

PERSON COUNTY PROFILE

Population	
Population 1990	30,180
Population 2000	35,623
Population 2006	27,341
Population Density 2000	90
Percent Population Change 1990 – 2000	18.0%
Percent White	68.8%
Percent Black	28.2%
Percent American Indian	0.6%
Percent Asian	0.1%
Percent 0 – 17	24.0%
Percent 65 and over	13.7%
Median Age	38
Percent Born in NC	78.2%
Income and Poverty	
Median Household Income 2000	\$37,159
Per Capita Income 2000	\$18,709
Population in Poverty 2000	4,223
Poverty Rate 2000	12.0%
Child Poverty Rate	14.9%
Elderly Poverty Rate	17.3%
Percent Receiving Food Stamps	10.8%
Housing	
Percent Unaffordable Housing	16.8%
Percent Substandard Housing	0.0%
Home-ownership Rate	74.6%
Health	
Physicians Per Population	9.9
Infant Mortality Rate	10.5
Percent Uninsured	16.8%
Education	
Students Passing End of Grade Exams	57.2%
White Students Passing End of Grade Exams	70.8%
Black Students Passing End of Grade Exams	38.9%
American Indian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	62.5%
Asian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	50.0%
Hispanic Students Passing End of Grade Exams	51.4%
Per Student Expenditures K-12	\$6,287

Percent with Less Than High School Education	25.1%
Percent with High School Diploma	38.1%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	10.3%
Graduation Rate	75.5%
Labor Force and Employment	
Percent Working Age Population	62.3%
Unemployment Rate 2006	6.2%
Female Labor Force Participation Rate	57.2%
Percent Working in Manufacturing	21.1%
Average Wage for Manufacturing	\$42,287
Percent Professionals	24.6 %
Percent Working in Production	23.3%
Percent Working in Sales	22.0%
Total Announced Layoffs 2006	657
Agriculture and Natural Resources	
Total Agricultural Receipts	\$23,859,000
Total Farms 2002	374
Percent Family Owned Farms	93.0%
Average Farm Size 2002	254
Tobacco Dependency Ranking	Medium
Other	
Crime Rate	31.9%
Property Tax Rate	\$ 0.65
Ability to Pay	11
Voting Rate	70.3%

Data Source: NC Rural Economic Development Center
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