

NORTH CAROLINA PROFILE

Population	
Population 1990	6,628,637
Population 2000	8,049,313
Population Density 2000	165
Percent Population Change 1990-2000	21.4%
Percent 0-17	24.4%
Percent 65 and over	12.0%
Median Age	35.8
Percent Born in NC	63.0%
Income and Poverty	
Median Household Income 2000	\$39,184
Per Capita Income 2000	\$20,307
Population in Poverty 2000	958,667
Poverty Rate 2000	12.3%
Child Poverty Rate	15.7%
Elderly Poverty Rate	13.2%
Percent Receiving Food Stamps	7.4%
Housing	
Percent Unaffordable Housing	20.7%
Percent Substandard Housing	0.1%
Home-ownership Rate	69.4%
Health	
Physicians Per Population	20.3
Infant Mortality Rate	8.5
Percent Uninsured	19.4%
Education	
Students Passing End of Grade Exams	74.8%
White Students Passing End of Grade Exams	84.4%
Black Students Passing End of Grade Exams	56.8%
American Indian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	72.7%
Asian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	81.9%
Hispanic Students Passing End of Grade Exams	68.6%
Per Student Expenditures K-12	\$6,335
Dropout Rate	4.8%
Percent with Less Than High School Education	21.9%
Percent with High School Diploma	28.4%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.5%

Labor Force and Employment	
Percent Working Age Population	63.6%
Unemployment Rate 2004	5.5%
Female Labor Force Participation Rate	59.0%
Percent Working in Manufacturing	15.3%
Average Wage for Manufacturing	\$41,724
Percent Professionals	31.2%
Percent Working in Production	18.7%
Percent Working in Sales	24.8%
Total Announced Layoffs 2004	20,523
Other	
Crime Rate	45.6
Property Tax Rate	
Ability to Pay	
Voting Rate	63.2%
Agriculture and Natural Resources	
Total Agricultural Receipts	\$7,273,892,000
Total Farms 2002	53,930
Percent Family Owned Farms	93.3%
Average Farm Size 2002	168
Tobacco Dependency Ranking	

Data Source: NC Rural Economic Development Center
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