

January 29, 2016

## Food Stamp Application Processing

The State of North Carolina and all of the counties were put on notice by the US Dept. of Agriculture several months ago due to the State not meeting the timeliness requirements for Food Stamp application processing.

Failure to meet the compliance requirement by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016 could result in reduced Federal revenue reimbursements for counties statewide.

The USDA compliance requirement is to process standard applications within 30 days and emergency applications within 7 days 95% of the time. The State's rate in early 2015 was around 80%. Over the course of 2015, county DSS agencies made significant strides to improve the overall timeliness rate. In fact over the past month the average rate for the State is 90.34%.

Stanly County DSS has done a very good job of maintaining compliance with the 95% mandate. Stanly County's average over the past month is 97.27%. DSS staff has accrued some overtime and comp time in order to meet the 95% requirement. Below please find a comparison of Stanly County's processing rate to other counties in the region over the past 30 days:

Jurisdiction	Avg. Processing Rate December 18 - January 15
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>97.96%</b>
Stanly	97.27%
Anson	96.93%
Montgomery	96.44%
Cleveland	95.19%
Cabarrus	92.56%
Randolph	92.22%
Union	91.38%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>90.34%</b>
Rowan	88.50%
Davidson	88.07%
Gaston	87.92%
Mecklenburg	86.44%

## Economic Development Update

**Active Projects** – The current number of projects with activity in the past six (6) months is fifteen (15). One formerly active project made a decision to locate in Tennessee. There were no new active project leads in the past 30 days.

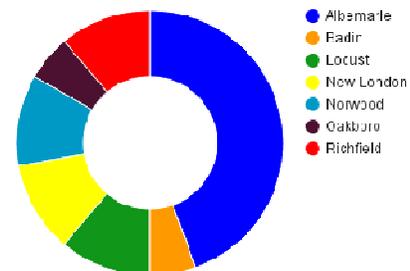
The EDC actively met or provided follow-up information to seven (7) of the fifteen (15) active projects in the past 30 days (47%).

The EDC staff responded to one (1) request for information (RFI) in the past 30 days. The lead for the suspect project was generated by the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

There were a total of four (4) existing industry visits in the past 30 days.

### Active Projects – Locations Being Considered

Active Projects by Location



### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, February 1 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
Board Planning Retreat	Friday, February 12 9:00 AM Airport