

## Economic Indicators - Durham County

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Retail Sales</b> (Fiscal year data)	\$4,597,852,967	\$4,646,891,369	\$5,085,955,806	\$3,707,313,563	\$940,168,876*
<b>Cost Of Living Index, Annual Avgs (US Average = 100)</b>	95.6	96.1	97.0	88.6	90.0
<b>MSA Employment by Workplace<sup>1</sup></b>					
Construction	8,359	8,613	8,659	9,075	9,627
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8,897	9,065	9,517	10,901	11,839
Government	49,250	49,801	50,194	50,784	52,316
Health Care and Social Assistance	41,859	43,466	44,694	47,027	49,394
Manufacturing	41,873	41,511	41,885	41,908	41,265
Retail Trade	22,316	22,571	22,966	23,459	23,347
Other Services	6,265	6,070	6,157	6,059	6,799
Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities	8,721	7,747	7,989	8,333	8,564
Wholesale Trade	6,808	7,512	7,749	7,551	7,635
<b>Total</b>	194,348	196,356	199,810	205,097	210,786
<b>MSA Civil Labor Force (By Residence)</b>	239,075	241,727	246,033	255,573	261,382
<b>MSA Total Employment (By Residence)</b>	226,396	231,217	235,536	245,490	251,392
<b>MSA Unemployment Rate (By Residence)</b>	5.3%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%	3.8%
<b>Durham County Labor Force (By Residence)</b>	126,827	128,402	130,646	135,753	138,771
<b>Total Employment In Durham (By Residence)</b>	119,815	122,727	125,019	130,415	133,551
<b>Durham Unemployment Rate (By Residence)</b>	5.5%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%	3.8%
<b>RDU Airport Activity</b>					
RDU Passenger Originations	3,968,186	4,352,702	4,708,459	4,722,148	5,016,469
RDU Cargo Shipped (Tons)	45,127	50,144	51,188	49,277	52,606
Average Weekday Scheduled Flight Departures <sup>2</sup>	464	549	501	510	523
<b>Real Estate &amp; Construction Activity</b>					
Office Space Occupancy (Annual Survey)	81.0%	84.2%	81.6%	81.1%	83.9%
Retail Space Occupancy (Annual Survey)	92.5%	93.4%	89.4%	93.4%	92.0%
Single Family Residential Units	1,953	2,051	2,269	1,815	1,496
Multi Family Residential Units	966	868	162	879	292
Non-Residential Construction Permitted Cost (New)	\$239,536,420	\$214,829,235	\$189,937,211	\$130,239,259	\$180,991,074**
Total Residential Units Sold (New & Existing)	3,430	3,900	4,269	4,582	4,625
Average Sales Price	\$173,831	\$172,557	\$183,511	\$199,256	\$204,103
<b>Chamber Assisted Industry Investment</b>	\$66,910,000	\$736,961,300	201,374,980	\$410,347,500	\$255,140,000***
<b>Chamber Assisted Industry Jobs Created</b>	400	2,341	1,895	2,512	1,005***

Sources: NCESC; City of Durham Inspections Department; Bureau of the US Census; Board of Realtors; Council for Community and Economic Research (ACCRA); U.S. Department of Labor; NC Department of Revenue; HSH Associates; RDU Airport Authority; Federal Reserve Board; Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

\*NOTE: Retail Sales total based on total taxable sales reported on sales and use tax returns beginning July 2005.

\*\*2007 First quarter

\*\*January 1, 2007 - September 30, 2007

\*\*\*January 1, 2007- June 30, 2007

<sup>1</sup> 2007 Second quarter data, labor market information

<sup>2</sup> Fourth quarter averaged