

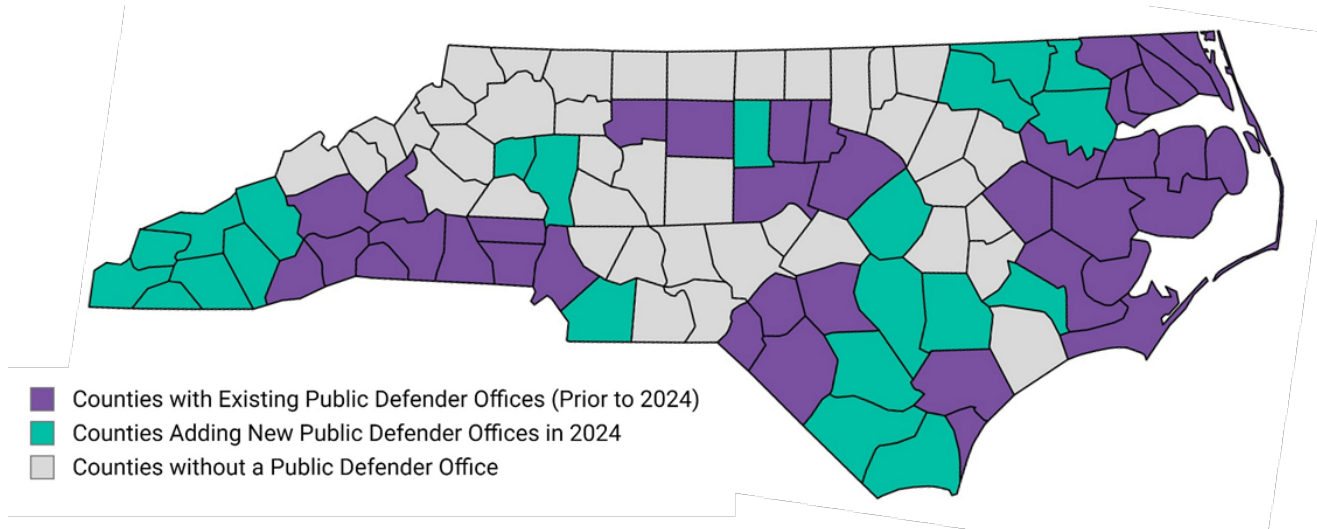
# North Carolina 2024 Public Defender Expansion

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In 2023, the North Carolina General Assembly approved funding to create eight new public defender districts. The eight new districts will cover twenty-two counties. Once they are in place, sixty of North Carolina’s 100 counties will be served by a public defender. Seven of the new districts were fully funded starting January 1, 2024; for the eighth, full funding is effective July 1, 2024. Because new public defender offices need time to hire and train staff, they will not start taking cases right away.

The map below shows counties that had a public defender office before 2024, counties that will get a public defender office in 2024, and counties that do not have a public defender office.

## Counties Served by Public Defender Offices



The table below provides information about all the state’s public defender districts.

## North Carolina Public Defender Districts

Public Defender District	Counties Served	New in 2024?
1	Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan	No
2	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrell, Washington	No
3	Pitt	No
4	Carteret, Craven, Pamlico	No
5	Duplin, Jones, Sampson	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)
6	New Hanover, Pender	No
7	Bertie, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)
10	Wake	No
13	Johnston	Yes (Jul 1, 2024)
14	Cumberland	No
15	Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus	Yes
16	Durham	No
17	Alamance	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)
18	Orange, Chatham	No
20	Robeson	No
21	Scotland, Hoke	No
24	Guilford	No
26	Mecklenburg	No
30	Union	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)
31	Forsyth	No
32	Alexander, Iredell	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)
38	Gaston	No
39	Cleveland, Lincoln	No
40	Buncombe	No
41	Rutherford, McDowell	No
42	Henderson, Polk, Transylvania	No
43	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	Yes (Jan 1, 2024)

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