

# Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available in 39 Counties + Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Following Hurricane Helene

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits are available if you lived or worked in the following counties:

Alexander	Lincoln
Alleghany	Macon
Ashe	Madison
Avery	McDowell
Buncombe	Mitchell
Burke	Polk
Caldwell	Rutherford
Catawba	Transylvania
Clay	Watauga
Cleveland	Wilkes
Gaston	Yancey
Haywood	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Henderson	
Jackson	

**The deadline to apply is  
February 6, 2025.**

Cabarrus	Nash
Cherokee	Rowan
Forsyth	Stanly
Graham	Surry
Iredell	Swain
Lee	Union
Mecklenburg	Yadkin

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People who lived or worked in the above-listed counties who are unemployed as a direct result of Hurricane Helene may be eligible for unemployment benefits under the DUA program.

DUA is a federal unemployment program that provides temporary payments for people who, as a direct result of Hurricane Helene:

- No longer have the job that provided their primary source of income.
- Are unable to reach their place of unemployment.
- Cannot work because of an injury caused by the storm.
- Were unable to begin employment or self-employment due to the storm.
- Have become the major supplier of household income due to a storm-related death of the previous major supplier of household income.

**For more information, go to [www.des.nc.gov/dua](http://www.des.nc.gov/dua) or call:  
DUA English – 919-629-3857 | DUA Spanish – 919-276-5698**

Find additional info on Helene aid  
online at [www.legalaidnc.org/helene](http://www.legalaidnc.org/helene)

