

FRANKLIN COUNTY PROFILE

Population	
Population 1990	361,414
Population 2000	47,260
Population Density 2000	96
Percent Population Change 1990-2000	29.8%
Percent 0-17	25.3%
Percent 65 and over	11.0%
Median Age	35.8
Percent Born in NC	72.2%
Income and Poverty	
Median Household Income 2000	\$38,968
Per Capita Income 2000	\$17,562
Population in Poverty 2000	5,790
Poverty Rate 2000	12.6%
Child Poverty Rate	16.1%
Elderly Poverty Rate	16.7%
Percent Receiving Food Stamps	8.3%
Housing	
Percent Unaffordable Housing	16.7%
Percent Substandard Housing	0.2%
Home-ownership Rate	77.8%
Health	
Physicians Per Population	5.4
Infant Mortality Rate	7.4
Percent Uninsured	21.3%
Education	
Students Passing End of Grade Exams	74.7%
White Students Passing End of Grade Exams	83.3%
Black Students Passing End of Grade Exams	63.8%
American Indian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	75.0%
Asian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	70.6%
Hispanic Students Passing End of Grade Exams	65.8%
Per Student Expenditures K-12	\$5,958
Dropout Rate	6.1%

Percent with Less Than High School Education	26.4%
Percent with High School Diploma	34.5%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	13.2%
Labor Force and Employment	
Percent Working Age Population	63.7%
Unemployment Rate 2004	5.1%
Female Labor Force Participation Rate	60.0%
Percent Working in Manufacturing	21.0%
Average Wage for Manufacturing	\$44,211
Percent Professionals	25.3%
Percent Working in Production	20.7%
Percent Working in Sales	23.7%
Total Announced Layoffs 2004	39
Other	
Crime Rate	26.4
Property Tax Rate	\$0.79
Ability to Pay	20
Voting Rate	68.9%
Agriculture and Natural Resources	
Total Agricultural Receipts	\$47,959,000
Total Farms 2002	574
Percent Family Owned Farms	94.4%
Average Farm Size 2002	223
Tobacco Dependency Ranking	Medium

Data Source: NC Rural Economic Development Center
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