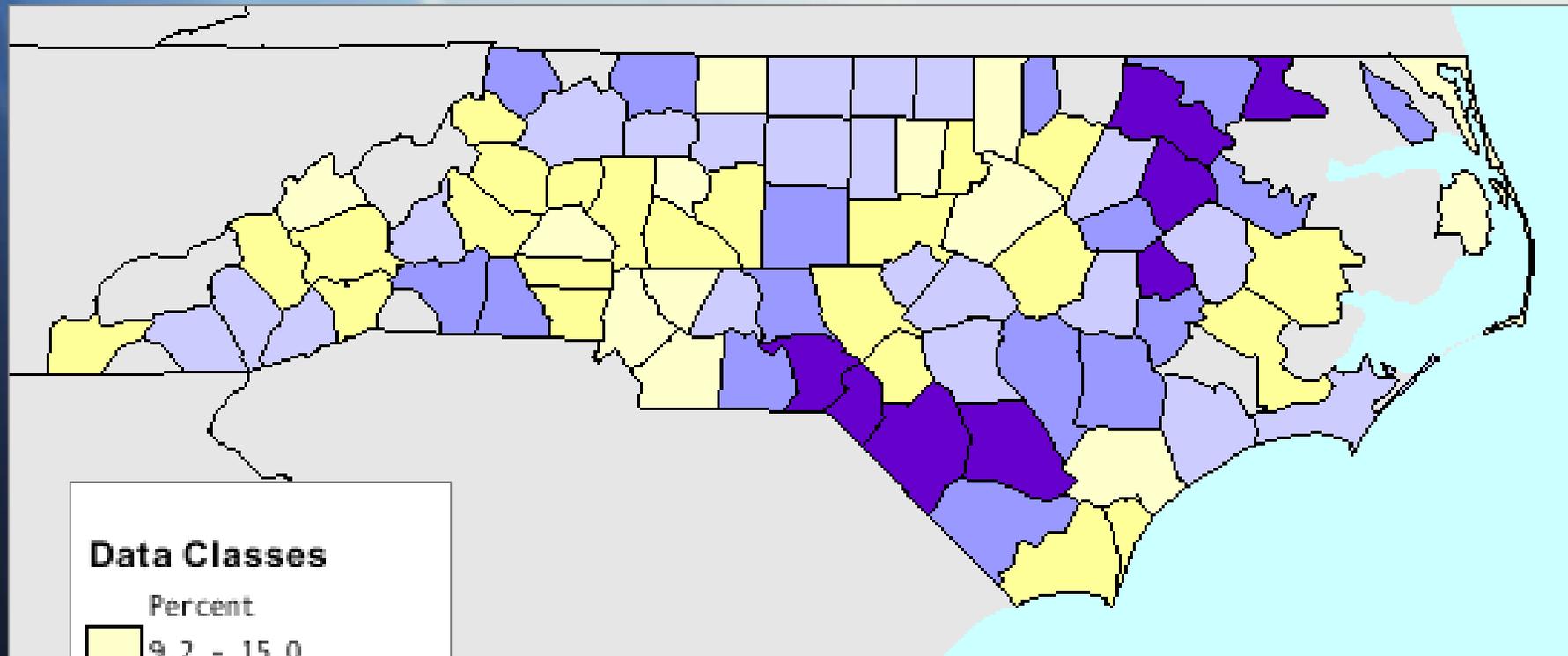
Source: US Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates.

# *NC Children in Poverty*

- Statewide, 1 in 5 children is poor.
- 24.3% of children in poverty in NC have at least one parent working full-time.
- Almost 50% (46.7%) of low-income (200% of poverty level) children have at least one parent working full-time.

Source: US Census Bureau 2007 State Area Income Poverty and Income Estimates (SAIPE), released Dec. 2008 and Action for Children NC 2009 Economic Opportunity Report Card.

# *Childhood Poverty by County 2007*



## Data Classes

Percent

Light Yellow	9.2 - 15.0
Yellow	15.8 - 19.9
Light Purple	20.7 - 25.3
Medium Purple	26.4 - 33.8
Dark Purple	34.6 - 44.5

US estimate: 18.3%

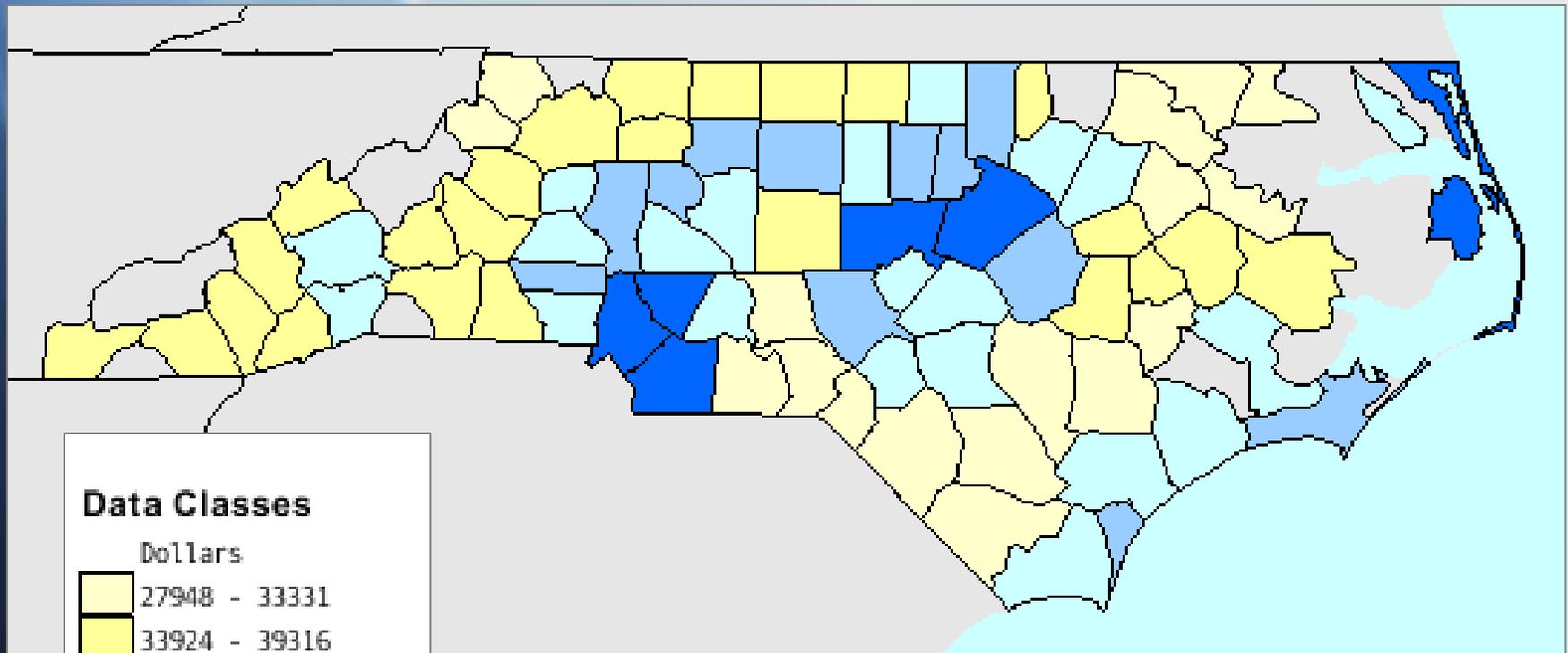
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *NC Median Household Income 2007*

- \$43,867 All Households
- \$49,701 White (not Hispanic)
- \$34,711 Hispanic/Latino
- \$31,014 Native American
- \$30,099 African American

US median is \$50,007

# *Median Household Income by County* *2007*



## **Data Classes**

Dollars

	27948 - 33331
	33924 - 39316
	39953 - 43976
	44988 - 48926
	51794 - 61984

US estimate: \$50,007

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *NC Unemployment*

NC unemployment rate was 10.8% in March, double the rate from a year ago.

US unemployment was 8.5%. NC ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in country.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

19 counties with 15% unemployment or more in Feb.

Alexander	Graham
Alleghany	Lee
Burke	McDowell
Caldwell	Mitchell
Catawba	Richmond
Cherokee	Rutherford
Cleveland	Scotland
Dare	Swain
Edgecombe	Warren
Gaston	

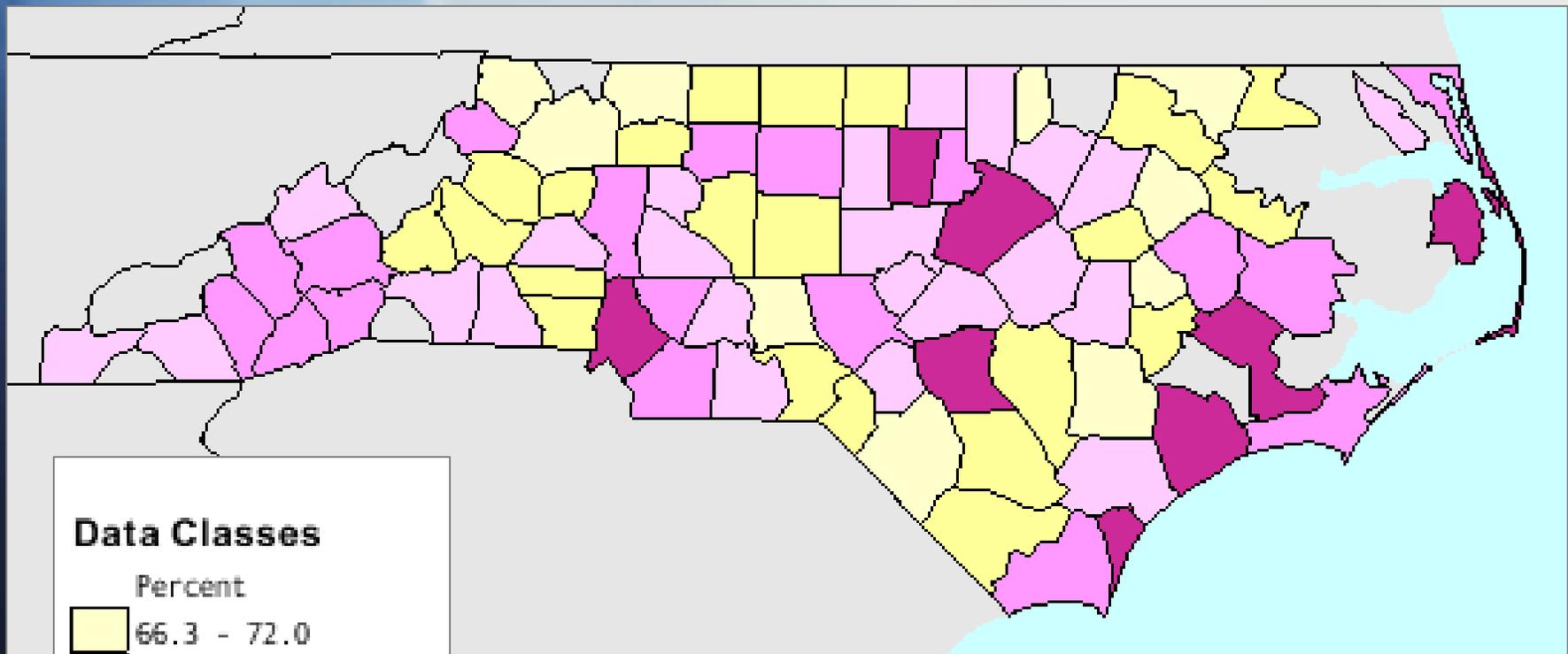
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Feb. 2009, seasonally unadjusted

# *Education*

38.2% of NC residents with a high school degree or less are poor;  
53.1% are near-poor (125% of poverty).

Source: Us Census Bureau 2005-2007 American Community Survey  
3-Year Estimates

# *Adults over 25 with High School Diploma or Equivalent*

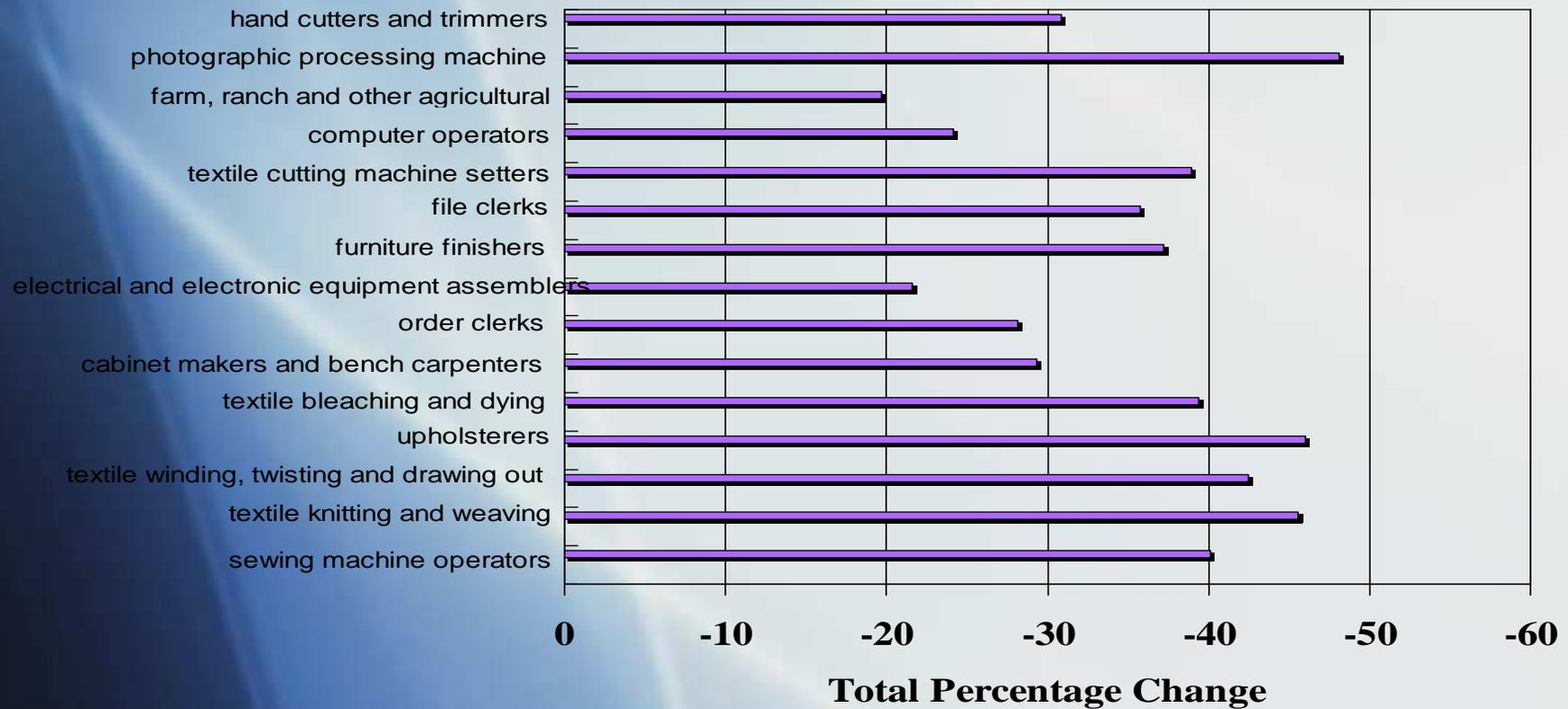


Data Classes	
Percent	
66.3 - 72.0	Lightest Yellow
72.4 - 77.1	Yellow
77.7 - 81.9	Light Pink
82.4 - 86.1	Medium Pink
87.4 - 93.2	Darkest Pink

United States: Estimate: 84%

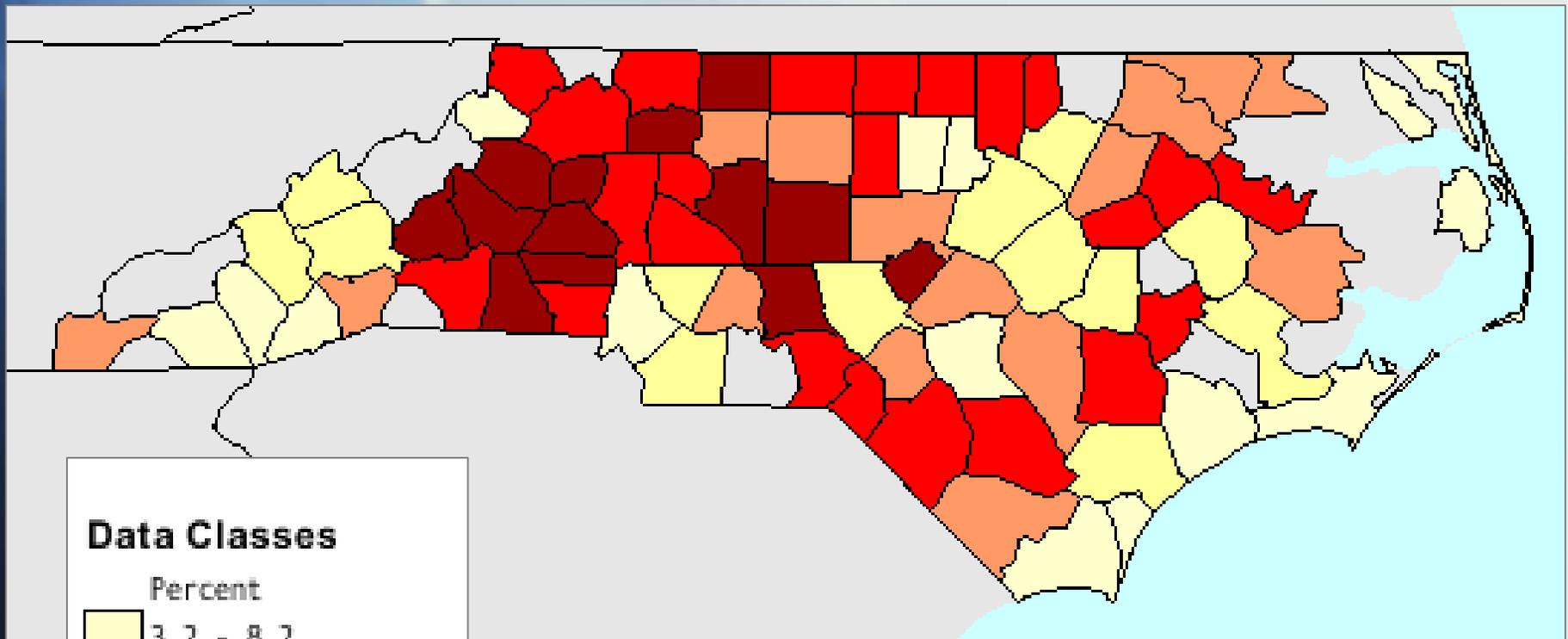
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *15 Fastest Declining Occupations 2006-2016*



Source: Employment Security Commission of NC, NC  
Occupational Projections 2006-2016

# *Percent Employed in Manufacturing*



## **Data Classes**

Percent

Light Yellow	3.2 - 8.2
Yellow	9.2 - 13.4
Orange	13.6 - 17.5
Red	18.8 - 23.9
Dark Red	24.3 - 32.5

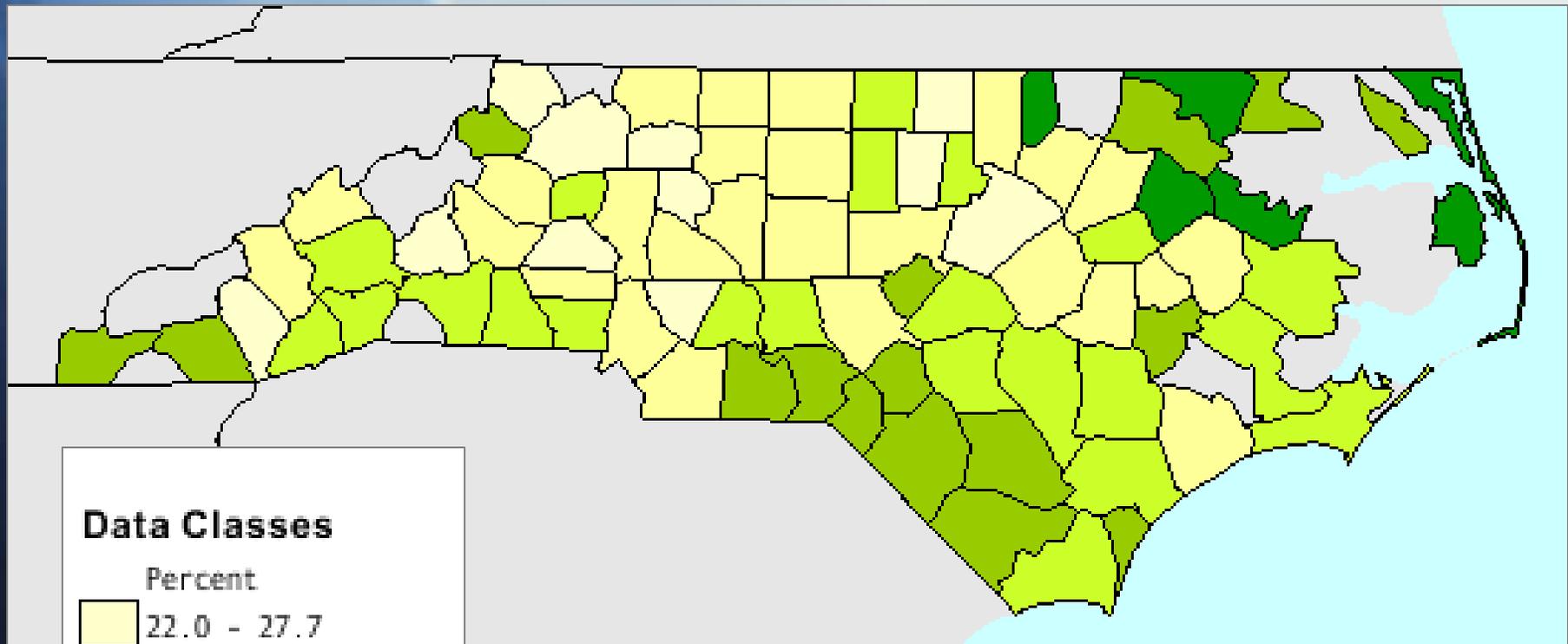
United States Estimate: 11.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *Layoffs and Closings*

- <http://eslmi23.esc.state.nc.us/masslayoff/MLSFrame.asp?contentsFrame=5>

# *Homeowners Spending More than 30% on Mortgage*



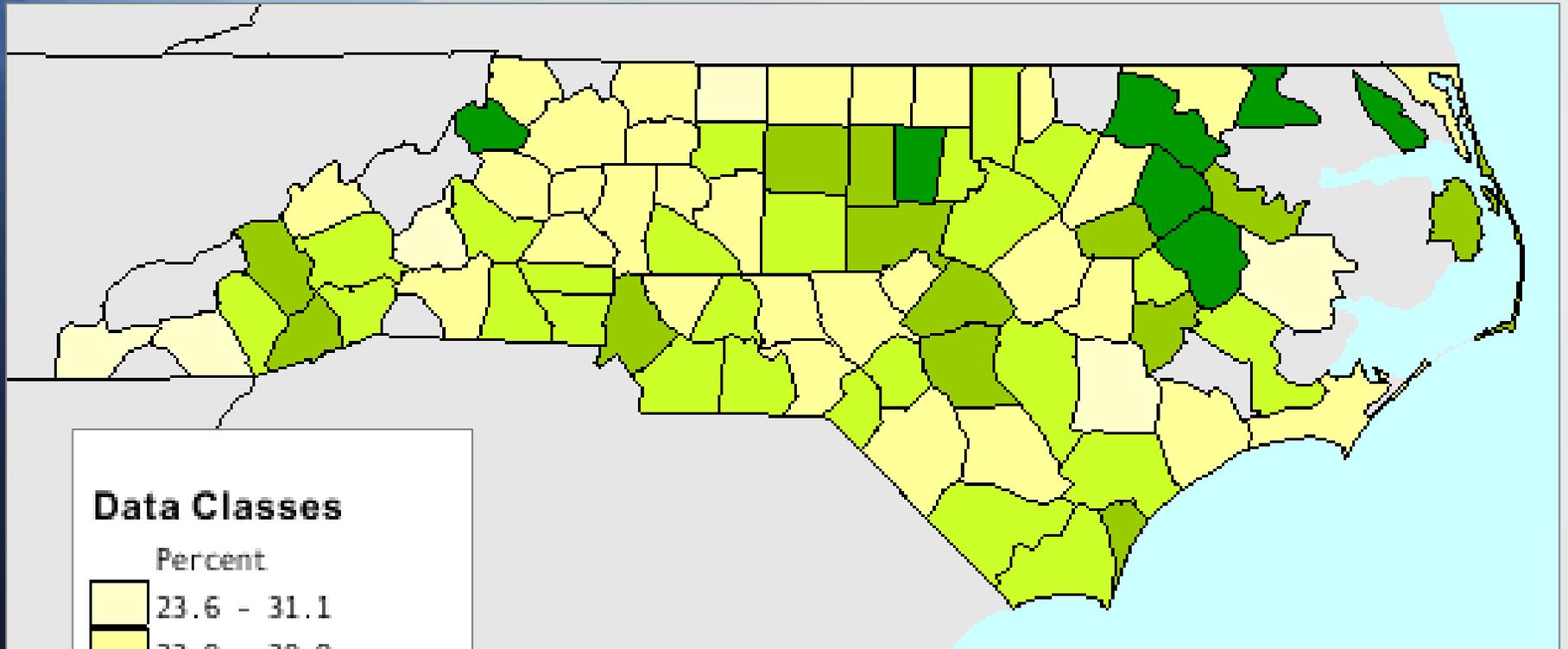
## **Data Classes**

Percent

Lightest Yellow	22.0 - 27.7
Light Yellow	28.3 - 31.4
Yellow-Green	31.7 - 34.3
Green	35.0 - 39.1
Dark Green	40.2 - 48.0

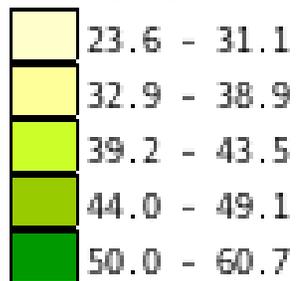
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *Renters Spending More than 30% on Rent 2007*



## Data Classes

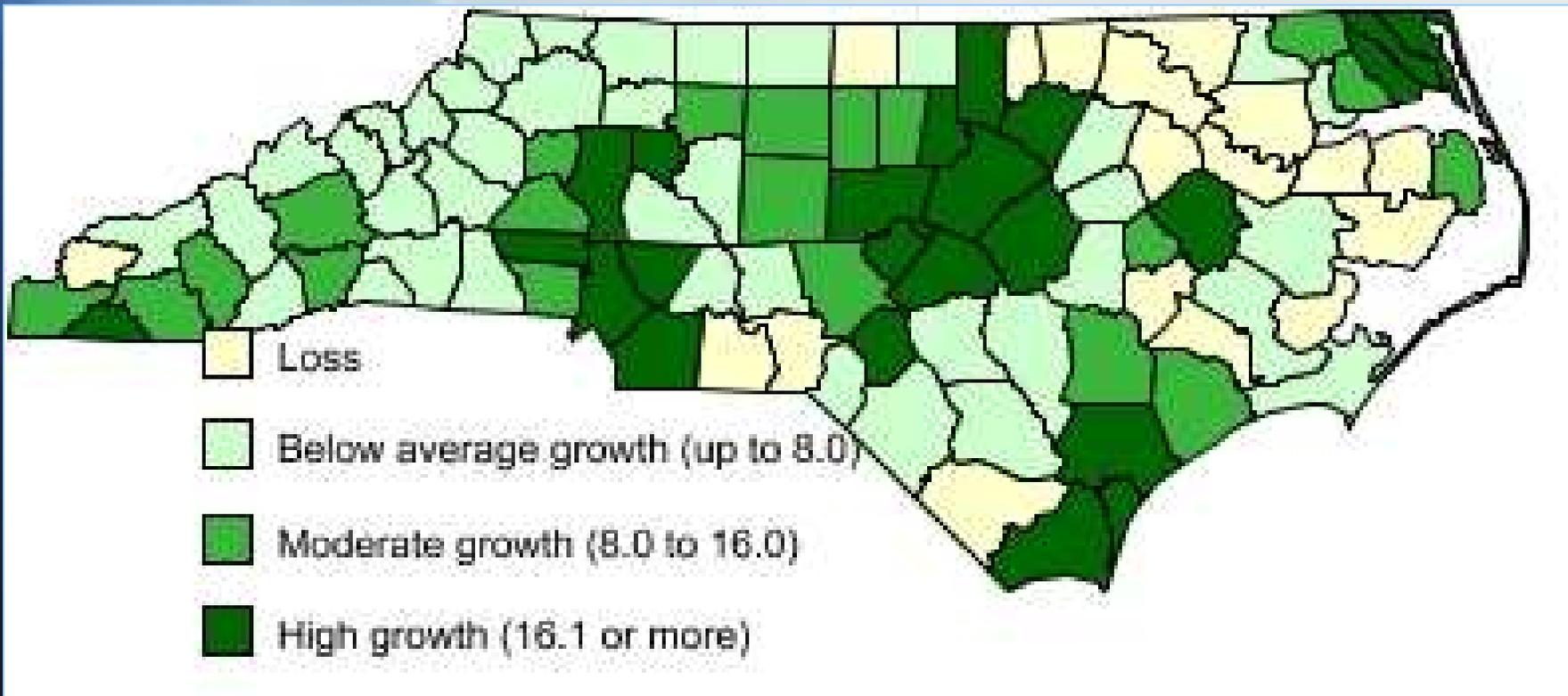
Percent



US Estimate: 29.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

# *Counties with Population Loss 2000-2008*



Source: 2008 county estimate files and 2000 Population Census Census Bureau data prepared by the ERS USDA