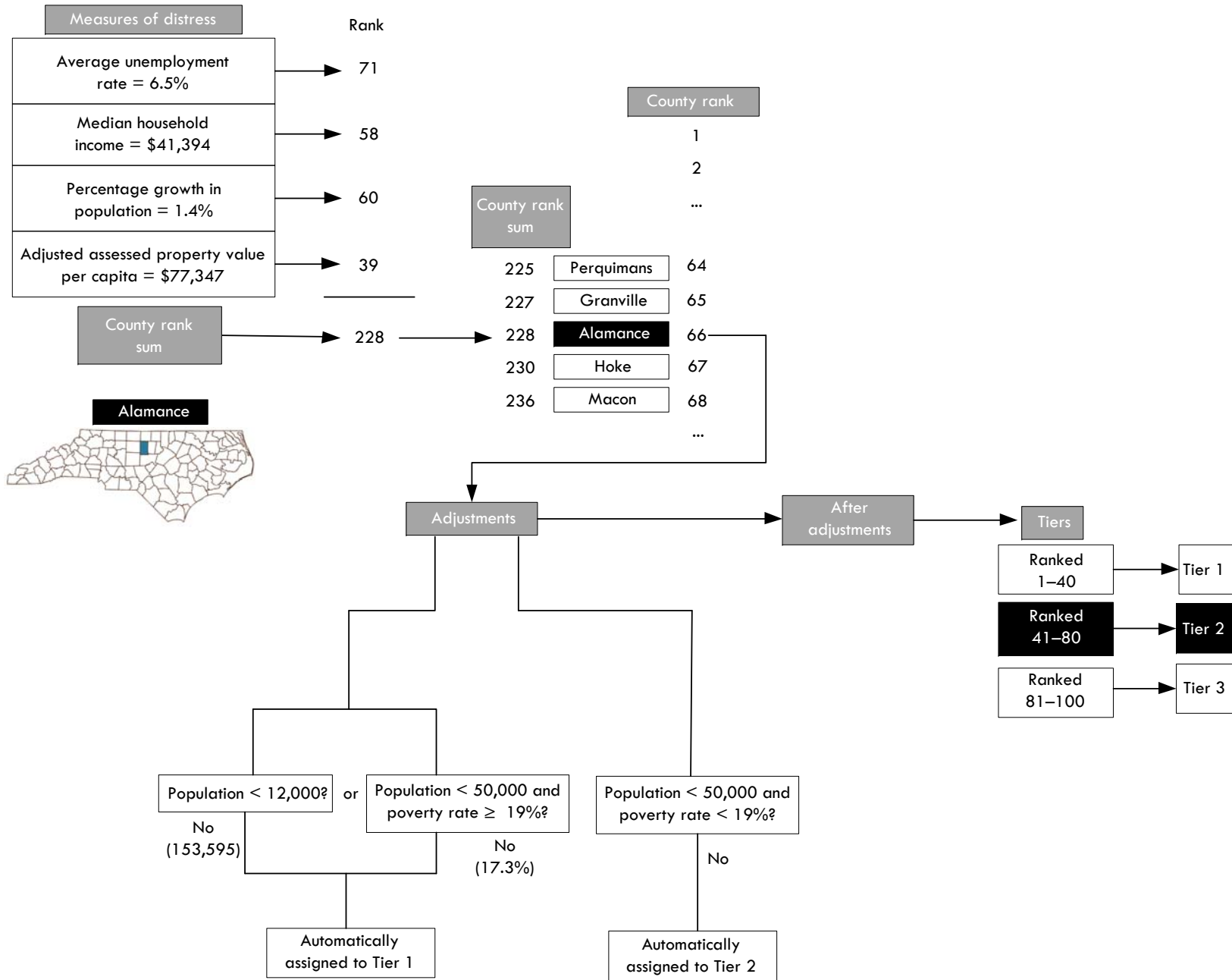


How Counties Receive a Tier Designation



Source: Program Evaluation Division based on 2015 tier ranking information provided by the Department of Commerce.

Economic Development Programs: Department of Commerce

Program Name	Description	Statutorily Required to Use Tiers
Building Reuse and Economic Infrastructure Programs	Building Reuse: provides grants to local governments for renovation, expansion, or construction of vacant buildings, buildings occupied by an existing NC company, or health care entities Economic Infrastructure: provides grants to local governments for infrastructure projects	Yes
Community Development Block Grant	Provides funding to local government to support private for-profit companies for infrastructure, building reuse, or demolition	No
Industrial Development Fund Utility Account	Funds construction of or improvements to new or existing water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband, electrical utility distribution lines or equipment, or transportation infrastructure for existing or new or proposed buildings	Yes
Job Maintenance and Capital Development Investment Fund	Provides grants to businesses that meet the requirements of a major employer or large manufacturing employer.	Yes
Main Street Solutions Fund	Provides grants to assist planning agencies and small businesses with efforts to revitalize downtowns by creating jobs, funding infrastructure improvements and rehabilitating buildings	Yes
NC Green Business Fund	Provided awards for projects that (a) save energy; (b) install or generate renewable energy to offset the use of energy from greenhouse gas-generating sources as a demonstration project or use all of the generated energy on-site; (c) promote building energy efficiency; and/or (d) create or retain jobs	Yes

Non-Economic Development Programs: Other State Agencies

Agency & Program Name	Description	Statutorily Required to Use Tiers
Agriculture & Consumer Services, Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation (ADFP) Trust Fund	Funds projects to encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural, and forestlands to foster the growth, development, and sustainability of family farms	Yes
Agriculture & Consumer Services, Spay & Neuter	Reimburses the costs incurred by cities and counties for spay/neuter procedures performed on dogs and/or cats owned by low-income individuals	Yes
Environmental Quality, Abandoned Manufactured Home Cleanup Grants	Awards grants to counties to cover the partial costs of cleaning up abandoned manufactured homes	Yes
Environmental Quality, State Wastewater Reserve and State Drinking Water Reserve Programs	Provides wastewater and drinking water grants in the form of high unit cost and technical assistance grants to local governments	Yes
Health & Human Services, Medication Assistance	Awards grants to free clinics, community health centers, public health departments, and other health care safety net partners	No
Health & Human Services, Public Health Dental Hygienist	Delivers dental preventive services to school-aged children	No
Transportation, Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan for Regional Impact Transportation Investment Project	Provides funding for transportation projects involving highways that address cost-effective needs from a region-wide perspective and promote economic growth.	No
NC 911 Board, Public Safety Answering Point Grants	Provides grants to Public Safety Answering Points in rural and other high-cost areas	Yes
NC Housing Finance Agency, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Awards	Provides federal tax credits to private developers to finance construction and rehabilitation of quality rental housing affordable for low-income families and elderly persons	No

Source: Program Evaluation Division based on data from state agencies.