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The Southeastern Region of North Carolina

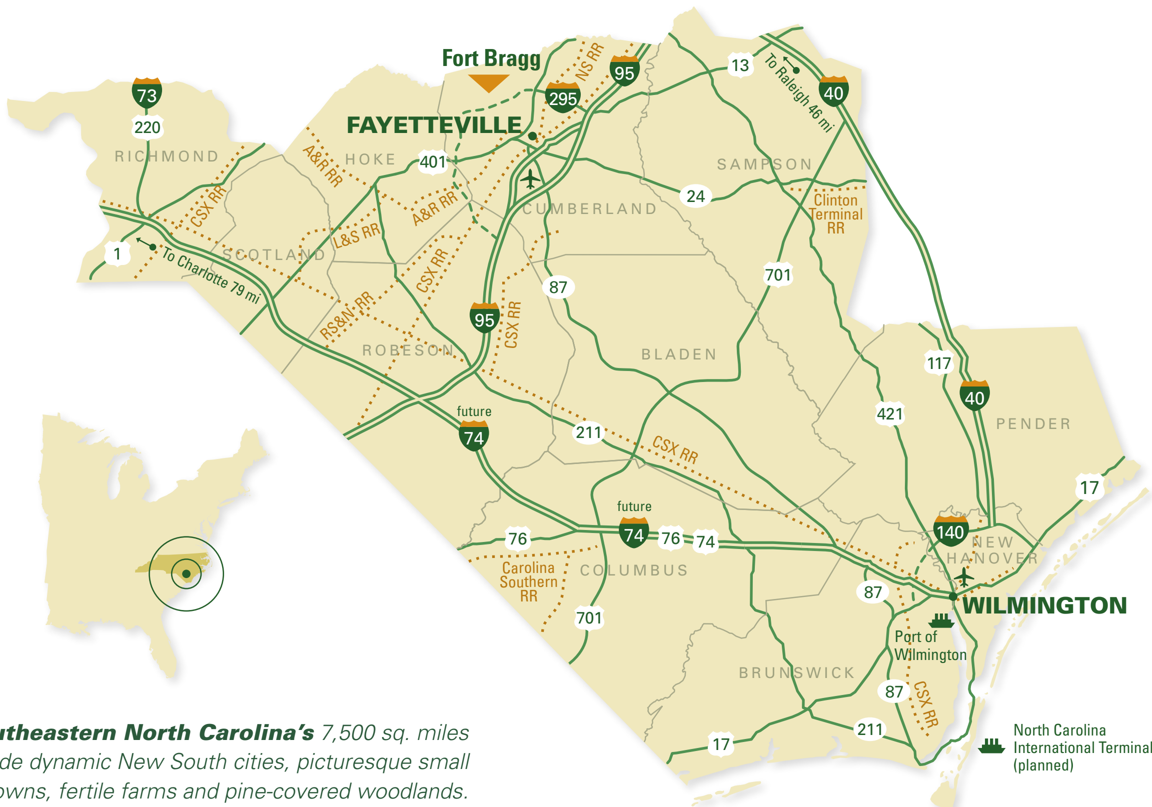
The 11 counties of Southeastern North Carolina stretch from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean to the Sandhills. Its 7,500 sq. miles (19,425 sq. kms) include dynamic New South cities, picturesque small towns, fertile farms and pine-covered woodlands. The Southeast is home to the Port of Wilmington, North Carolina's international container port complex. The region also encompasses Fort Bragg, now among the U.S. Army's largest and most strategically important bases.

Over one million people live in the region, and its growing population includes newly arriving residents from around the world at all stages of life and career. Demographers project continued population growth for the Southeast during the coming five years, with all counties expected to see positive increases in residents. The region's workforce, which now numbers nearly 500,000, includes a diverse cross-section of workers in agriculture, manufacturing, wholesale trades (i.e., distribution), construction, healthcare, government and the professions. Top private employers include GE, Smithfield Foods, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Wal-Mart Corp., PPD, Inc., and International Paper. Its diversified economy helped keep the Southeast's unemployment rates during 2009 at levels below North Carolina's statewide jobless figure.

The region's unique network of multi-modal transportation assets continues to spur economic advantages. The Port of Wilmington, which connects firms across the state to buyers and suppliers around the world, makes the Southeast North Carolina's "gateway to the global economy." As competing port complexes in the eastern U.S. operate at full capacity, shipping lines and the firms they serve are turning to Wilmington as an increasingly popular conduit for bulk, break-bulk and containerized goods. State and federal governments have spent generously on highways in the Southeast Region, with new Interstate extensions around Fayetteville and Wilmington complementing I-40, I-95 and the still-in-progress I-73/74 corridor. The region's utility infrastructure is undergoing transformation as Progress Energy's Sutton Plant converts from coal to natural gas in a move that boosts regional natural gas capacity while serving the long-term interests of the environment.

Southeastern North Carolina continues to offer a competitive cost structure for new and existing businesses—including tax rates, construction costs, real estate valuations and other factors. The region's K-12 school systems maintain a commitment to measurable results under state and federal quality improvement programs. Nine campuses of the North Carolina Community College System serve business, industry and residents of all ages with an innovative, responsive catalogue of affordable education and training programs. Three public universities support Southeastern North Carolina's global economic competitiveness through research, instruction and extension; their athletics and cultural offerings provide engaging entertainment and enrichment opportunities for surrounding communities.

Temperate climate, abundant waterways, stimulating historical attractions and outdoor recreational amenities produce an enviable quality of life for those who live and work in the region.



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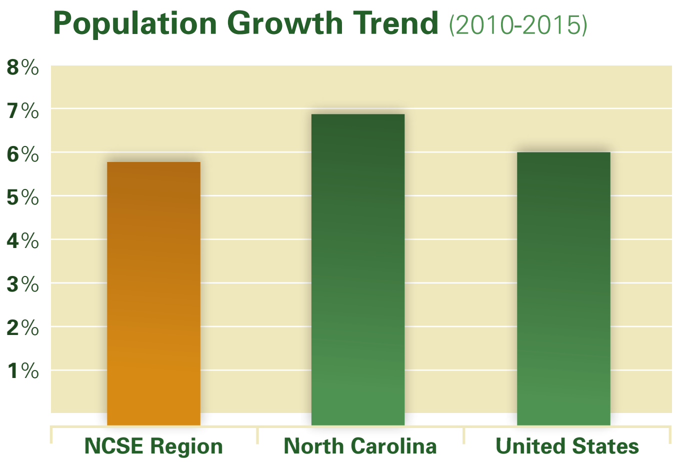
NCSE Population Growth Trends Compared to NC and US



Source: US Bureau of the Census

NCSE Population Growth Trends By Age

Age Range	2000	2005	% Change 2000-2005	2010	% Change 2005-2010	2015	% Change 2010-2015
0-4	69,314	69,007	**0.2**	70,599	**1.6**	73,933	**4.7**
5-14	139,763	144,448	**3.4**	147,589	**2.2**	149,783	**1.5**
15-24	146,643	154,980	**5.7**	161,896	**4.5**	170,964	**5.6**
25-34	145,242	143,608	**-1.1**	147,878	**3.0**	154,140	**4.2**
35-44	146,213	148,080	**1.3**	152,654	**3.1**	155,504	**1.9**
45-54	123,509	137,851	**11.6**	150,153	**8.9**	153,895	**2.5**
55-64	86,262	106,231	**23.1**	125,924	**18.5**	140,527	**11.6**
65-74	62,898	67,798	**7.8**	79,311	**17.0**	96,175	**21.3**
75+	44,386	50,456	**13.7**	56,136	**11.3**	64,051	**14.1**

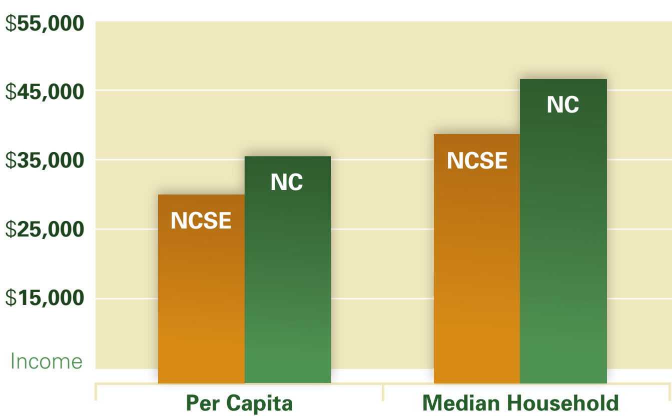
NCSE Population Growth Trends By Ethnicity

	2000	2005	% Change 2000-2005	2010	% Change 2005-2010	2015	% Change 2010-2015
Total Region	964,230	1,022,459	**6.1**	1,092,140	**6.8**	1,158,972	**6.1**
White	578,604	645,022	**11.5**	701,966	**8.8**	745,918	**6.3**
Non-white	385,626	377,257	**-2.2**	401,204	**6.0**	423,392	**5.5**
Hispanic	46,766	N.A.	**N.A.**	N.A.	**N.A.**	N.A.	**N.A.**

NCSE Population By County

County	2000	2005	% Change 2000-2005	2010	% Change 2005-2010	2015	% Change 2010-2015
Bladen	32,278	32,805	**1.6**	33,878	**3.3**	34,815	**2.8**
Brunswick	73,143	89,481	**22.3**	102,799	**14.9**	115,517	**12.4**
Columbus	54,749	54,248	**-0.9**	55,583	**2.5**	56,281	**1.3**
Cumberland	302,963	304,380	**0.5**	312,107	**2.5**	322,416	**3.3**
Hoke	33,646	40,428	**20.2**	47,609	**17.8**	54,606	**14.7**
New Hanover	160,307	180,424	**12.5**	200,223	**11.0**	218,418	**9.1**
Pender	41,082	46,599	**13.4**	52,258	**12.1**	57,852	**10.7**
Richmond	46,564	46,766	**0.4**	47,113	**0.7**	47,176	**0.1**
Robeson	123,339	127,644	**3.5**	134,071	**5.0**	139,766	**4.2**
Sampson	60,161	63,403	**5.4**	68,764	**8.5**	73,865	**7.4**
Scotland	35,998	36,761	**2.1**	37,735	**2.6**	38,260	**1.4**
NC Southeast	964,230	1,022,459	**6.1**	1,092,140	**6.8**	1,158,972	**6.1**

Household and Per Capita Income



Source: US Bureau of the Census

Median Household Income in 2008 for the 11 counties of the Southeast Region was **$38,337** which is 82% of the NC median of **$46,574**. Median Household Income increased by 18% between the years of 2003 and 2008 in the Southeast Region.

Per Capita Income in 2008 for the 11 counties of the Southeast Region was **$30,023** which is 85% of the NC average of **$35,259**.

Total Personal Income

In 2008 the total personal income for the Southeast Region was **$35,412,600,000** which is a 62% increase since 2000.

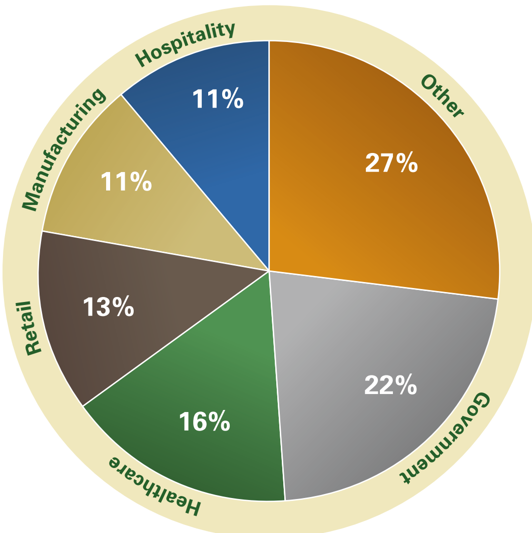
Existing Housing (Average Home Prices)

According to the three separate Real Estate Associations located within the NCSE region, there were **9,800** homes sold in 2009 at an average sales price of **$206,688**.

WORKFORCE & INDUSTRY

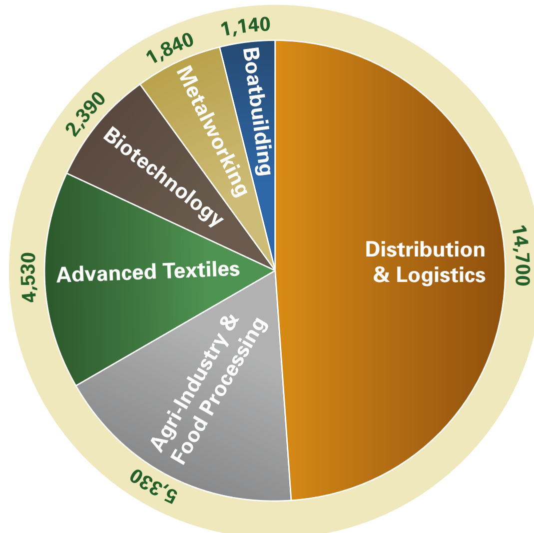
Workforce by Industry

Total Employment: 375,052



Workforce by Target Sector

Total Employment: 40,057



Regional Industry Clusters

Southeastern NC has several industry clusters and concentrations. These are listed below with supporting data and information concerning their prevalence and importance to the region. Manufacturing employs over 40,000 people in the region, which represents 11% of the total workforce. Transportation and logistics and food processing and agricultural industries also have vibrant clusters in the region. Due to growth at Fort Bragg, more defense contractors are locating in the region, crossing several industry sectors. Within the biotechnology sector, a strong contract research organization (CRO) cluster exists in Wilmington.

BUILDING PRODUCTS

Southeastern North Carolina has a large number of building product manufacturers and distributors. The region is an ideal location for these companies due to overall population and business growth in the region. The Fayetteville and Wilmington areas are two of the fastest growing areas in North Carolina. Wood products have always been a strong industry sector in the region, and there are over 75 wood products companies located here, making products such as wallboard, trusses, doors, cabinets, lumber, and panels. The Port of Wilmington allows for excellent access for importing and exporting of wood and other raw materials.

ADVANCED TEXTILES

Southeastern North Carolina has a long and productive history in the textile industry. Over the past decade, a shift from traditional weaving and sewing textiles to advanced and technical non-weaving textiles has occurred. Advanced and performance textiles are more automated and provide a variety of products in the region, including military uniforms and equipment, synthetic fibers, environmental protection products, industrial and automotive filters, and clothing. As a leading state in textile manufacturing, North Carolina has a number of excellent resource organizations to assist companies in this industry sector.

DISTRIBUTION & LOGISTICS

Southeastern NC is one of the most competitive regions in the United States and the world in which to do business. It has a growing population of nearly 1.1 million people and a diverse industry base of more than 30 Fortune 500 companies. The region's geographic location midway on the east coast provides excellent distribution access and logistics efficiencies for companies engaged in manufacturing, assembly, and retail distribution. The region boasts a three-tiered, interlinked distribution model: 1) At-Port location offers buildings and sites within 20 miles of the Port of Wilmington. 2) Interstate corridors offer inland locations along three interstates—I-40, I-95, and I-74. 3) The region offers close proximity to key regional markets, including Charlotte, NC, Raleigh, NC, Columbia, SC, and Atlanta, GA.

BOATBUILDING AND MARINE TRADES

Southeastern North Carolina is an excellent location for boatbuilding and marine companies. The region has a proud history of craftsmanship in boat construction and possesses a skilled workforce in this industry sector. The region's natural proximity to the Atlantic coast, and the many beaches, waterways, intra-coastal waterway, lakes, and rivers provide a ready market and a great location for construction and testing. North Carolina's Industry Boating Services organization provides technical assistance and helps companies match up to potential suppliers and customers.

METALWORKING

Southeastern North Carolina has a cluster of metal product manufacturing companies that make a range of products, including steel coils, attic fans, aluminum fencing, grills, steel packing straps, metal buildings, pipe fittings, cranes, and nails. Overall, North Carolina has over 150,000 people employed in metalworking industries. Community colleges in the region offer customized worker and classroom training in welding and metal fabrication and technology. Machining technology and robotics programs are also available as well.

FOOD PROCESSING AND AGRI-INDUSTRY

Southeastern North Carolina has more than 20,000 people employed with food processing companies. Example of products made/grown here include pork, poultry, sauces, food/drink ingredients, value-added sweet potato products, peanuts, soybean oil, grapes, tobacco, and barbeque. The region has several of the top farm income producing counties in the nation. The region has long been known for its productive land and innovative agricultural companies and farms. Wineries and vineyards are a growth sector in the region, due to the area's fertile loamy soils that are ideal for grapes, as well as blueberries. North Carolina annually exports more than $2 billion of agricultural products—transportation access is made easy by the Port of Wilmington and interstate highways.

MILITARY CONTRACTORS

Southeastern North Carolina has a long and proud heritage with the presence of military installations in the region. Ft. Bragg, located near Fayetteville, is one of the nation's largest and most important Army installations. Ft. Bragg hosts the 82nd Airborne Division and also the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and Pope Air Force Base is located adjacent to Ft. Bragg. By 2011, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the Army Reserve Command (USARC) will be fully relocated to Ft. Bragg as part of the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure Commission). These moves will bring thousands of new personnel and contractors to the region. The southeast region has a number of excellent resources to assist military contractor companies that have interest in the region, including the Military Business Center, BRAC Regional Task Force, and the Defense and Security Technology Accelerator.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Southeastern North Carolina contains excellent opportunities for emerging and established biotechnology companies. North Carolina has tremendous resources and assets within this industry sector. Wilmington has one of the largest clusters of contract research organizations (CRO) in the state and nation. Additionally, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington is developing a $30 Million marine biotechnology research center to take advantage of the region's proximity to the coast. Agricultural biotech research is growing due to the region's strong agricultural base and network of universities and community colleges engaged in biotech research and business assistance through Bio-accelerators. The North Carolina Biotechnology Center has a regional office to lead development in this sector.

Union Membership Rate

Due primarily to the "Right to Work" law, North Carolina experiences the lowest unionization rate of all U.S. states.

2009 US Lowest Unionization States

1	**North Carolina**	**3.1%**
2	Arkansas	4.2%
3	South Carolina	4.5%
4	Georgia	4.6%
5	Virginia	4.7%
6	Mississippi	4.8%
7	Tennessee	5.1%
8	Texas	5.1%
9	South Dakota	5.5%
10	Oklahoma	5.7%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Labor Force Statistics [http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/print.pl/news.release/union2.t05.htm].

Number of Job Applicants Across the NCSE Region

According to the NC Employment Security Commission, as of April, 2010, there were a total of **59,283** job applicants across the Southeast region, of which **44,465** had over **6 months** experience in the workplace.

Wage Rates By Industry Sector Within Southeast Region

(Third Quarter 2009)

Industry Sector	Avg Weekly Wage	% of State
All Industries	$643	86.3%
Agriculture, Forestry Fishing & Hunting	$447	89.3%
Mining	$697	77.7%
Utilities	$1,281	105.1%
Construction	$712	95.5%
Manufacturing	$822	90.7%
Wholesale Trade	$784	75.5%
Retail Trade	$438	95.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	$715	90.8%
Information	$784	74.7%
Finance & Insurance	$828	68.8%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	$560	86.4%
Professional & Technical Services	$1,015	87.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	$786	56.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	$482	89.7%
Educational Services	$738	94.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	$708	91.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	$330	72.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	$256	92.8%
Other Services Ex. Pub Admin	$461	92.2%
Public Administration	$808	100.6%
Government	$810	99.4%
Federal	**$1,142**	**103.3%**
State	**$784**	**89.6%**
Local	**$729**	**98.5%**

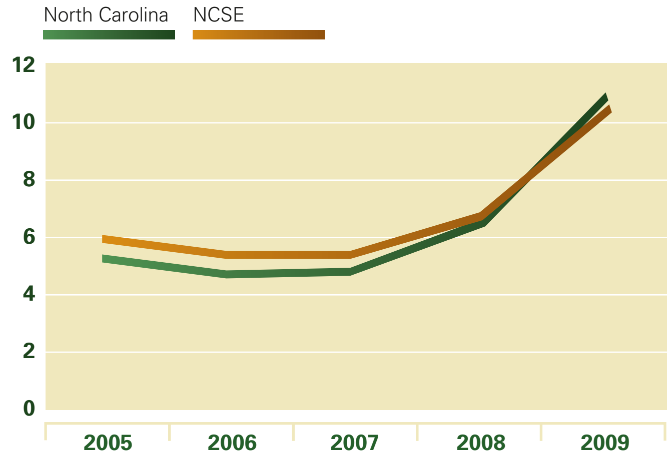
Source: NC Employment Security Commission

Right-to-Work State

North Carolina is an "at-will" employment state and one of 23 states with a "right-to-work" law. Closed shops and union shops are not permitted. An employer may not require an employee to join a union, nor may an employer require an employee to refrain from joining a union.

Source: www.dol.gov/esa/whd/state/righttowork.htm

NCSE Regional Unemployment Rates

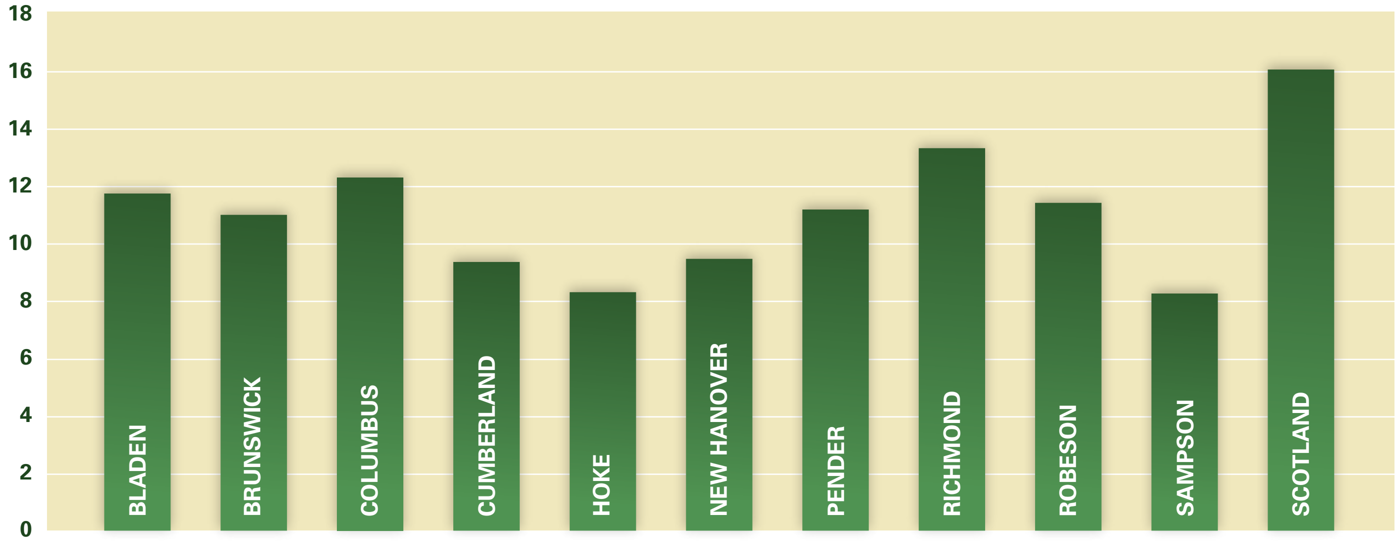


Source: NC Employment Security Commission

Hourly Wage Rates By Targeted Industry Sector

Source: NC Employment Security Commission

Unemployment Rates By County (2009)



Source: NC Employment Security Commission

Employment Trends/Projections in Region

Industry	2006 Total	2016 Total	2006-16 Annual Growth Rate (%)
Construction	22,410	27,840	2.1
Education & Health Services	83,650	110,760	2.9
Financial Activities	13,390	16,860	2.4
Goods Production	64,060	67,690	0.6
Government	32,350	35,680	1.1
Information	6,010	6,600	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	38,590	49,740	2.6
Manufacturing	38,450	37,640	-0.2
Other Services (Except Government)	12,800	14,750	1.5
Professional & Business Services	32,150	43,150	3.0
Service-Providing	287,260	354,540	2.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	68,320	76,820	1.2

Source: NC Employment Security Commission

50 Largest Private Employers in the Southeast Region

Employers (1000 and larger)	Industry	County Location
1. Smithfield Foods	Swine Processing	Bladen
2. Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Retail	Cumberland
3. Good Year Tire & Rubber Inc	Tire Manufacturing	Cumberland
4. House of Raeford Inc	Turkey Processing	Hoke
5. PPD Development LP	Clinical Research	New Hanover
6. The Shaw Group	Construction	New Hanover
7. Verizon	Information	New Hanover
8. Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Retail	New Hanover
9. Corning, Inc	Optical Fiber Manufacturing	New Hanover
10. Perdue Products Inc	Chicken Processing	Richmond
11. Mountaire Farms of NC Inc	Chicken Processing	Robeson
12. Smithfield Foods	Swine Processing	Sampson
Employers (500 – 999)		
13. Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Retail	Brunswick
14. Progress Energy Service Co	Electric & Natural Gas	Brunswick
15. International Paper Co Inc	Paper Manufacturing	Columbus
16. Food Lion LLC	Retail Groceries	Cumberland
17. AT&T Services	Information	Cumberland
18. ITT Industries	Other Services	Cumberland
19. KCA Corporation	Leisure & Hospitality	Cumberland
20. Eaton Corporation	Electric Assemblies	Cumberland
21. E I Dupont De Nemours & Co Inc	Professional & Business Services	Cumberland
22. MJ Soffee LLC	Sportswear	Cumberland
23. Burlington Industries L LLC	Clothing	Hoke
24. GE Hitachi Nuclear Americas LLC	Manufacturing	New Hanover
25. General Electric Corp	Aircraft Engine Manufacturing	New Hanover
26. Global Nuclear Fuel Holding Co LLC	Nuclear Fuel Rod Production	New Hanover
27. Mundy Industrial Contractors Inc	Construction	New Hanover
28. Harris Teeter Inc	Retail Groceries	New Hanover
29. Food Lion LLC	Retail Groceries	New Hanover
30. First Health of the Carolinas Inc	Education & Health Services	Richmond
31. Campbell Soup Supply Co LLC	Soup Manufacturing	Robeson
32. Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Retail	Robeson
33. BB&T	Financial Activities	Robeson
34. Prestage Farms Inc	Turkey Processing	Sampson
35. Scotland Memorial Hospital	Education & Health Services	Scotland

Employers (250-499)	Industry	County Location
36. Qsi	Professional & Business Services	Bladen
37. Danaher Controls	Control Devices/Computer Devices	Bladen
38. Troon Golf LLC	Leisure & Hospitality	Brunswick
39. Dak Americas LLC	Chemical Textile Plastic	Brunswick
40. BB&T	Financial Activities	Columbus
41. Aaipharma Services Corp	Pharmaceutical Product Testing	New Hanover
42. Wachovia Mortgage FSB	Financial	New Hanover
43. Coty LLC	Manufacturing Activities	Pender
44. Burlington Industries V LLC	Clothing	Richmond
45. Kayser-Roth Corp	Hosiery	Robeson
46. Bos Supermarket	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	Robeson
47. Prestage Foods	Manufacturing	Robeson
48. Quickie Manufacturing Corp	Household Cleaning	Robeson
49. Nash Finch Company	Warehouse Distribution	Robeson
50. Pilkington North America Inc	Glass Manufacturing	Scotland

International Companies Located within the Southeast Region

Company	County	Parent Company Location
FCC	Scotland	Japan
Meyer Laminates	New Hanover	France
Fraser West Timber	Columbus	Canada
Interroll Corporation	New Hanover	Switzerland
Coverbind Corporation	New Hanover	Switzerland
Camaq Scientific	New Hanover	Sweden
Ika Works	New Hanover	Germany
Feller, LLC	Brunswick	Austria
Rexam Closure	Richmond	United Kingdom
Hanson & Ortho Fibers	New Hanover	Sweden
Feller, LLC	Brunswick	Austria
Filtec Precise	Columbus	Germany
Wieland Electric	Pender	Germany
Cascades Industries	Richmond	Canada

Company	County	Parent Company Location
Hanjin Shipping	New Hanover	South Korea
Independent Order of Foresters	Cumberland	Denmark
Ikadan Systems USA	Sampson	Denmark
Alpla, Inc.	Hoke	Austria
Aludisc	Sampson	Venezeula
Unilever	Hoke	UK
Fortron	New Hanover	Japan
Schindler	Sampson	Sweden
Pilkington	Scotland	UK
DAK	Brunswick & Cumberland	Mexico
Teijin (partner w/ DuPont)	Cumberland	Japan

Fortune 500 Companies Located within the Southeast Region

Company	Product or Service
Wal-Mart	Distribution Center
Verizon Wireless	Customer Service Center
Corning	Fiber Optic Mfg.
BB&T	Regional Headquarters & Call Center
Smithfield Foods	Food processing Mfg.
Campbell's Soup	Food processing Mfg.
Time Warner	Customer Service Center
Mohawk	Distribution Center
AT&T	Customer Service Center
ADM	Citric Acids Mfg.
General Electric	Nuclear Energy HQ
General Electric	Aircraft Engine Mfg.
Arvin Meritor	Automotive Supply Mfg.
Progress Energy	Energy Production
CSX	Rail Hub Centers
Nash Finch	Food Distribution Center
International Paper	Paper Products Mfg.
Weyerhauser	Paper Products Mfg.
Hexion	Chemical Mfg.
DuPont	Chemical Mfg.
Coca-Cola	Distribution Center
Pepsico	Distribution Center
Terex	Crane Mfg.
Goodyear	Tire Mfg.
Celanese	Polymer Mfg.
Waste Management	Waste Facilities
UPS	Distribution Centers
FedEx	Distribution Center
Eaton Corporation	Auto Parts Mfg.
Aramark	Uniform Distribution Center
Praxair	Industrial Gas Mfg.
Danaher	Measuring Instrument Mfg.
Pfizer	Pharmaceutical Mfg.

Fort Bragg

- Established in 1918, Fort Bragg is one of the largest military complexes in the world
- Includes 10% of the US Army's active component forces
- Home of the 82nd Airborne Division
- Located just 10 miles from Fayetteville
- Base covers 160,700 acres
- Military Population comprises almost 50,000 officers and enlisted men and women
- Annual payroll is $2.5 billion
- $500 million awarded annually in government contracts
- $9.5 billion direct and indirect annual impact on the 10 contiguous counties to Fort Bragg

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION (BRAC) - 2005

BRAC Impact on Fort Bragg:

1. Relocating the 7th Special Forces Group to Eglin AFB, Florida and by activating the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and relocating European-based forces to Fort Bragg.
2. Realigning Yeager Airport AGS, WV and by relocating eight C-130H aircraft to Pope/Fort Bragg to form a 16 aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit.
3. Closing Pittsburgh International Airport (IAP) Air Reserve Station (ARS), PA, and relocate 911th Airlift Wing's (AFRC) eight C-130H aircraft to Pope/Fort Bragg to form a 16 aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit.
4. Relocating AFRC operations and maintenance manpower to Pope/Fort Bragg.
5. Relocating two major headquarters, Army Forces command (FORSCOM) and Army Reserve Command, to Fort Bragg.

BRAC will impact our region by injecting billons of additional dollars in the economy, increasing construction spending ($1.5 billion), attracting more defense related industries, increasing federal impact aid for schools, increasing population, raising average per capita income and creating a better business climate.

As a result of projected military investment and the relocation of personnel in this region 19,200 jobs will be created by 2013. The leading sectors where these jobs will be created are listed below.

Projected Number of Military-Related Jobs Added in the Leading Growth Sectors (2011-2013)

	2011	2013
Government	6,450	7,330
Construction	6,267	1,862
Professional & Technical Services	2,515	2,965
Retail Trade	1,617	1,353
Healthcare & Social Assistance	1,158	1,302
Administrative & Waste Services	851	814
Accommodation & Food Service	795	717

Source: www.bracrtf.com

Military Spending Impact

Breakdown of Military spending Impact on North Carolina Gross State Product, Employment, Labor Force, and Population:

	Fort Bragg/Pope
Contributions to GDP (in billions)	$4.7
Employment (Persons)	82,620
Labor Force (Persons)	20,710
Impacted Population (Persons)	84,540

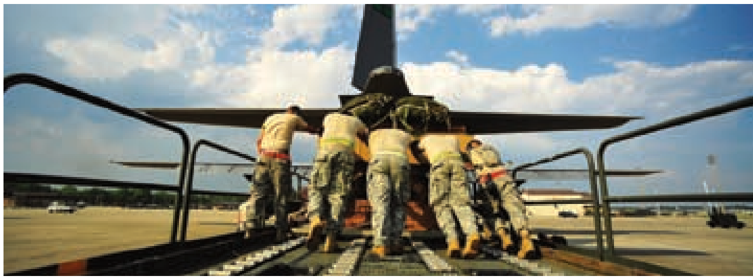
Source: East Carolina University Regional Development Services & Regional Economic Models, Inc. in cooperation with NCSU Economic Development Partnership, Feb 2005

The expected economic impact of additional military spending on the 11 counties in the southeastern region on North Carolina as a result of BRAC is summarized below:

Economic Impact of Additional Military Investment 2013

Personal Income	+ $1.47 billion
Disposable Income	+ $1.27 billion
Gross Regional Product	+ $1.11 billion
Total Sales (output)	+ $.86 billion
Total Demand	+ $1.69 billion

Source: www.bracrtf.com



Recent Business & Industry Annoucements in the Southeast Region (2008-2010)

County	Company	Product	Total Investment	Total Jobs	Facility Type
Bladen	Blacks Tire	Retreading Tires	$1,500,000	20	New
Bladen	DuPont Company	Poly Vinyl Film. Company producing chemical component of Tedlar film.	$55,000,000	10	Exp
Bladen	DuPont	Science based chemical products	$8,000,000	0	Exp
Brunswick	Atlantic Global Yacht Group	Boat Building	$2,000,000	20	New
Brunswick	Caraustar	Paper tubes	$1,500,000	10	New
Brunswick	Glycotech	Biotech	$3,000,000	32	New
Brunswick	Hydro Gas, Inc	Alternative fuel devices for automotive engines	$500,000	4	New
Brunswick	Island Style Custom Yachts	Custom Yacht Manufacturer	$5,000,000	21	New
Columbus	Atlantic Automotive Enterprises	Motor Vehicle Steering and Suspension Components Manufacturing	$560,000	23	New
Columbus	Direct Market Access	Process, Physical Distribution, and Logistics Consulting Services	$2,000,000	29	New
Columbus	Nice Blends	Spice Extract	$2,500,000	54	New
Columbus	Piramide Mexican Food	Tortilla Manufacturing	$1,300,000	58	New
Cumberland	Carolina By Products	Process animal waste for fertilizers	$1,200,000	0	Exp
Cumberland	Clear Path Recycling LLC	Recycling of pet & other plastics	$70,000,000	100	New
Cumberland	Convergys Corporation	Call center	$300,000	300	New
Cumberland	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co	Tires and Inner Tubes	$200,000,000	0	Exp
Cumberland	Hexion		$750,000	0	Exp
Cumberland	Tiger Swan	Tactical training, security, IT and Risk Mitigation for the Military	$14,000,000	108	New
Hoke	Alpha		$7,200,000	40	New
New Hanover	Carolina Cement Co LLC	cement, aggregates, ready--mixed concrete, concrete block, masonry and stucco products and fly ash	$470,000,000	161	New
New Hanover	Dulany Industry	Manufacturing of Sulfuric acid	$25,000,000	30	New
New Hanover	General Electric	Industrial Inorganic Chemicals	$704,000,000	900	New
New Hanover	Verizon Wireless	Call Center	$160,000	160	Exp
New Hanover	Wilmington Convention Center	Tourism-Related Attraction	$59,300,000	100	New
Pender	Atlantic Barn and Timber Co LLC	Prefabricated Wood Building Manufacturing	$3,000,000	30	New
Richmond	Big Rock Sports	Sporting and Recreational Goods and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	$12,000,000	22	New

County	Company	Product	Total Investment	Total Jobs	Facility Type
Richmond	Centre Ingredient Technology,inc	biological products, flavors	$2,500,000	20	New
Richmond	FilSpec	Yarn	$ 1,000,000	135	Exp
Richmond	Hood Packaging		$1,000,000	30	Exp
Richmond	Knit-Rite	Medical Hoisery & Products	$ 1,250,000	24	Exp
Richmond	Progress Energy	Unknown	$600,000,000	12	New
Richmond	Von Drehle	Paper, Except Newsprint	$20,000,000	20	Exp
Robeson	Campbell Soup Co	Specialty canning goods	$10,000,000	50	New
Robeson	Carolina Shavings	Miscellaneous Textile Product	$1,500,000	25	New
Robeson	Coastal Steel & Acoustics	Drywall/insulation	$500,000	25	New
Robeson	Coastal Truss and Panel	Metal fabrication	$750,000	25	New
Robeson	Custom Door Parts Inc	Door parts		25	New
Robeson	Elkay Southern Corp	Enameled Iron and Metal Sanitary Ware Manufacturing		75	New
Robeson	Garco, Inc.	Mixed-Use	$1,800,000	0	New
Robeson	Kayser-Roth	Womens Hoisery	$5,600,000	80	Exp
Robeson	Prestage Foods (D/W)	Poultry Processing	$1,000,000	10	Exp
Robeson	Strategic Solutions Unlimited	Computer related services	$1,000,000	100	New
Scotland	Hellmann Worldwide Logistics	Freight Transportation Arrangement	$3,000,000	110	New
Scotland	MP 2 Capital		$ 40,000,000	8	New
Scotland	Nature's Earth Products, inc	cat litter and hardwood-blend fuel pellets	$12,000,000	98	New
Scotland	Tactical Gear Distributors	Distributor - Performance apparel for Military, Law enforcement and shooting sports retailers	$1,200,000	35	New
Sampson	Fibrowatt	renewable energy power plants fueled by poultry litter	$200,000,000	100	New

Source: N.C. Department of Commerce

Major Interstates and Highways

North Carolina is known as "The Good Roads State" and the southeast region is no exception:

- The inter-regional network of roads and highways in the region provides ready access to:
  > North-South Interstate 95
  > East-West Interstate 40
  > East-West Interstate 73/74 currently under enhancement
  > US Highways 401, 501, 421, 701, 87, 1, 17 and 220
- The region's strategic location relative to domestic and international markets provides an important competitive advantage.
- For information regarding planned highway improvements, refer to the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). http://www.ncdot.gov/planning/development/TIP/TIP/

Source: North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, May 2010 [www.ncdot.gov].

Port of Wilmington, NC

The Port of Wilmington is strategically located on the U.S. East Coast. Owned and operated by the North Carolina State Ports Authority, the Port of Wilmington offers terminal facilities serving container, bulk and breakbulk operations. Wilmington is one of the few South Atlantic ports with readily available berths and storage areas for containers and cargo.

An aggressive capital program has positioned the Port of Wilmington in a new class of service to the maritime transportation Industry. A 42-foot navigational channel offers customers additional vessel capacity. Readily available modern transit and warehouse facilities, new state-of-the-art Panamax container cranes and support equipment, and the latest in cargo management technology provide a broad platform for supporting international trade to the fast-growing Southeast U.S. market.

Surface transportation supporting the Port of Wilmington is superior to neighboring ports. CSX Transportation provides daily service for boxcar, tanker and general cargo services. The Port of Wilmington has ample capacity to support today's cargo volumes and continues to invest in expanding the facility to meet projected growth in international trade, with a major expansion project currently under way. The Port is a C-TPAT Certified location and is designated as Foreign Trade Zone 66.

FACILITIES

- 26 miles from the open sea on the Cape Fear River
- Channel depth is 42 ft.
- Nine berths with 6,768 ft. of wharf frontage; Berths with contiguous open apron areas up to 300 ft. wide
- 150 additional acres available for development
- Almost one million sq. ft. of prime covered and sprinklered storage
- 100+ acres of paved and 25 acres of semi-improved open storage area
- Rail access to berths, transit sheds, warehouses and open storage
- Direct transfer of heavy lift and dimensional loads between vessel and rail or truck

OCEAN CARRIER SERVICES

Far East Services

Cosco Container Lines America Inc. (www.cosco.com)
Frequency: Two Sailings Weekly
Foreign Ports: Full Far East Range

Hanjin Shipping Co., Inc. (www.hanjin.com)
Frequency: Two Sailings Weekly
Foreign Ports: Full Far East Range

United Arab Shipping Co. (www.uasc.net)
Frequency: One Sailing Weekly
Foreign Ports:Pusan, Qingdao,
Ningbo, Shanghai

"K" Line America, Inc. (www.kline.com)
Frequency: Two Sailings Weekly
Foreign Ports: Full Far East Range

Yang Ming Line (www.yml.com.tw)
Frequency: Two Sailings Weekly
Foreign Ports: Full Far East Range

Central America Services

Maersk Line (www.maersk.com)
Frequency: Weekly Sailing
Foreign Ports: Northern Zone Central America

Trans Atlantic Services

Independent Container Line, Ltd. (www.icl-ltd.com)
Frequency: Weekly Sailing
Foreign Ports: Liverpool, Antwerp, Bilboa, Lisbon

Middle East Services

National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (www.nscsa.com)
Frequency: Every 21-24 days
Foreign Ports: Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Jordan, Eritrea,
Port Qasim, Mumbai, and Livorno

FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

- Can lower, defer or avoid import duties
- Entire Wilmington Terminal approved as Foreign Trade Zone 66
  - > Over 1 million square feet of warehouse space within main terminal
  - > Over 100 acres of open storage

Source: NC State Ports Authority [www.ncports.com], May 2010.

Foreign Trade Zones

North Carolina currently boasts six approved general-purpose foreign trade zones. Several subzones have been approved for individual manufacturers. The entire Wilmington Port Terminal is in Foreign Trade Zone #66 and the NC Department of Commerce serves as the administrator for Foreign Trade Zone #66.

NC International Terminal

A new 600-acre port facility is being evaluated in Brunswick County just three miles from open seas. Channel depth would be 50' or more. The site represents one of the only locations along the East Coast suitable for development of a new deepwater terminal.

- Expected to support 477,000 new jobs statewide and catapult North Carolina into the ranks of major U.S. ports.
- Expected to cost $1.7 billion or more. Funding will likely come from many sources, including the NC State Ports Authority, state and federal funds, and private financing.
- Related infrastructure improvements for land and waterside access are estimated at $600 million.
- International trade is expected to double by 2020
- Expected to enable North Carolina to take advantage of dramatic growth in international shipping that is creating an increased demand for East Coast port capacity.
- Will complement the state's existing ports and allow North Carolina to accommodate larger container ships than existing ports can handle.
- Expected to bring nearly one-half million jobs and billions of dollars in tax revenues to the entire State.
- It will also become a catalyst for capital investment and economic development, creating a more competitive environment for other developments such as retail distribution centers and global manufacturing and assembly plants with even greater employment opportunities and economic benefits.

Source: NC Ports [www.ncports.com], May 2010.

Airports

Air travel is highlighted in North Carolina's Southeast by a system of thirteen smaller airports and two larger airports offering commercial jet service, all of which are designed to accommodate private and commercial needs. The international hubs of Charlotte-Douglas and Raleigh-Durham are easily accessible from within the eleven-county region and handle approximately 500 and 300 daily flights respectively.

Commercial jet service is provided to Wilmington International Airport and Fayetteville Regional Airport. The Laurinburg-Maxton Airport with its accompanying industrial development complex is quickly evolving into a major facility and can accommodate most types of private and commercial usages.

WILMINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ILM)

1740 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, NC 28405 (www.flyilm.com)

- ILM provides for non-stop destinations to New York, Atlanta, Charlotte, Orlando and Philadelphia and offers hundreds of other direct domestic and international flights with only one stop.
- Current providers are US Airways (www.usair.com), ASA/Delta Connection (www.delta.com) and Allegiant Air (www.allegiantair.com).
- Served a total of 800,000+ passengers in 2009.

FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT (FAY)

400 Airport Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306 (www.flyfay.com)

- Fayetteville Regional Airport serves a 12-county area in the Sandhills of southern North Carolina, along the I-95 corridor.
- Fayetteville Regional Airport is serviced by two main airlines: US Airways Express, with daily service to its Charlotte, NC hub and ASA, the Delta Connection, with daily service to its Atlanta hub.
- Fayetteville Regional Airport offers direct service to Dallas by American Eagle Airline.

NON-COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS

County	Name of Airport	Location
Bladen	Bladenboro Airport (3w6)	Bladenboro
Bladen	Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field (EYF)	Elizabethtown
Brunswick	Brunswick County Airport (SUT)	Oak Island
Brunswick	Ocean isle Airport (60J)	Ocean Isle Beach
Columbus	Columbus County Municipal (CPC)	Whiteville
Cumberland	Grays Creek Airport (2GC)	Fayetteville
Hoke	PK Airpark (5WH)	Raeford
New Hanover	Holly Ridge/Topsail Island Airport (N21)	Holly Ridge/Topsail Beach
Pender	Henderson Field Airport (ACZ)	Wallace
Richmond	Richmond County Airport (RCZ)	Rockingham
Robeson	Lumberton Municipal Airport (LBT)	Lumberton
Sampson	Sampson County Airport	Clinton
Scotland	Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (MEB)	Laurinburg-Maxton

Source: NC 2009 Airport Guide, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation [www.ncdot.gov/transit/aviation], May 2010.

Railways

FREIGHT RAILWAY FAST FACTS

- NCSE Region is a crossroads for national rail transportation, from the classification yards in Hamlet to the international facilities in Wilmington.
- Availability of high-quality rail services is a major economic feature of the Southeast.
- Primary North-South and East-West routes cross near the geographic center of the region and include some of the longest sections of straight and level tracks in the nation.

TWO OF THE NATION'S PREMIERE FREIGHT RAILWAY COMPANIES SERVE THIS REGION;

CSX Transportation

- Miles of track in North Carolina: 1,200
- Annual NC carloads: 170,000
- NC industries served: 400
- One north-south mainline connects the Northeast and Florida
- An east-west mainline connects Wilmington and Charlotte to Atlanta and New Orleans.
- A second north-south mainline connects Detroit to Atlanta via Marion, N.C
- A local route runs from Rocky Mount eastward, serving Greenville and Plymouth.
- Freight-classification yards are located at Hamlet and Rocky Mount
- An intermodal terminal is located in Charlotte

Norfolk Southern

- Miles of track in North Carolina: 1,450
- Annual NC carloads: 593,712
- NC industries served: 723
- One north-south mainline connects the Northeast and Mid-west to Atlanta via Danville, Va., Greensboro and Charlotte.
- A second north-south mainline connects Tennessee to Spartanburg, S.C. through Asheville, while an east-west mainline connects Salisbury and Asheville.
- Operates freight-classification yards at Charlotte and Raleigh, intermodal terminals at Charlotte and Greensboro, and an automobile distribution center at Winston-Salem.
- Key classification yard located in Linwood, NC
- Two additional routes serve eastern North Carolina.

INDEPENDENTLY OWNED RAIL SERVICE PROVIDERS (SHORT LINES)

Carolina Southern Railroad (CALA), Chadbourn, NC (Columbus County) operates in the southeastern corner of NC between Whiteville & Mullins, SC and between Chadbourn & Conway SC.

- Miles of track: 76.5
- Carloads: 15,000 per year—1,500,000 tons
- Industries Served: 25
- Equipment: 1 locomotives
- Commodities carried by the railroad are coal, wood products, stone, grain, agricultural chemicals, and processed food.
- Industrial parks in Columbus County are accessible to the line.
- The railroad connects with CSX Transportation at Mullins SC and with the Waccamaw Coast Line in Conway, SC.

Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Co. (AR), Aberdeen, NC (Cumberland/Hoke Counties) operates in the state's south-central Sandhills region—between Aberdeen and Fayetteville—and serves businesses in Moore, Hoke, and Cumberland counties.

- www.aberdeen-rockfish.com
- Miles of track: 46
- Carloads: 6,000 per year—400,000 tons
- Industries served: 25
- Equipment: 5 locomotives
- It operates Two intermodal rail-to-truck transfer operations (River Terminal/Tidewater Transit Co. and Mid-Atlantic Transloading) handle bulk chemicals, plastic, petroleum, fertilizer, steel, and other bulk products.
- The A&R serves the 1,300 acre Hoke Regional Industrial Park, the largest dual rail-served industrial park in the state of North Carolina. This Park is certified "shovel ready" by the North Carolina Department of Commerce.
- The A&R provides direct connections with CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway.

Laurinburg & Southern Railroad (LRS), Gulf & Ohio Railways, Laurinburg, NC (Hoke/Scotland Counties)

- www.gorailways.net
- Miles of track: 28
- Carloads: 7,500 per year
- Industries served: 18
- Equipment: 4 locomotives
- Operates in south-central North Carolina from Johns through Laurinburg to Raeford, serving shippers in Scotland and Hoke counties.
- Commodities carried by the railroad are grain, fertilizer, soda ash, coal, and lime. The L&S connects with CSX and the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad.

PASSENGER RAILWAY

Amtrak's North-South Silver Meteor and Palmetto trains have daily scheduled service to the Fayetteville Train Station in route between New York and Miami.

- Full service station with ticket sales and checked baggage service available in Fayetteville, NC.
- Check website for schedules: www.amtrak.com

Amtrak's North-South Silver Star train has scheduled daily service to the Hamlet train depot in route between New York and Miami.

- Unstaffed station with attendant opening station one hour before and until one-half hour after all train arrivals and departures.
- Check website for schedule: www.amtrak.com

Water Quality/Availability

- The Cape Fear Basin serves as the primary water source for the northern part of the region and tends to flow swiftly to the coast.
- The water quality and water availability for the area is generally classified as good to excellent.
- The Cape Fear River is used in some instances for public and industrial water supply.
- Ground water resources are used extensively in the region for public water supplies and several industries. Several deep aquifers supply significant quantities of high quality water.

Source: Lumber River Council of Governments, Technical Assistance Division (Water Resources) April 2010 [www.lrcog.dst.nc.us].

Water Demand and Capacity By County

County	2005 Public Demand (MGD)	2005 Domestic Demand (MGD)	2005 Industry Demand (MGD)	2005 Irrigation Demand (MGD)	2005 Livestock Demand (MGD)	**2005 Total Demand (MGD)**	**2030 Total Demand (MGD)**	Est. Ground Supply (MGD)	Est. Surface Supply (MGD)	**Est. Total Supply (MGD)**
Bladen	1.99	1.16	13.84	4.92	1.14	**23.05**	**23.59**	239.684	65.691	**305.375**
Brunswick	19.09	1.40	8.09	0.73	0.11	**29.42**	**39.26**	256.975	102.790	**359.765**
Columbus	3.48	1.85	41.27	1.35	0.36	**48.31**	**49.60**	266.802	76.229	**343.031**
Cumberland	30.20	1.76	0.00	1.55	0.23	**33.73**	**53.49**	157.951	215.866	**373.817**
Hoke	2.63	1.43	0.45	1.14	0.12	**5.77**	**10.50**	163.208	58.849	**222.057**
New Hanover	36.98	1.87	5.24	0.12	0.02	**44.24**	**60.81**	59.920	17.976	**77.896**
Pender	1.14	2.38	0.00	1.60	0.42	**5.53**	**7.18**	260.918	104.367	**365.285**
Richmond	9.03	0.49	0.00	0.47	0.31	**10.29**	**14.85**	119.881	71.928	**191.809**
Robeson	22.23	1.10	1.35	2.10	0.69	**27.47**	**37.01**	280.338	84.577	**364.915**
Sampson	3.08	2.49	1.06	7.13	3.08	**16.84**	**19.29**	294.413	112.653	**407.066**
Scotland	4.82	0.53	3.89	0.90	0.09	**10.22**	**13.03**	151.478	37.902	**189.380**
NCSE	134.67	16.46	75.19	22.01	6.57	**254.87**	**328.61**	2251.568	948.828	**3200.398**
Statewide	958.62	161.88	293.06	135.21	26.21	**1611.34**	**2184.85**	17369.48	7225.60	**24595.08**

Source: North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Water 2030 — North Carolina Water Supply and Demand, dated February 23, 2006. [www.ncruralcenter.org/pubs/watersupplyanddemand.pdf].

Wastewater Treatment Capacity

Listed below by county, by owner, by facility is the wastewater treatment capacity permitted flow, as built flow, average flow and the percentage of permitted flow discharged for wastewater treatment facilities for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The 46 facilities listed are publicly owned treatment works (POTWs).

County	Owner	Facility	Permitted Flow (mil gal/day)	As Built Flow (mil gal/day)	Average Flow (mil gal/day)	Percent of Permitted Flow Used
Bladen	Town of Bladenboro	Bladenboro WWTP	.5000	.5000	.6460	129.128
	Town of Clarkton	Clarkton WWTP	.2400	.2400	.2360	98.208
	Town of White Lake	White Lake WWTP	.8000	.8000	.5690	71.180
	Town of Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown WWTP	1.2250	1.2250	.6520	53.254
Brunswick	City of Southport	Southport WWTP	.8000	.8000	.1250	15.649
	Brunswick County	Carolina Shores WWTF	.5300	.5300	.5771	107.674
	North Brunswick Sanitary District	Belville WTTP	.8000	.4000	.2130	53.259
	Brunswick County	Northeast Brunswick WWTP	1.9600	1.9600	1.4380	73.350
Columbus	Town of Fair Bluff	Fair Bluff WWTP	Connected	to the	Fairmont	Reg. System
	Town of Lake Waccamaw	Lake Waccamaw WWTP	.4000	.4000	.3380	84.476
	City of Whiteville	Whitemarsh WWTP	3.0000	3.0000	2.3340	77.812
	Town of Tabor City	Tabor City WWTP	1.1000	1.1000	.6710	61.002

County	Owner	Facility	Permitted Flow (mil gal/day)	As Built Flow (mil gal/day)	Average Flow (mil gal/day)	Percent of Permitted Flow Used
Columbus	Town of Chadbourn	Chadbourn WWTP	1.0000	1.0000	.8010	80.093
	Columbus County	Columbus County POTW	.1300	.1300	.0190	14.904
Cumberland	PWC/Fayetteville	Rockfish Creek WWTP	28.0000	21.0000	14.7530	70.253
	PWC/Fayetteville	Cross Creek WWTP	25.0000	22.0000	13.4890	53.956
	Town of Spring Lake	Spring Lake WWTP	1.5000	1.5000	1.0680	71.193
	Old North Utility Services, Inc.	Fort Bragg WWTP & WTP	8.0000	8.0000	5.9220	74.026
Hoke	City of Raeford	Raeford WWTP	3.0000	3.0000	2.0160	67.205
New Hanover	City of Wilmington	Northside WWTP	16.0000	10.0000	9.2570	92.574
	City of Wilmington	Southside WWTP	12.0000	12.0000	9.0410	75.338
	Town of Carolina Beach	Carolina Beach WWTP	3.0000	3.0000	1.6320	54.413
	Town of Kure Beach	Kure Beach WWTP	.2900	.2900	.0480	16.909
	New Hanover County Water & Sewer District	Walnut Hills WWTP	.1000	.1000	.04900	49.241
	New Hanover County Water & Sewer District	Landfill WTTP	.0600	.0600	.0025	49.234
	New Hanover County Water & Sewer District	421 WTTP	4.000	Not Built	.0000	N/A
Pender	Town of Burgaw	Burgaw WWTP	.7500	.7500	.5470	72.965
Richmond	City of Hamlet	Hamlet WWTP	1.0000	1.0000	.8990	89.950
	Town of Ellerbe	Ellerbe WWTP	.1800	.1800	.1430	79.216
	City of Rockingham	Rockingham WWTP	9.0000	9.0000	4.0580	45.092
Robeson	Town of Parkton	Parkton WWTP	.2000	.2000	.2240	112.203
	Town of St. Pauls	St. Pauls WWTP	.5000	.5000	.4610	92.222
	City of Lumberton	Lumberton WWTP	20.0000	20.0000	8.6590	43.297
	Town of Pembroke	Pembroke WWTP	1.3300	1.3300	1.1400	85.727
	Town of Rowland	Rowland WWTP	.3900	.3900	.4550	117.447
	Town of Red Springs	Red Springs WWTP	2.5000	2.5000	1.1070	44.293
	Town of Maxton	Maxton WWTP	.5000	.5000	.3430	68.587
	Town of Fairmont	Fairmont Regional WWTP	1.7500	1.7500	1.4150	80.882
Sampson	Town of Roseboro	Roseboro WWTP	.4900	.7000	.3550	50.685
	City of Clinton	Norman H. Larkins WPCF	5.0000	5.0000	3.1110	62.221
	Town of Garland	Garland WWTP	.1300	.1300	.1100	87.609
	Town of Newton Grove	Newton Grove WWTP	.2000	.2000	.0650	32.742
Scotland	City of Laurinburg	Pilkington North American WWTP	.0300	.0300	.0100	33.777
	City of Laurinburg	Leiths Creek WWTP	4.0000	4.0000	2.860	71.498
	Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission	Laurinburg Industrial WWTP	2.0000	2.0000	.8230	41.156
	Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission	Laurel Hill/Maxton WWTP	.3000	.3000	.0550	18.446

Source: : Special report compiled by North Carolina's Division of Water Quality, the National Pollutant Discharge Eliminatio System (NPDES) Unit, Charles Weaver, [http://h20.enr.state.ns.us/NPDES/NPDESweb.html], May 11, 20

Natural Gas

- Piedmont Natural Gas distributes natural gas to 178,000 residential, commercial, industrial and wholesale accounts.
- Piedmont Natural Gas is the only natural gas provider in southeastern NC.
- For customer service or rate information contact (800)752-7504 or visit websites: www.ncng.com or www.piedmontng.com.

Source: NC Natural Gas Corporation, May 2010 [www.piedmontng.com].

Electricity

Electricity is provided for the eleven-county region by either Progress Energy Carolinas, one of seven electric membership corporations or one of five municipal power systems as outlined below (ElectriCities).

PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS

Raleigh, NC 27602-1551

- Progress Energy Carolinas is a major provider of electricity for the region and has a broad range of rate options and energy services available to residential, small/medium business and large/commercial customers.
- Progress Energy Carolinas offers a menu of value-added energy services to help ensure efficient and economic energy consumption.
- For more information, please contact Progress Energy, customer service at (800) 452-2777 or visit the website: www.progress-energy.com

ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATIONS SERVING RURAL AREAS

The rural areas are served by one of the following electric membership corporations that provide regulatory assistance, financial resource identification, market research, special lighting needs, commercial and industrial energy, and management surveys.

- Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation
- Four County Electric Membership Corporation
- Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation
- Lumbee River Electric Corporation
- Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation
- South River Electric Membership Corporation
- Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation

Source: Research of Individual corporation websites, May 2010

ELECTRICITIES MUNICIPAL PUBLIC POWER SYSTEMS

- Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville
- City of Lumberton Public Utilities
- City of Laurinburg Public Utilities
- Town of Red Springs Public Utilities
- Town of Southport Public Utilities

Source: www.electricities.com, April 2010

Telecommunications

Seven local telephone companies provide advanced telecommunications services to the eleven counties in North Carolina’s Southeast. For more information, go to the website of the following companies listed below:

- AT&T (www.att.com)
- Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (www.atmc.net)
- Ellerbe Telephone Company (http://etinternet.net)
- TDS Telecom (www.tdstelecom.com)
- Century Link (www.centurylink.com)
- Star Telephone Membership Corporation (www.stmc.net)
- Windstream Communications, Inc. (www.windstream.com)

Cable Access Providers

Eight cable access companies provide local TV cable service and some provide cable modem Internet access services as well as digital telephone service to the eleven counties in North Carolina’s Southeast. For more information, contact any of the following cable companies listed below:

- Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (www.atmc.net)
- Carolina Cable Partners (www.bellsouth.com)
- MIM Cable
- StarVision, Inc. (www.starvisions.tv)
- Tele-Media Corporation(www.tele-media.com)
- Time Warner Cable (www.twc-nc.com)
- Wagram Cable TV

Source: e-NC, High Speed Internet Access Study-Provider Directory [www.e-nc.org7]

County Property Taxes

County property tax rates are shown below for the 2009-2010 fiscal year as well as the year of the last revaluation.

2009-2010 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES PER 100 DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE

County	Rate	Year of Last Revaluation
Bladen	.7400	2007
Brunswick	.3050	2007
Columbus	.8150	2005
Cumberland	.7660	2009
Hoke	.7000	2006
New Hanover	.4525	2007
Pender	.6500	2003
Richmond	.8100	2008
Robeson	.8000	2005
Sampson	.8450	2003
Scotland	1.0200	2003
Avg for All	**.7185**	

Source: 2009-2010 Local Property Tax Rates Per 100 Dollars of Assessed Value for North Carolina Counties, issued by NC Department of Revenue, Policy Analysis and Statistics Division, Final Report, April 2010. [www.dornc.com/publications/effective_taxrates_09-10/pdf]

NC Personal Income Taxes

NC Standard Deduction

Personal Exemption	$1150		
Married, Filing Jointly	$6,000	Qualifying Widow(er)	$6,000
Head of Household	$4,400	Single	$3,000
Married, Filing Separately	$3,000		

NC Standard Deduction for People Age 65+ and/or Blind:

Married, Filing Jointly	$6600-$8400	Qualifying Widow(er)	$6600-$8400
Head of Household	$5150-$5900	Single	$3750-$4500
Married, Filing Separately	$3600-$5400		

NC 2009 Tax Rate Schedule**

Filing Status	Taxable Income is More Than	But Not Over	Tax Rate
Married, Filing Jointly And Qualifying Widow(er) Surviving Spouses	$0 $21,250 $100,000 +	$ 21,250 $100,000	6% of taxable income amount $1,275 + 7% of amt. over $21,250 $6,788 + 7.75% of amt over $100,000
Head of Household	$0 $17,000 $80,000 +	$ 17,000 $ 80,000	6% of taxable income $1,020 + 7% of amt. over $17,000 $5,430 + 7.75% of amt. over $80,000
Single	$0 $12,750 $60,000+	$ 12,750 $ 60,000	6% of taxable income amount $765 + 7% of amt. over $12,750 $4,073 + 7.75% of amt. over $60,000
Married, Filing Separately	$0 $10,625 $50,000+	$ 10,625 $ 50,000	6% of taxable income amount $638 + 7% of amt. over $10,625 $3,394 + 7.75% of amt. over $50,000

***These rates are used ONLY if taxable income (Form D-400, Line 13 or Form D-400EZ, Line 7) is $68,000 or more; if less, NC Tax Tables are used for calculating applicable tax (See Form D-400 Individual Income Tax Instructions, page 17).*

Source: NC Department of Revenue, May 2010. [www.dornc.com]

Local Property Taxes Comparison By State

North Carolina State and Local Property Tax Collections Per Capita are comparatively low when compared to other states. North Carolina is one of 13 states that collects no state-level property taxes, with its 2007 per capita property tax collections equaling $817 for all levels of government, ranking it 38th nationally.

STATE AND LOCAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS, FY2007

State	Property Tax Collections Per Capita	Rank
Unites States Total	**$1,278**	
Alabama	$455	50
Alaska	$1,528	11
Arizona	$993	33
Arkansas	$479	49
California	$1,151	27
Colorado	$1,180	22
Connecticut	$2,312	2
Delaware	$665	43
Florida	$1,482	13
Georgia	$1,010	32
Hawaii	$891	37
Idaho	$754	41
Illinois	$1,595	9
Indiana	$973	35
Iowa	$1,215	20
Kansas	$1,250	18
Kentucky	$612	45
Louisiana	$605	46
Maine	$1,565	10
Maryland	$1,167	23
Massachusetts	$1,710	8
Michigan	$1,444	15
Minnesota	$1,185	21
Mississippi	$759	40
Missouri	$898	36
Montana	$1,163	25
Nebraska	$1,351	16
Nevada	$1,141	28
New Hampshire	$2,222	4
New Jersey	$2,485	1
New Mexico	$517	48
New York	$1,963	6
North Carolina	**$817**	**38**
North Dakota	$1,097	29
Ohio	$1,165	24
Oklahoma	$538	47
Oregon	$1,067	30
Pennsylvania	$1,247	19
Rhode Island	$1,859	7
South Carolina	$984	34
South Dakota	$1,036	31
Tennessee	$733	42
Texas	$1,449	14
Utah	$776	39
Vermont	$1,984	5
Virginia	$1,307	17
Washington	$1,151	26
West Virginia	$628	44
Wisconsin	$1,506	12
Wyoming	$2,311	3
District of Columbia	$2,584	

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Census of Government; Tax Foundation Calculation; www.TaxFoundation.og

Corporate Taxes

INCORPORATION FEE

- A fee of $125.00 is levied upon filing articles of incorporation for a business
- A fee of $250.00 for application for certificate of authority.
- Various other fees are assessed for documents filed with the Secretary of State.
- For more information about business corporations, please contact: Department of the Secretary of State/Corporations www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations

FRANCHISE TAX (BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX)

- Unless specifically exempt, all active and inactive domestic corporations, and all foreign corporations with a Certificate of Authority to do business, or which are in fact doing business in NC, are subject to the annual franchise tax.
- The franchise tax rate is $1.50 per $1,000 and is applied to the largest of three bases determined as set forth in law of the following with a minimum of $35.00:
  > Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits
  > Appraised Valuation of Tangible Property in North Carolina
  > Actual Investments in Tangible Property in North Carolina
- For more information, visit the NC Department of Revenue's website: www.dornc.com/taxes/franchise

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX

- Though not actually a tax, North Carolina requires an insurance fee to be paid on a portion of taxable wages. The fee varies with each business based on its history of unemployment claims.
- A general business employer with at least one worker in 20 different calendar weeks during a calendar year, or with a payroll of at least $1,500 in any calendar quarter is liable for an unemployment insurance tax.
- 2010 Taxable Wage Base--$19,700
- Standard Rate for company new to NC (1st 2 years)—1.2%
- Minimum Rate—0.0%. Maximum Rate—6.84%. Average Rate in NC—1.7%
- For additional information, contact: North Carolina Employment Security Commission/UI Division (919) 733-7395. www.ncesc.com/business/UI/UiTax.asp

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

- According to Ernst & Young, the employer index rate for North Carolina is 2.17 per $100 of payroll, ranking NC 34th among all other states.
- The maximum employee weekly benefit is 66.6% of the average weekly wages not to exceed $834 in 2010. The maximum weekly benefit is adjusted annually.
- For additional information, contact: NC Industrial Commission at (919) 807-2501 or (800) 688-8349 www.ic.nc.gov

Source: NC Industrial Commission [www.ic.nc.gov/ncic/pages/bulletin.htm], May 2010.

CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE

- An income tax is levied on the net taxable income of all corporations chartered in North Carolina or doing business in North Carolina, unless they are specifically exempt from tax.
- Net taxable income shall be the same as taxable income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code in effect for the income year for which the returns are to be filed, subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-130.5.
- The corporate income tax rate for North Carolina is a flat rate of 6.90%.
- For more information visit the NC Department of Revenue's website: www.dornc.com/taxes/corporate/rate.html

SALES TAX

- Retail Sales and Use Tax Rate is 7.75%.
- Retail sales of tangible personal property not subject to a reduced rate of tax are subject to the 5.75% general State rate of sales or use tax.
- Items subject to the general rate are also subject to the 2.00 local sales and use tax rate.
- For more information, contact: NC Department of Revenue: www.dornc.com/taxes/sales/salesrates.html

Source: North Carolina Department of Revenue, May 2010 [www.dornc.com/taxes/sales/salesrates.html].

HIGHWAY USE TAX

- North Carolina collects a 3% Highway Use Tax on vehicles in lieu of a state sales tax. The tax is assessed each time a title is transferred.
- The maximum for commercial vehicles (vehicles with a weight greater than 26,000 pounds) is $1,000. All other vehicles are charged 3% with no ceiling.

BUSINESS COSTS

- Money that is collected for the Highway Use Tax goes towards the NC Highway Trust Fund and is used to improve the roads of NC with a portion also going toward the State's General Fund.

Source: NC Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, May 2010 [www.ncdot.org/dmv/vehicle_services/registrationtitling/taxhighwayuse.html].

INCOME TAX CREDITS

The following are some of the more utilized State credits for corporations. Refer to the Revenue laws or the NC Rules and Bulletins for more detailed information or visit the NC Department of Revenue's website: www.dornc.com/taxes/corporate/

- Tax Incentives for New and Expanding Businesses [Article 3A]
- Business and Energy Tax Credits [Article 3B]
- Tax Incentives for Recycling Facilities [Article 3C]
- Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits [Article 3D]
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits [Article 3E]
- Research and Development Tax Credit [Article 3F]
- Tax Incentives for Major Computer Manufacturing Facilities [Article 3G]
- Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit [Article 3H]
- Tax Credits for Growing Businesses [Article 3J]
- Tax Incentive for Railroad Intermodal Fadility [Article 3K]
- Other General Tax Credits
  - > Dwelling Units for Handicapped Persons
  - > Construction of Cogenerating Power Plant
  - > Real Property Donated for Conservation Purposes
  - > Conservation Tillage Equipment
  - > Gleaned Crop
  - > Certain Telephone Subscriber Line Charges
  - > Supervisory Fees Paid by Savings & Loan Associations
  - > Use of North Carolina Ports
  - > Poultry Composting Facility
  - > Manufacturing Cigarettes for Exportation
  - > Manufacturing Cigarettes for Exportation While Increasing Employment and Utilizing State Ports
  - > Qualifying Expenses of a Production Company
  - > Recycling Oyster Shells

Source: NC Department of Revenue, Corporate Tax Information [www.dornc.com/taxes/corporate/], May 2010.

CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX

(Selected Cities)

Due to the general flat topography and low labor costs of the Southeast Region, construction costs are typically much lower than other major cities within the US (see chart below).

City	Construction Cost Index
Wilmington	**136.4**
Fayetteville	**142.5**
Dallas	155.1
Richmond	156.6
Atlanta	160.1
Dayton	163.4
Columbus, Ohio	170.3
Utica	170.5
Akron	174.5
Syracuse	176.7
Washington	179.0
Los Angeles	194.9
White Plains	212.0
Yonkers	217.1

Source: R.S. Means Co. Construction Cost Index, 2010

Business Climate Accolades for Region and State

- North Carolina ranked **#1 in Site Selection's Annual Business Climate** rankings for 2009 and in fact has ranked #1 eight times in the past nine years.
- North Carolina ranked **#2 in Best State for Business in 2010** according to Chief Executive magazine's annual survey for best and worst states. Three categories were considered: taxation and regulation, quality of workforce and living environment
- Wilmington, NC makes the **RelocateAmerica's Top 100 Places to Live in 2010** which focused this year on communities poised for recovery and future growth.
- Wilmington, NC makes Forbes magazine **Best Places for Business and Careers**, March 2009

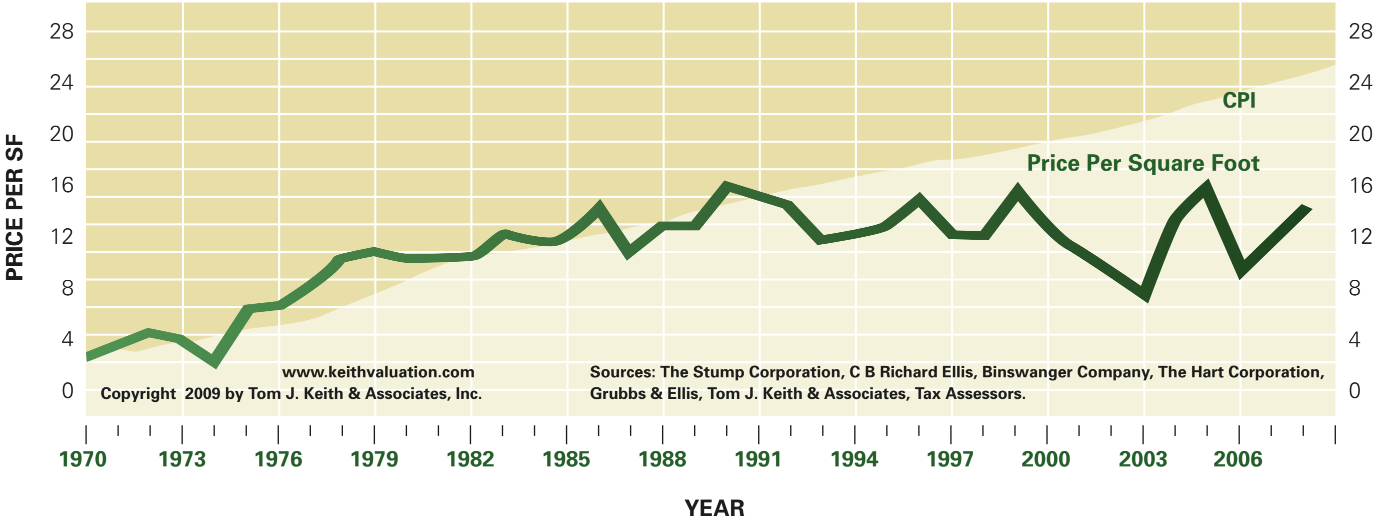
Cost of Living (First Quarter 2010)

Area	Composite Index	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc.
United States	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fayetteville, NC	**95.5**	**98.3**	**80.9**	**89.3**	**98.3**	**120.4**	**101.2**
Wilmington, NC	**100.0**	**114.1**	**91.3**	**98.8**	**99.6**	**98.9**	**102.8**
Charlotte, NC	93.5	96.1	79.9	89.7	99.4	111.1	101.6
Durham, NC	96.1	96.9	87.5	89.5	107.9	108.3	99.8
Greenville, NC	100.0	109.1	84.4	111.5	97.9	223.9	105.9
Jacksonville, NC	95.9	105.5	87.5	95.4	99.5	99.8	97.7
Raleigh, NC	98.4	105.4	89.6	100.5	96.2	104.5	102.8
Winston-Salem, NC	93.0	98.4	84.2	88.1	87.7	102.3	101.1
Atlanta, GA	96.2	98.4	91.0	88.9	96.6	100.9	101.7
Charleston, SC	98.3	106.8	91.2	97.3	94.0	102.6	102.8
Dallas, TX	90.8	95.9	71.9	105.4	97.9	103.4	97.1
Myrtle Beach, SC	94.5	104.1	77.8	93.8	95.8	102.6	104.5
Philadelphia, PA	126.5	127.7	141.1	137.2	104.2	110.9	229.8
Richmond, VA	106.0	106.9	102.2	116.2	102.4	115.0	106.0
San Diego, CA	132.3	105.1	194.3	104.7	114.7	111.3	105.0

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living, First Quarter 2010 Data.

Purchase Price of Industrial Space in Region

Keith Industrial Index for North Carolina



The Industrial Index is based on the average price paid for existing industrial buildings in North Carolina from 1970 to 2008. The sources of data included Binswanger Company, The Stump Corporation, The Hart Corporation, CB Richard Ellis, Grubbs & Ellis, The Walker Company, NC Department of Commerce, Tax Assessors from the 100 North Carolina Counties, and Tom J. Keith & Associates, Inc. Sales of distribution facilities and manufacturing plants dominated the 1996 market while warehouse space dominated the rental market. 1997 and 1998 seemed to be a mixed bag of distribution, warehouse, and manufacturing facility sales. Limited 1996-1997 market data tends to show that prices in Eastern North Carolina are catching up with those prices in the Piedmont. NAFTA phased in completely in 2003 and caused prices to bottom out at $8.63/SF. The average price per square foot paid for industrial buildings including the land beginning in 1997 were as shown in the chart above. Copyright 2009 by Tom J. Keith & Associates, Inc.

County Schools

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Southeastern North Carolina is served by 13 public school systems. The following data provides an overview of student enrollment, number of schools, SAT performance, and number of Graduates.

System	Enrollment	Number of Schools	Mean SAT Scores	Number of Graduates
Bladen County	5,573	14	1294	337
Brunswick County	12,191	17	1456	705
Columbus County	7,067	19	1315	418
Whiteville City	2,628	5	1336	139
Cumberland County	55,620	89	1398	3,281
Hoke County	7,888	13	1271	348
New Hanover County	24,781	39	1529	1,429
Pender County	8,188	16	1419	463
Richmond County	8,222	19	1394	428
Robeson County	24,434	42	1282	1,063
Sampson County	8,516	17	1301	431
Clinton City	3,171	5	1356	164
Scotland County	6,965	21	1330	375
Southeast NC Total	**175,244**	**316**	**1360**	**9,581**

Source: North Carolina Board of Education, SAT Report, December 19, 2009. Source: NC Department of Public Instruction, 2008 Statistical Profile.

2007-08 Post High School Intentions

County/City	Graduates	University	Community/ Jr. College	Other Education	Entering Military	Entering Labor Force	Other
Bladen County	337	134	156	0	12	28	7
Brunswick County	705	212	368	7	32	78	8
Columbus County	418	122	238	3	23	25	7
Whiteville City	139	44	72	0	10	13	0
Cumberland County	3281	1654	1112	40	252	187	36
Hoke County	348	170	81	5	44	48	0
New Hanover County	1429	754	521	9	35	75	35
Pender County	463	170	195	1	17	69	11
Richmond County	428	168	187	15	29	12	17
Robeson County	1063	412	430	8	72	70	71
Sampson County	431	125	185	4	17	92	8
Clinton City	164	78	70	0	6	9	1
Scotland County	375	173	119	1	9	60	13
NC Southeast	**9,581**	**4,216**	**3,734**	**93**	**558**	**766**	**207**

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction, 2008 Statistical Profile.

Education Attainment Levels By County (People Age 25+)

County	At Least High School Graduate	At Least Bachelor's Degree
Bladen	17,194	2,858
Brunswick	63,304	13,540
Columbus	27,411	4,191
Cumberland	161,688	37,887
Hoke	21,099	3,286
New Hanover	118,258	43,854
Pender	29,902	5,507
Richmond	22,698	3,450
Robeson	56,651	10,424
Sampson	31,702	5,266
Scotland	18,147	4,215
NC Southeast	**568,054**	**134,478**

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction, 2008 Statistical Profile.

Overview of Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

- From its establishment as Wilmington College in 1947 with 238 students to its record-setting enrollment of nearly 12,000 in 2007, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has transformed the lives of more than 44,000 students over the past 60 years and has had major impact on the community it serves.
- US.News & World Report, UNCW was ranked the sixth best public regional university in the South; this is the 10th consecutive year UNCW was ranked in the top 10.
- Among the 119 public and private universities in the South that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, UNCW improved its overall ranking to 14th.
- The 2007 freshman class had the highest average SAT score (1157) in the University's history, making it the third highest in the UNC system behind UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University.
- The University is made up of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Cameron School of Business, the School of Nursing, the Watson School of Education and the Graduate School.
- It offers 73 bachelor's degrees and 25 master's degrees, as well as a Ph.D. in marine biology and an Ed.D. in educational leadership.
- Of the 235 full-time faculty providing instruction to a multi-ethnic student body, more than 81 percent hold doctoral degrees or first professional degrees in their fields.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

- Founded in 1887 for the education of American Indians, the University now serves a student body reflective of the rich cultural diversity of American society.
- The University offers 45 programs at the bachelor's level and 17 master's degree programs, including the Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Administration.
- US News & World Report ranks UNCP one of the most diverse universities in the nation.
- There are 45 undergraduate degree programs, and an additional 54 minors that students can choose.
- Master's degree programs are available in education (school administration, elementary, middle grades, reading, art education, English education, mathematics education, music education, physical education, science education, social studies education, and MAT programs), service agency and school counseling, social work (MSW), public administration (MPA), and business administration (MBA).

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

- Founded in 1867 as the Howard School by seven African American men, it became a normal school in 1877 and remains one of the oldest teacher education institutions in the South.
- Fayetteville State University is the second-oldest state-assisted institution of higher education in the state.
- In the past decade, FSU has also added new undergraduate and master's degree programs, bringing the total number of undergraduate programs to 45 and the total number of master's degree programs to 23 offered through its College of Arts and Humanities, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, School of Business and Economics, and School of Education. In 1994, Fayetteville State began its first doctoral program, in educational leadership.

EDUCATION

- In the past decade, student enrollment at FSU has increased to 6,217 students, while average SAT scores for entering freshmen classes have improved.
- The university is now one of seven University of North Carolina institutions authorized to grant doctoral degrees.
- New cutting-edge programs in biotechnology, fire science, forensic-science, four-year nursing, and others have been developed.

METHODIST COLLEGE

- Senior, co-educational college of liberal arts and sciences that opened in 1960.
- The campus presents a striking blend of modern architecture and natural beauty, occupying 617 acres along the Cape Fear River, six miles north of downtown Fayetteville.
- The campus includes 32 buildings, an 18-hole golf course and an amphitheater.
- Nine on-campus residence halls house nearly 900 students.
- The College now serves more than 2,000 students in its day, evening and weekend classes.
- Students can choose from more than 50 undergraduate majors and concentrations and three master's degrees in Physician Assistant Studies, business administration and justice administration.
- The Professional MBA at Pinehurst, one of its two newest graduate programs, is the first program of its kind in the nation.

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

- The fully accredited four-year college in Laurinburg, NC, has been ranked by Money Magazine as one of the 150 "best buys" in the country and since 1996, has been recognized by US News and World Report.
- Featured in Colleges That Change Lives for the individual attention and opportunities given to each student, St. Andrews Presbyterian College has been recognized for its academic excellence throughout its 50-year history.
- On-campus housing is guaranteed for all students. Eight residence halls, with ample parking, are divided into suites of six or seven rooms each.
- The 640-acre campus, built around a 70-acre lake, provides a safe and picturesque environment conducive to learning and becoming a part of the close-knit St. Andrews community.

NUMBER OF GRADUATES PER YEAR FOR UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

University/College	Number of Graduates
UNC Wilmington	2,069*
UNC Pembroke	1,057*
Fayetteville State University	579*
Methodist College	270**
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	248**

*indicates 2008 graduates
**indicates 2009 graduates

COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Fast Facts:

- All 8 community colleges in the region are part of the North Carolina Community College System.
- These 8 colleges serve more than 125,000 students.
- Programs range from general education to industrial and specialized technical training.
- Tuition rates are among the lowest in the nation at approximately $42 per semester hour (2007-08) to provide accessibility to all constituents of North Carolina.

County	Institution	Curriculum Enrollment 2008-09	Continuing Ed Enrollment 2008-09
Bladen	Bladen Community College	2,011	3,107
Brunswick	Brunswick Community College	1,952	6,253
Columbus	Southeastern Community College	3,009	7,840
Cumberland	Fayetteville Technical Community College	14,807	25,389
New Hanover	Cape Fear Community College	11,137	19,445
Richmond	Richmond Community College	,413	5,649
Robeson	Robeson Community College	3,384	10,516
Sampson	Sampson Community College	1,949	6,302

Sources: Annual Statistical Report 2008-09, and A Matter of Facts, 2009, North Carolina Community College System.

Workforce Training

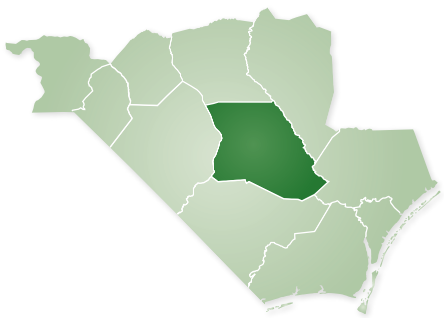
The mission of the North Carolina Community College System is to open the door to high-quality, accessible educational opportunities that minimize barriers to post-secondary education, maximize student success, develop a globally and multi-culturally competent workforce, and improve the lives and well-being of individuals by providing:

- Education, training and retraining for the workforce including basic skills and literacy education, occupational and pre-baccalaureate programs.
- Support for economic development through services to and in partnership with business and industry and in collaboration with the University of North Carolina System and private colleges and universities.
- Services to communities and individuals which improve the quality of life.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS

- The NC Community College Systems is known nationally and globally for its world-class business and industry training programs.
- All training programs are customized to the companies exact needs.
- Reacts quickly to the needs of businesses and respects the confidential nature of proprietary processes and information.
- Supports full time production and direct customer services positions created in the state.
- Business and industries eligible for the training include: manufacturing, technology, warehouse/distribution, customer support centers, air courier centers, national headquarters, civil service employees providing technical support to U.S. military installations located in the state.

Bladen County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	32,504	(0.2%)
2009 Total Population	32,838	0.2%
2000 Total Population	32,278	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	32,153	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	-125	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	-643	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	42	
2009 Median Age	40	
2000 Median Age	38	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	8,610	26.2%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	3,577	10.9%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	4,082	12.4%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	4,551	13.9%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	4,949	15.1%
2009 Total Pop 60+	7,069	21.5%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	5,141	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,294	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	53%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	212	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	1,825	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	16,855	74.9%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	2,806	12.5%

INCOME

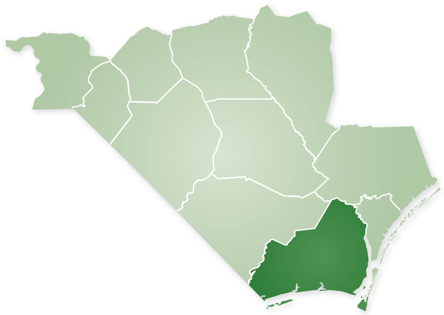
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$45,490	7.5%
2009 Median Family Income	$42,325	22.9%
2000 Median Family Income	$34,438	
2014 Median Household Income	$34,651	4.2%
2009 Median Household Income	$33,259	23.3%
2000 Median Household Income	$26,977	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$27,713	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		1.1%
2014 Per Capita Income	$18,941	5.6%
2009 Per Capita Income	$17,929	21.7%
2000 Per Capita Income	$14,735	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	6,622	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		21.0%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	14,080	14,162
2009Q4 Unemployment	1,920	1,884
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	12.0%	11.7%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	45	45
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$65.5	$65.5
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	. 27	
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	1	2

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	12,353	13,202	$574	$539
Total Government	931	925	$636	$671
Total Private Industry	8,276	9,006	$591	$537
Construction	191	316	$583	$571
Manufacturing	5,374	5,752	$630	$564
Retail Trade	774	783	$382	$398
Transportation and Warehousing	346	327	$686	$689
Information	18	18	$697	$654
Finance and Insurance	122	117	$631	$611
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	47	63	$482	$566
Professional and Technical Services	127	146	$1,047	$676
Administrative and Waste Services	500	648	$466	$348
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	113	147	$389	$458
Public Administration	877	876	$632	$666

Brunswick County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	133,362	4.1%
2009 Total Population	109,208	4.4%
2000 Total Population	73,143	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	102,857	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	29,714	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	28,600	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	47	
2009 Median Age	46	
2000 Median Age	42	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	24,005	22.0%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	10,685	9.8%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	12,032	11.0%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	14,558	13.3%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	16,488	15.1%
2009 Total Pop 60+	31,440	28.8%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	12,390	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,456	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	33%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	306	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	1,828	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	65,496	81.7%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	14,043	17.5%

INCOME

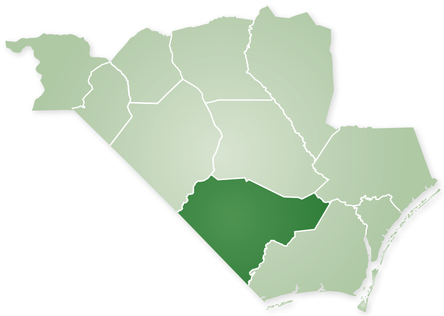
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$58,397	5.8%
2009 Median Family Income	$55,193	31.8%
2000 Median Family Income	$41,876	
2014 Median Household Income	$50,443	6.9%
2009 Median Household Income	$47,185	31.7%
2000 Median Household Income	$35,840	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$27,713	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.8%
2014 Per Capita Income	$26,314	4.0%
2009 Per Capita Income	$25,307	27.4%
2000 Per Capita Income	$19,857	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	9,095	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		12.6%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	42,455	43,492
2009Q4 Unemployment	6,021	5,394
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	12.4%	11.0%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	87	87
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$12.0	$12.0
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs		2
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	0	4

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	28,139	28,900	$599	$612
Total Government	2,488	2,362	$825	$793
Total Private Industry	21,287	22,017	$522	$526
Construction	1,688	2,148	$667	$645
Manufacturing	1,211	1,740	$774	$697
Retail Trade	4,466	4,306	$430	$414
Transportation and Warehousing	138	141	$792	$879
Information	463	423	$668	$751
Finance and Insurance	700	624	$918	$939
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,143	1,161	$571	$573
Professional and Technical Services	774	932	$771	$729
Administrative and Waste Services	1,102	1,249	$428	$408
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	446	539	$453	$449
Public Administration	2,275	2,157	$840	$798

Columbus County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	54,513	(0.1%)
2009 Total Population	54,784	0.0%
2000 Total Population	54,749	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	54,758	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	8	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	1,001	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	41	
2009 Median Age	40	
2000 Median Age	37	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	14,428	26.3%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	6,464	11.8%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	6,766	12.4%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	7,729	14.1%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	7,881	14.4%
2009 Total Pop 60+	11,516	21.0%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	9,421	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,315	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	53%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	253	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	2,553	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	27,264	73.1%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	4,181	11.2%

INCOME

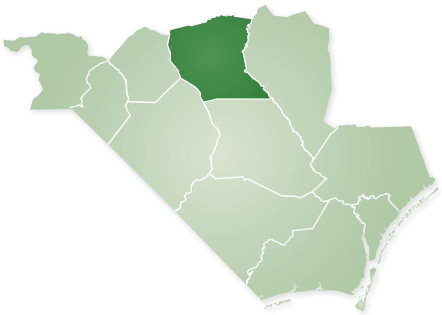
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$44,775	6.8%
2009 Median Family Income	$41,923	23.3%
2000 Median Family Income	$33,990	
2014 Median Household Income	$33,737	2.8%
2009 Median Household Income	$32,813	22.5%
2000 Median Household Income	$26,792	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$27,406	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		1.0%
2014 Per Capita Income	$18,657	5.0%
2009 Per Capita Income	$17,769	23.3%
2000 Per Capita Income	$14,415	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	12,200	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		22.7%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	22,307	22,408
2009Q4 Unemployment	3,325	3,173
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	13.0%	12.4%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	54	54
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$2.5	$2.5
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	83	99
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	1	5

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	15,902	17,010	$572	$571
Total Government	3,249	3,287	$632	$618
Total Private Industry	11,522	13,098	$547	$554
Construction	424	531	$514	$543
Manufacturing	2,001	2,402	$1,010	$920
Retail Trade	2,112	2,228	$393	$410
Transportation and Warehousing	101	103	$697	$770
Information	143	138	$547	$710
Finance and Insurance	474	501	$675	$733
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	161	175	$511	$584
Professional and Technical Services	2	340	$1,047	$552
Administrative and Waste Services	833	905	$384	$425
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	291	311	$437	$415
Public Administration	1,914	1,694	$580	$547

Cumberland County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	314,692	0.3%
2009 Total Population	309,874	0.2%
2000 Total Population	302,963	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	316,914	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	13,956	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	14,296	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	32	
2009 Median Age	31	
2000 Median Age	30	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	92,007	29.7%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	58,673	18.9%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	44,935	14.5%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	41,298	13.3%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	34,205	11.0%
2009 Total Pop 60+	38,756	12.5%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	52,508	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,398	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	53%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	2,688	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	24,160	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	163,648	87.5%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	38,446	20.6%

INCOME

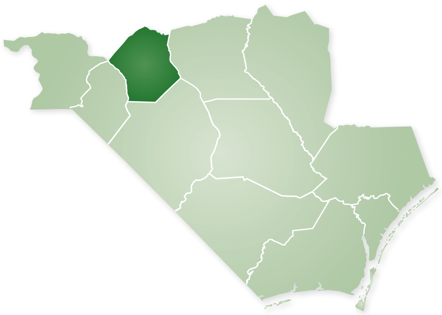
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$58,196	4.1%
2009 Median Family Income	$55,890	34.5%
2000 Median Family Income	$41,559	
2014 Median Household Income	$52,919	4.6%
2009 Median Household Income	$50,583	34.5%
2000 Median Household Income	$37,604	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$39,498	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.8%
2014 Per Capita Income	$23,922	4.1%
2009 Per Capita Income	$22,987	32.3%
2000 Per Capita Income	17,376	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	36,391	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		12.8%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	121,565	122,088
2009Q4 Unemployment	12,696	12,326
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	9.5%	9.2%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	678	678
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$92.3	$92.3
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	159	626
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	8	43

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	116,813	119,789	$692	$675
Total Government	31,256	31,875	$907	$863
Total Private Industry	83,064	85,246	$609	$603
Construction	5,219	5,751	$680	$687
Manufacturing	7,805	8,025	$975	$986
Retail Trade	14,775	15,398	$457	$461
Transportation and Warehousing	4,424	4,908	$718	$739
Information	1,572	2,121	$768	$834
Finance and Insurance	2,450	2,545	$816	$837
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,770	1,671	$566	$594
Professional and Technical Services	5,317	5,336	$1,045	$985
Administrative and Waste Services	7,144	7,045	$562	$519
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	3,210	3,520	$506	$512
Public Administration	12,712	11,979	$944	$899

Hoke County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	52,787	2.9%
2009 Total Population	45,754	3.4%
2000 Total Population	33,646	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	44,432	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	10,782	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	6,774	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	32	
2009 Median Age	32	
2000 Median Age	30	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	14,763	32.3%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	6,867	15.0%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	7,199	15.7%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	6,581	14.4%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	4,972	10.9%
2009 Total Pop 60+	5,372	11.7%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	7,516	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,271	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	63%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions		
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment		
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	21,333	77.3%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	3,330	12.1%

INCOME

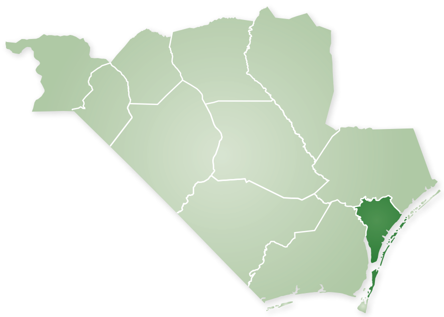
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$53,324	8.3%
2009 Median Family Income	$49,243	36.6%
2000 Median Family Income	$36,056	
2014 Median Household Income	$48,243	7.8%
2009 Median Household Income	$44,764	35.3%
2000 Median Household Income	$33,090	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$36,044	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.6%
2014 Per Capita Income	$19,150	3.1%
2009 Per Capita Income	$18,578	36.3%
2000 Per Capita Income	$13,635	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	5,731	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		17.7%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	18,062	18,140
2009Q4 Unemployment	1,668	1,654
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.4%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	40	40
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$7.2	$7.2
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	4	
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	1	1

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	8,135	8,379	$525	$534
Total Government	57	642	$974	$807
Total Private Industry	5,364	5,464	$477	$474
Construction	267	322	$632	$609
Manufacturing	2,313	2,215	$523	$551
Retail Trade	451	415	$422	$388
Transportation and Warehousing	90	82	$701	$711
Information	53	62	$1,183	$1,103
Finance and Insurance	72	69	$508	$531
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	29	40	$300	$364
Professional and Technical Services	0	224		
Administrative and Waste Services	204	0	$296	
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	131	141	$377	$334
Public Administration	20	609	$1,245	$799

New Hanover County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	217,451	2.0%
2009 Total Population	196,667	
2000 Total Population	160,307	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	192,235	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	31,908	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	25,619	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	40	
2009 Median Age	39	
2000 Median Age	36	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	46,014	23.4%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	28,542	14.5%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	27,241	13.9%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	28,425	14.5%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	27,501	14.0%
2009 Total Pop 60+	38,944	19.8%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	24,277	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,529	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	53%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	4,407	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	26,260	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	120,455	88.8%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	44,731	33.0%

INCOME

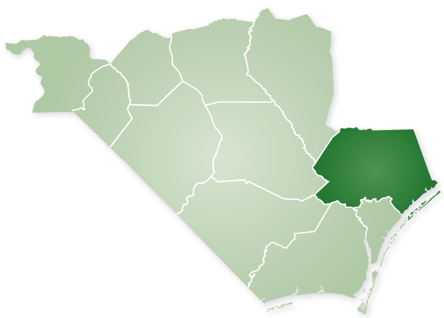
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$67,620	2.3%
2009 Median Family Income	$66,120	29.8%
2000 Median Family Income	$50,931	
2014 Median Household Income	$55,026	4.0%
2009 Median Household Income	$52,906	31.7%
2000 Median Household Income	$40,184	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$41,306	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		1.0%
2014 Per Capita Income	$30,688	4.9%
2009 Per Capita Income	$29,268	26.6%
2000 Per Capita Income	$23,123	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	20,445	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		13.1%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	90,776	92,994
2009Q4 Unemployment	10,074	9,652
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	10.0%	9.4%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	350	350
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$59.5	$59.5
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	154	
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	21	0

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	96,314	103,413	$710	$709
Total Government	5,544	5,513	$868	$862
Total Private Industry	77,672	83,281	$670	$681
Construction	6,525	8,095	$846	$829
Manufacturing	6,111	6,806	$1,267	$1,306
Retail Trade	13,125	14,610	$462	$466
Transportation and Warehousing	317	331	$929	$1,035
Information	2,734	2,748	$842	$818
Finance and Insurance	2,813	3,080	$1,009	$1,061
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,714	1,838	$600	$655
Professional and Technical Services	6,513	6,762	$1,109	$1,184
Administrative and Waste Services	5,072	5,330	$487	$500
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	2,764	2,937	$445	$453
Public Administration	4,897	4,892	$813	$815

Pender County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	61,253	2.7%
2009 Total Population	53,508	2.9%
2000 Total Population	41,082	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	51,853	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	10,771	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	9,824	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	45	
2009 Median Age	43	
2000 Median Age	39	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	12,485	23.3%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	5,604	10.5%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	6,336	11.8%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	8,019	15.0%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	8,446	15.8%
2009 Total Pop 60+	12,618	23.6%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	8,146	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,419	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT		43%
2007-08 Higher Education Completions		
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment		
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	30,825	80.4%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	5,685	14.8%

INCOME

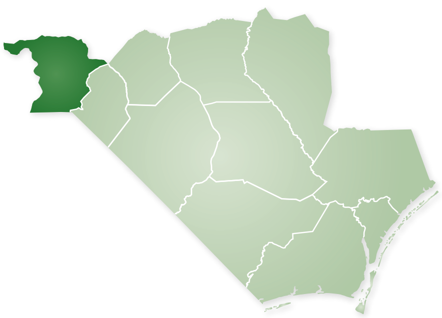
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$55,758	3.4%
2009 Median Family Income	$53,906	28.8%
2000 Median Family Income	$41,837	
2014 Median Household Income	$48,086	4.1%
2009 Median Household Income	$46,204	28.7%
2000 Median Household Income	$35,905	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$36,430	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.7%
2014 Per Capita Income	$23,384	3.7%
2009 Per Capita Income	$22,546	26.1%
2000 Per Capita Income	$17,882	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	5,429	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		13.6%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	20,796	21,304
2009Q4 Unemployment	2,631	2,679
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	11.2%	11.2%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation		
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)		
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	10	
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	2	1

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	9,792	10,635	$559	$561
Total Government	568	624	$724	$735
Total Private Industry	6,400	6,958	$505	$517
Construction	607	831	$608	$573
Manufacturing	825	859	$685	$745
Retail Trade	1,398	1,439	$406	$404
Transportation and Warehousing	75	78	$758	$797
Information	13	65	$1,114	$684
Finance and Insurance	115	120	$804	$879
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	121	129	$682	$507
Professional and Technical Services	207	245	$708	$723
Administrative and Waste Services	382	444	$405	$403
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	187	165	$453	$473
Public Administration	487	539	$718	$725

Richmond County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	46,645	(0.1%)
2009 Total Population	46,898	0.1%
2000 Total Population	46,564	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	46,842	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	285	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	730	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	39	
2009 Median Age	38	
2000 Median Age	36	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	12,930	27.6%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	6,090	13.0%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	5,853	12.5%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	6,383	13.6%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	6,296	13.4%
2009 Total Pop 60+	9,346	19.9%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	7,717	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,394	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	23%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	255	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	2,302	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	22,642	73.7%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	3,453	11.2%

INCOME

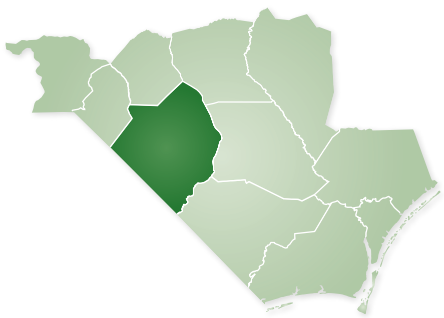
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$48,154	9.4%
2009 Median Family Income	$44,027	24.9%
2000 Median Family Income	$35,242	
2014 Median Household Income	$38,540	6.2%
2009 Median Household Income	$36,282	26.2%
2000 Median Household Income	$28,746	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$29,373	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.9%
2014 Per Capita Income	$18,844	4.4%
2009 Per Capita Income	$18,054	24.6%
2000 Per Capita Income	$14,485	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	8,754	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		19.6%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	18,055	18,322
2009Q4 Unemployment	2,762	2,811
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	13.3%	13.3%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	209	209
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$5.8	$5.8
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs		200
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	0	6

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	13,897	14,980	$545	$538
Total Government	2,709	2,932	$608	$622
Total Private Industry	8,246	11,223	$511	$513
Construction	556	576	$634	$629
Manufacturing	2,980	3,301	$629	$585
Retail Trade	1,875	1,976	$411	$405
Transportation and Warehousing	126	130	$559	$609
Information	124	129	$619	$621
Finance and Insurance	259	254	$625	$653
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	$377	$360
Professional and Technical Services				
Administrative and Waste Services	278	290	$388	$400
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	271	316	$339	$344
Public Administration	1,276	1,423	$646	$623

Robeson County



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Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	133,969	0.5%
2009 Total Population	130,775	0.6%
2000 Total Population	123,339	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	130,316	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	7,079	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	-559	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	35	
2009 Median Age	34	
2000 Median Age	32	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	39,709	30.4%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	19,009	14.5%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	17,581	13.4%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	17,579	13.4%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	16,453	12.6%
2009 Total Pop 60+	20,444	15.6%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	23,494	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,282	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	43%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	1,272	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	10,035	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	56,769	69.6%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	10,474	12.8%

INCOME

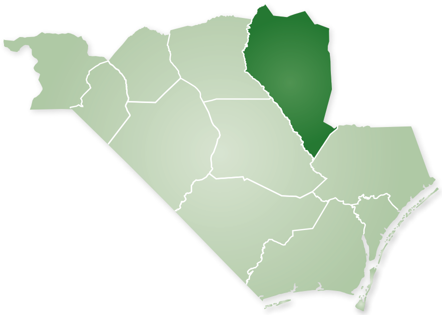
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$45,743	11.6%
2009 Median Family Income	$41,006	26.2%
2000 Median Family Income	$32,484	
2014 Median Household Income	$38,476	7.9%
2009 Median Household Income	$35,643	26.7%
2000 Median Household Income	$28,125	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$28,631	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.9%
2014 Per Capita Income	$16,725	4.5%
2009 Per Capita Income	$16,004	21.0%
2000 Per Capita Income	$13,224	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	27,326	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		22.8%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	51,962	52,096
2009Q4 Unemployment	6,779	6,702
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	11.5%	11.4%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	130	130
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$6.9	$6.9
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	119	369
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	3	15

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	38,716	42,145	$550	$534
Total Government	3,002	3,002	$674	$678
Total Private Industry	30,017	32,488	$504	$490
Construction	1,571	1,882	$580	$575
Manufacturing	6,364	7,753	$611	$553
Retail Trade	4,767	4,881	$395	$395
Transportation and Warehousing	174	178	$744	$831
Information	230	197	$690	$743
Finance and Insurance	1,145	1,138	$566	$626
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	187	152	$342	$401
Professional and Technical Services	468	538	$551	$505
Administrative and Waste Services	1,139	1,150	$327	$333
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	319	465	$413	$402
Public Administration	2,760	2,757	$673	$674

Sampson County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	67,516	0.7%
2009 Total Population	65,080	0.9%
2000 Total Population	60,161	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	65,396	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	5,235	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	2,779	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	38	
2009 Median Age	37	
2000 Median Age	35	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	18,110	27.8%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	7,835	12.0%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	9,210	14.2%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	9,247	14.2%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	8,639	13.3%
2009 Total Pop 60+	12,039	$18.5%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	11,441	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,301	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	43%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	425	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	1,985	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	31,876	73.6%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	5,304	12.2%

INCOME

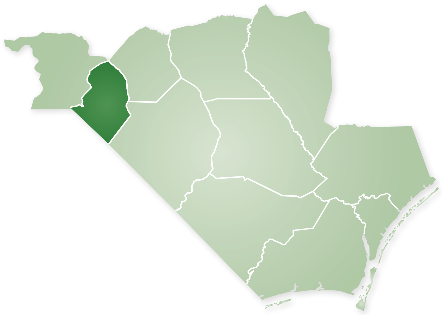
		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$49,492	5.7%
2009 Median Family Income	$46,801	22.5%
2000 Median Family Income	$38,200	
2014 Median Household Income	$40,338	2.6%
2009 Median Household Income	$39,302	22.8%
2000 Median Household Income	$32,010	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$31,442	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.6%
2014 Per Capita Income	$18,796	3.0%
2009 Per Capita Income	$18,254	21.9%
2000 Per Capita Income	$14,976	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	10,431	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		17.6%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	29,630	30,109
2009Q4 Unemployment	2,811	2,774
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.4%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation		
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)		
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs		228
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	1	9

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	19,061	10,167	$565	$585
Total Government	731	1,569	$741	$647
Total Private Industry	9,610	11,095	$558	$566
Construction	844	908	$552	$593
Manufacturing	2,994	3,433	$693	$688
Retail Trade	2,062	2,132	$403	$402
Transportation and Warehousing	80	90	$799	$820
Information	241	296	$729	$748
Finance and Insurance	240	246	$605	$627
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	97	$391	$436
Professional and Technical Services	319	401	$826	$828
Administrative and Waste Services	475	633	$405	$389
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	401	446	$434	$459
Public Administration	652	1,464	$734	$639

Scotland County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population & Growth	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2014 Total Population	36,511	(0.3%)
2009 Total Population	37,002	0.3%
2000 Total Population	35,998	
July 2008 Certified Population Estimate	37,064	
July 2008 Certified Population Growth	1,066	
July 2008 Certified Net Migration	-57	

Estimated Population By Age		Pop. by Age, % Est.
2014 Median Age	37	
2009 Median Age	36	
2000 Median Age	35	
2009 Total Pop 0-19	10,633	28.8%
2009 Total Pop 20-29	5,064	13.7%
2009 Total Pop 30-39	4,512	12.2%
2009 Total Pop 40-49	4,923	13.3%
2009 Total Pop 50-59	5,037	13.6%
2009 Total Pop 60+	6,803	18.4%

EDUCATION

		Pop. by Age 25+, %
2008-09 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	6,538	
2009 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,330	
2009 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	63%	
2007-08 Higher Education Completions	179	
2007-08 Higher Education Total Enrollment	774	
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	17,888	75.6%
2009 Proj Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor`s Degree	4,168	17.6%

INCOME

		Growth Est. or Total %
2014 Median Family Income	$52,586	5.0%
2009 Median Family Income	$50,066	28.5%
2000 Median Family Income	$38,971	
2014 Median Household Income	$41,126	5.2%
2009 Median Household Income	$39,075	26.0%
2000 Median Household Income	$31,024	
2009 Median Disposable Income	$32,258	
2009-2014 Per Capita Income: Annual Compound Growth Rate		0.9%
2014 Per Capita Income	$20,436	4.4%
2009 Per Capita Income	$19,574	24.7%
2000 Per Capita Income	$15,693	
2000 Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level	7,212	
2000 Percent of Pop with Income Below Poverty Level		20.6%

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

	Year to Date	2009 Annual
2009Q4 Employment	12,047	12,223
2009Q4 Unemployment	2,311	2,345
2009Q4 Unemployment Rate	16.1%	16.1%
2009Q4 Announced Job Creation	133	133
2009Q4 Total Announced Investments ($mil)	$13.2	$13.2
Mar2010 Lost Jobs, Closings & Layoffs	54	91
Mar2010 Establishment Events, Closings & Layoffs	1	1

Employment/Wage by Industry	2009 4th Qtr Employment	2009 Annual Employment	2009 4th Qtr Avg Weekly Wage	2009 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	12,444	13,993	$577	$577
Total Government	1,736	2,030	$665	$637
Total Private Industry	7,345	8,422	$523	$534
Construction	435	571	$643	$637
Manufacturing	2,099	2,676	$808	$782
Retail Trade	1,584	1,691	$377	$379
Transportation and Warehousing	296	385	$678	$726
Information	122	129	$794	$750
Finance and Insurance	222	238	$722	$751
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63	66	$457	$447
Professional and Technical Services	129	139	$637	$768
Administrative and Waste Services	882	1,012	$332	$310
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	189	180	$391	$355
Public Administration	594	607	$611	$605

Sources for Regional Communities:
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Notes:
Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system including a writing test for a perfect score of 2400 and represent county systems. ESRI 2009/2014 data are projections. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. For further details or questions, please check the Data Sources Guide at https://edis.commerce.state.nc.us/docs/bibliography/Data_Sources_Guide.pdf.

QUALITY OF LIFE

General Overview

Quality of Life is exceptional in the Southeastern North Carolina region due to the following attributes:

GREAT WEATHER

- Moderate four-season climate with average temperatures ranging from 44 degrees in January to 80 degrees in July.
- The average mean annual rainfall ranges between 47"-57".
- Pleasant weather accommodates numerous outdoor activities, many of them year-round.
- Occasional snowfalls allow for sledding and other winter recreation.
- Winter weather rarely interferes with business operations and rainfall provides ample water supplies.

GREAT HEALTHCARE

- The region has 17 hospitals housing a total of 3,627 beds.
- Primary and specialty care facilities include cancer treatment and cardio-vascular disease treatment.
- 432 long-term care beds in the region.
- Area hospitals maintain strong alliances with medical institutions throughout the state and continuously seek ways to improve overall health care offerings.

RICH CULTURAL & HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

- Larger cities and small towns alike offer opportunities for entertainment and enrichment in the realm of art, heritage, military, science and many other areas.
- Festivals and events are held throughout the year, some based on geography, sports, holidays, industry or culture. All offer the opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship.
- Entertainment and conference complexes host events that include sports, equestrian competitions, home shows, craft festivals, business expos, antique shows, beauty pageants, musical and dramatic performances.
- Many of the colleges and universities in the region have performing arts and seminars that feature performers and speakers of national and international renown.
- Several cities also have regional theaters, symphonies, local arts councils and an abundance of local festivals and events throughout the year.

OCEAN AND BEACH ACTIVITIES

- The coast along southeastern North Carolina offers miles and miles of shoreline for the water enthusiast and is home to many natural barrier islands as well.
- Swimming and other water related activities are available, including power boating, sail boating, jet skiing, waterskiing, parasailing and surfing.
- For the boating enthusiasts there are many boating access areas for fresh water access and an ample supply of commercial marinas for access to the Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean. For those who enjoy water-related recreation, the area has deep sea fishing available along the coast.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- For the golf enthusiast, more than 100 championship golf courses are located in close proximity to the region, bordered by Pinehurst to the northwest and Myrtle Beach's Grand Strand to the southeast.
- The region is home to many professional and collegiate athletic events, including indoor and outdoor football, baseball, basketball, motor sports, hockey and soccer.
- Given its temperate climate and many miles of coastline, the Southeast Region is ideal for water-related activities such as boating, water skiing, jet skiing, parasailing, surfing, and deep-sea or freshwater fishing.
- Tennis enthusiasts will find abundant public and private courts.
- Parks, pools and recreation centers can be found through out the region, and the Southeast's coastal counties boast a number of boating marinas along with free boating access areas not only along the coast but the inland rivers as well.
- The mountains of North Carolina are a half-day's drive away and the NC Zoological Park is also nearby.
- Other activities—canoeing, camping, hiking, jogging, swimming and nature walks, for instance—can be found in the state parks, recreation areas or natural preserves in the region and nearby.
- Hunting activities are also available in the numerous hunting preserves in the region.
- Most towns have trails or walks for the enjoyment of hikers, runners or just the pleasure walker. The region boasts seven state parks, recreation areas and natural preserves.

Major Health Care Facilities in the Southeastern Region

County	Hospital	Type: Private/Public	# Licensed Beds	Long Term Care Facility
Bladen	Bladen County Hospital, Part of Cape Fear Valley Health System (Elizabethtown)	Public General Acute Care	58	10 Beds
Brunswick	Brunswick Community Hospital, Affiliate of Novant Health (Supply)	Private, Not-for Profit General Acute Care	134	No
	Dosher Memorial Hospital (Southport)	Public Acute Care and Skilled Nursing	100	64 Beds
Columbus	Columbus Regional Health Care System (Whiteville)	Private General Acute Care	154	No
Cumberland	Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Part of Cape Fear Valley Health System (Fayetteville)	Private General Acute Care	426	Yes
	Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital, Part of Cape Fear Valley Health System (Fayetteville)	Private General Acute Care	112	Yes
	Behavioral Healthcare, Part of Cape Fear Valley Health System (Fayetteville)	Private Psychiatric	139	No
	Veterans Medical Center (Fayetteville)	Federal Medical & Surgery	219	69 Beds
	Womack Army Medical Center (Fort Bragg)	Federal	500	No
New Hanover	New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Part of New Hanover Health Network (Wilmington)	Public General Acute Care	628	No
	Cape Fear Hospital, Part of New Hanover Health Network (Wilmington)	Public General Acute Care	141	No
Pender	Pender Memorial Hospital, Part of New Hanover Health Network (Burgaw)	Public General Acute Care & Skilled Nursing	86	43 Beds
Richmond	FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital (Rockingham)	Private General Acute Care	159	51 Beds
	Sandhills Regional Medical Center (Hamlet)	Private General Acute Care	49	No
Robeson	Southeastern Regional Medical Center (Lumberton)	Private General Acute Care	452	115 Beds
Sampson	Sampson Regional Medical Center (Clinton)	Non-Profit Corp.	146	30 Beds
Scotland	Scotland Memorial Hospital, Part of Scotland Health Care System (Laurinburg)	Private General Acute Care	124	50 Beds
	TOTALS		**3,627**	**432**

Overview of Fayetteville and Wilmington-Metro Areas (MSAS)

FAYETTEVILLE FAST FACTS

- The sixth-largest city in North Carolina (pop:207,445), Fayetteville has numerous historic sites, seven museums, three colleges and universities, multiple entertainment venues, a historic downtown and award-winning golf courses.
- Fayetteville is one of the highest ranked cities in the country for job creation, according to a 2010 quarterly survey of employer expectations by Manpower, Inc.
- Fayetteville is tied for third in the nation with Amarillo, Texas and Sioux Falls, S.D. for having an anticipated 11 percent increase in the job market.
- Immaculate parks and lively recreation centers offer individuals the chance to experience the outdoors.
- Fayetteville Regional Airport and Interstate 95 provide access to many destination options.
- Fayetteville is ranked one of the top five cities in the country for best places to sell a house, according to research on real estate Web site Zillow.com.
- Due to Fayetteville's embrace of nearby Fort Bragg, Time Magazine named it "America's Most Pro-Military Town".

WILMINGTON FAST FACTS

- A coastal city located in the southeastern corner of North Carolina between the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean.
- Although not just a tourist town, Wilmington has many attractions such as the Battleship North Carolina, Airlie Gardens and Screen Gem Studios where TV shows such as Dawson's Creek and One Tree Hill were filmed.
- A popular destination because of its moderate, four-season climate, historic preservation district, annual events such as Wilmington Riverfest and the Azalea Festival and numerous championship golf courses.
- Excellent Shopping and some of the best restaurants in the country.
- Wrightsville, Carolina and Kure Beaches are a mecca for boaters, surfers, sunbathers, beachcombers and seafood.
- Some of the best schools in the nation. The primary schools consistently rate high on all national educational standards.
- Many Colleges and Universities provide advanced education opportunities including the UNC Wilmington with the fifth best Marine Biology Program in the world.
- I-40 begins its 2,400 mile journey to Barstow California from Wilmington.
- Other highway infrastructure include I-74, US Hwy 17, 76 and NC Hwy 421.

Key Regional Attractions

- Beaches
- More than 100 golf courses
- Camping
- Boating
- Festivals
- U.S.S. Battleship North Carolina
- Moore's Creek National Battlefield
- Lumber River State Park
- Airborne & Special Operations Museum
- Museum of the Cape Fear
- Fort Fisher State Park
- Lake Waccamaw State Park
- National Transportation Museum
- Jones lake State Park
- Chalk Banks State Park
- NC Aquarium
- Carver Creek State Park
- Bladen Lakes State Forest
- Museum of the Native American Resource Center
- JFK Special Warfare Museum
- Cameron Museum of Art
- Rockingham Motor Speedway

Tourism Visitation to Region

County	Expenditures ($ Millions)	Payrolls ($ Millions)	Employment	State Tax Revenues ($ Millions)	Local Tax Revenues ($ Millions)
Bladen	32.2	3.7	200	1.8	1.0
Brunswick	392.8	78.9	4,880	18.2	25.7
Columbus	47.3	6.0	310	2.6	1.4
Cumberland	391.1	80.4	4,160	20.5	8.7
Hoke	8.4	1.1	70	0.4	0.1
New Hanover	422.6	99.7	5,510	20.5	16.7
Pender	67.9	12.2	70	3.1	4.9
Richmond	41.4	7.9	40	2.2	0.8
Robeson	113.7	18.1	1,080	6.3	2.2
Sampson	43.0	5.9	300	2.3	1.5
Scotland	35.3	6.1	360	1.9	0.7
NC Southeast	1,595.9	320.0	18,000	79.8	63.6
Fayetteville MSA	391.1	80.4	4,160	20.5	8.7
Wilmington MSA	883.4	190.9	11,080	41.8	47.3

Source: NC Department of Commerce.

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