

Full Name	Description	Source	Date
<b>Labor Force and Employment</b>			
Average Commute	The average travel time in minutes that workers spend to get from home to work (one-way).	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Labor Force	The total number of people either working or looking for work.	NC Employment Security Commission	2010
Female Labor Force Participation Rate	The percent of females over age 16 who are in the labor force (either working or looking for work).	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Number Unemployed	The number of people over age 16 who are not employed but want to be and are looking for work.	NC Employment Security Commission	2011
Unemployment Rate	The percent of the labor force that is unemployed.	NC Employment Security Commission	2011
Percent Working Age Population	Percentage of total population over 16 years of age	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Total Announced Layoffs	The total number of layoffs announced during the year. (These numbers are based on a survey of newspaper accounts of business closings and layoffs and from reports by businesses to the Employment Security Commission.)	NC Employment Security Commission	2010
Percent Working in Manufacturing	Percent of labor force employed in manufacturing	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Manufacturing	Average annual wages for manufacturing employment	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Manufacturing Layoffs	The total number of layoffs in the manufacturing sector announced during the year. (These numbers are based on a survey of newspaper accounts of business closings and layoffs and from reports by businesses to the Employment Security Commission.)	NC Employment Security Commission	2010
Percent Working in Education and Health Services	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the education and health service sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Education and Health Services	The average yearly earning of people working in the education and health service sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Accomodation and Food Services	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the accomodation and food service sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Accomodation and Food Services	The average yearly earning of people working in the accomodation and food service sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Arts and Entertainment	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the arts and entertainment sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Arts and Entertainment	The average yearly earning of people working in the arts and entertainment sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Construction	The percent of the total working population that is employed in construction sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Construction	The average yearly earning of people working in the construction sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Trade, Transportation and Utilities	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the trade, transportation and utilities sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Trade, Transportation and Utilities	The average yearly earning of people working in the trade, transportation, and utilities sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Information and Financial Activities	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the information and financial activities sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Information and Financial Activities	The average yearly earning of people working in the information and financial activities sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Public Administration	The percent of the total working population that is employed in the public administration sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009

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Average Wage for Public Administration	The average yearly earning of people working in the public administration sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Natural Resources and Mining	The percent of the total working population that is employed in natural resources and mining sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Natural Resources and Mining	The average yearly earning of people working in the natural resources and mining sectors.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Professional and Business Services	Percent of Labor Force working in Professional and Business Services	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Professional and Business Services	The average yearly earning of people working in the professional and business service sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Sales	Percent of labor force employed in retail sales.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Sales	The average yearly earning of people working in the retail sales sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Percent Working in Transportation and Warehousing	Percent of labor force employed in transportation and warehousing.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Average Wage for Transportation and Warehousing	The average yearly earning of people working in the transportation and warehousing sector.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
<b>Business</b>			
All Businesses	An organization or entity consisting of one domestic establishment (location) or more under common ownership or control. All establishments of subsidiary firms are included as part of the owning or controlling firm. Businesses with paid employees and businesses with no paid employees are included.	North Carolina Employment Security Commission	2009
Sales and Receipts for All Businesses	Sales and receipts of businesses include those of both businesses with no employees and businesses with paid employees. This amount includes gross receipts, sales, commissions, and income from trades and businesses, as reported on annual business income tax returns.	North Carolina Employment Security Commission	2009
Establishments with No Employees	An establishment (identified by distinct business income tax return filed as an establishment) that has no paid employees, has annual business receipts of \$1,000 or more (\$1 or more in the construction industries), and is subject to federal income taxes.	North Carolina Employment Security Commission	2008
Receipts for Establishments with No Employees	Includes gross receipts, sales, commissions, and income from trades and businesses, as reported on annual business income tax returns.	North Carolina Employment Security Commission	2008
Female Owned Businesses	The number of businesses owned by sole proprietors who identified themselves as female or, in the case of firms with multiple owners, where 51 percent or more of stock interest, claims or rights were held by females.	US Census Bureau - Economic Census	2007
Sales and Receipts for Female Owned Businesses	Sales and receipts for businesses owned by Females (see Sales and Receipts for Businesses).	US Census Bureau - Economic Census	2007
Black Owned Businesses	The number of businesses owned by sole proprietors who identified themselves as African American or Black or, in the case of firms with multiple owners, where 51 percent or more of stock interest, claims or rights were held by African Americans.	US Census Bureau - Economic Census	2007
Sales and Receipts for Black Owned Businesses	Sales and receipts for businesses owned by Blacks (see Sales and Receipts for Businesses).	US Census Bureau - Economic Census	2007
Establishments with Employees	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and there are full or part-time employees. This information is collected from three types of filings at the NC Employment Security Commission: Unemployment Insurance filings, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employee (UCFE) program, and for multi-establishment employers with the Multiple Worksite Report (MWR) form.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009

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Employment in All Establishments with Employees	The number of full and part-time employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for All Establishments with Employees	Total annual payroll for all establishments which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Micro-Establishments (0-4 Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 0-4 employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Micro-Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 0-4 employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Micro-Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 0-4 employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Very Small Establishments (5-9 Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 5-9 employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Very Small Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 5-9 employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Very Small Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 5-9 employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Small Establishments (10-19 Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 10-19 employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Small Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 10-19 employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Small Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 10-19 employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Medium Establishments (20-49 Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 20-49 employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Medium Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 20-49 employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Medium Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 20-49 employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009

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Large Establishments (50-99 Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 50-99 employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Large Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 50-99 employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Large Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 50-99 employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Very Large Establishments (100 or More Employees)	A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed and the average employment during the year is 100 or more employees. (See Establishments with Employees for more details).	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Employment in Very Large Establishments	The number of full and part-time employees in establishments with 100 or more employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including the week of the 12th. The monthly employment for each establishment is averaged. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Payroll for Very Large Establishments	Total annual payroll for establishments with 100 or more employees which includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, all bonuses, stock options, tips, holidays, vacation, sick time, and overtime, and the cash value of meals and lodging paid during the year to all employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2009
Change in Establishments with No Employees	The percent change in the number of establishments with no employees during the time period.	US Census Bureau -Economic Planning & Coordination	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in All Establishments with Employees	The percent change in total employment for all establishments.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in Micro-Establishments	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 0-4 employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in Very Small Establishments	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 5-9 employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in Small Establishments	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 10-19 employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in Medium Establishments	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 20-49 employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Employment in Large Establishments	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 50-99 employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
Change in Very Large Employment	The percent change in total employment for establishments with 100 or more employees.	NC Employment Security Commission	2007 and 2009
<b>Classifications</b>			
Tier	The N.C. Department of Commerce classifies counties into one of three tiers with Tier 1 representing the most economically disadvantaged and Tier 3 the most prosperous.	NC Department of Commerce	2011
Rural or Urban Region	The Rural Center defines counties as rural or urban based on population density as of the 1990 Census of Population. Rural counties contain fewer than 200 persons per square mile.	NC Rural Economic Development Center	
Economic Development Region	The state divides North Carolina into seven economic development regions.	NC Department of Commerce	
Geographic Region	North Carolina is divided into three physiographic regions, the Coastal Plain, Piedmont and Mountains.		
County	North Carolina is divided into 100 county political boundaries.		

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<b>Housing</b>			
Home Ownership Rate	Percentage of total residents who own homes	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Home-Ownership Rate Not Including Mobile Homes	The percent of one-family, owner-occupied, attached and detached housing units without a business or medial office on the property and that are on less than 10 acres of land. (Mobile homes are not included in the number).	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Black Home Ownership Rate	The percent of occupied housing units in which the owner or co-owner identified their race as Black and live in the unit.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
American Indian Home Ownership Rate	The percent of occupied housing units in which the owner or co-owner identified their race as American Indian and live in the unit.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Asian Home Ownership Rate	The percent of occupied housing units in which the owner or co-owner identified their race as Asian and live in the unit.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Hispanic Home Ownership Rate	The percent of occupied housing units in which the owner or co-owner identified their ethnicity as Hispanic and live in the unit.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Without Complete Plumbing	The percent of occupied housing units that do not have complete plumbing. Complete plumbing includes: hot and cold piped water, a flush toilet, and a bathtub or shower. All three must be located in the housing unit.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Without Complete Kitchens	The percent of occupied housing units that do not have complete kitchens. A complete kitchen includes: a sink with piped water, a range or cook top and oven, and a refrigerator. All kitchen facilities must be located in the housing unit but need not be in the same room.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Overcrowded	The percent of occupied housing units that have more than one person per room. Rooms include: living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, finished recreation rooms, enclosed porches suitable for year-round use, and lodger's rooms.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Housing Built Before 1939	The percent of occupied housing units that were built before 1939.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Housing Built Between 1939-1979	The percent of occupied housing units that were built between 1939 and 1979.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Housing Built Between 1980-2009	The percent of occupied housing units that were built between 1980 and 2009.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Percent Mobile Homes	The percent of occupied housing units identified as mobile homes.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Percent Unaffordable Housing	The percent of the population living in households that pay more than 30% of the household income for housing costs.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Percent Substandard Housing	Number of occupied units lacking complete plumbing and kitchen facilities	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
<b>Demographics and Population</b>			
Population	100% count of resident population	Decennial Census	2010
Population Density	Average number of people living per square mile of land area.	US Census Bureau	2010
Percent Population Change	Change in county population expressed as percentage	US Census Bureau	2000-2010
Median Age	The middle age of the population (half the population are older and half are younger).	Decennial Census	2010
Percent Under 18	Percent of residents aged 0-17.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent 18 to 44	The percent of the total population who are age 18 to 44.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent 45 to 64	The percent of the total population who are age 45 to 64.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent 65 and over	The percent of the total population who are age 65 and older.	Decennial Census	2010

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Percent Born in NC	The percent of the total population who were born in North Carolina	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Born in Another State	The percent of the total population who were born in the United States but not in North Carolina.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Born Outside the US	The percent of the total population who were born outside the United States and were not U.S. citizens at birth.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent English Speakers	The percent of the total population who speak English at home.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Spanish Speakers	The percent of the total population who speak Spanish at home.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent White	The percent of the total population who identified their race as White.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent Black	The percent of the total population who identified their race as Black or African-American.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent American Indian	The percent of the total population who identified their race as American Indian or Alaska Native.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent Asian	The percent of the total population who identified their race as Asian.	Decennial Census	2010
Percent Hispanic	Percent of total population who identified their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino. (Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.)	Decennial Census	2010
Net Migration 1990-2000	The change in the population between 1990 and 2000 that is attributed to people moving into and out of the selected region. This number is determined by subtracting the number of births and deaths (natural population growth) from the total population change.	NC State Demographics	2000 and 2009
Percent Net Migration (1990-2000)	The percent of the total population increase or decrease between 1990 and 2000 that is attributed to people moving into and out of the select region. (This number is determined by subtracting the number of births and deaths (natural population growth) from the total population change.)	NC State Demographics	2000 and 2009
<b>Health</b>			
Child Asthma Rates	The number of children age 0-14 who were discharged from a North Carolina hospital with an asthma diagnosis per 100,000 children.	State Center for Health Statistics	2005
Average SAT Score	The average total score of all students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The total score includes three sections, math, critical reading, and writing. The highest possible score is 2400, each section is worth 200-800 points.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2006
Low Weight Births	The percent of babies born weighing less than 2500 grams. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	State Center for Health Statistics	2001-2005
Teen Pregnancy Rate	The number of babies born to teenagers (females age 15-19) per 1000 births.	NC Department of Health and Human Services	2001-2005
Heart Disease Mortality Rate	The number of deaths due to heart disease per 100,000 people. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	State Center for Health Statistics	2001-2005
Stroke Mortality Rate	The number of deaths due to stroke per 100,000 people. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	State Center for Health Statistics	2001-2005
Cancer Mortality Rate	The number of deaths due to cancer per 100,000 people. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	State Center for Health Statistics	2001-2005
Diabetes Mortality Rate	The number of deaths due to diabetes per 100,000 people. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	State Center for Health Statistics	2001-2005
Infant Mortality Rate	The number of children that die before their first birthday per 1000 births. (A four year average is used to reduce year to year fluctuations.)	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Physicians Per Population	The number of physicians per 10,000 people. Physicians are defined as active.	UNC - Sheps Center for Health Services Research	2009
Percent Uninsured	Percentage of residents under 65 years of age who do not have health insurance.	UNC - Sheps Center for Health Services Research	2009
<b>Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>			
Total Farms	The total number of farms.	US Census of Agriculture	2007

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Average Farm Size	The average number of acres per farm.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Land Area	Square miles of land.	US Census Bureau	2010
Farms with Sales Less than \$50,000	All farms with actual sales of less than \$50,000 during 2002.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Farms with Net Gain	The number of farms who had a net gain during 2002. Net gain is when a farm's operating expenditures are less than the gross market value of the agricultural products sold.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Average Net Gain for Farms	The average amount of net gain for farms that had a net gain (the farm's operating expenditures were less than the gross market value of the agricultural products sold).	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Farms with Hired Labor	The number of farms that hire farm workers, including paid family members.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Payroll of Farms with Hired Labor	The total payroll for farm workers.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Average Value of Land and Buildings per Farm	The estimate of the current market value (the value the land and buildings would sell for under current market conditions) of land and buildings owned, rented or leased from others, and rented or leased to others.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Tobacco Dependency Ranking	A ranking of how dependent the county is on tobacco for employment and income. Includes both growing, processing, and manufacturing of tobacco products.	NC Rural Center & UNC-Office of Economic Development	2001
Percent Family Owned Farms	The percent of farms that are family owned. A family owned farm is a farm that is owned by an individual or family or a farm corporation that is family held.	US Census of Agriculture	2007
Hog Receipts	The total dollar amount received for hog products.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Broiler Chicken Receipts	The total dollar amount received for broilers.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Tobacco Receipts	The total dollar amount received for tobacco.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Greenhouse Receipts	The total dollar amount received for greenhouse products.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Total Crop Receipts	The total dollar amount received for crops.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Total Livestock Receipts	The total dollar amount received for livestock.	NC Department of Agriculture	2007
Total Agricultural Receipts	Dollar amount of receipts from farm operations	US Census of Agriculture	2007
<b>Income and Poverty</b>			
Median Household Income	Median household income is the middle income of all households -- half of the household earn more and half earn less. Household income is the total income of all income earners over age 15 living in a household.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Change Median Household Income	The difference in the median household income between 1999 and 2009, reported in the 2000 Census and 2005-2009 ACS. Median household income is the middle income of all households -- half of the household earn more and half earn less. Household income is the total income of all income earners over age 15 living in a household.	US Census Bureau	2000 and 2009
Percent Change Median Household Income	The percent change in the median household income between 2000 and 2009.	US Census Bureau	2000 and 2009
White Median Household Income	The middle income of households with a white head of household -- half of the households earn more and half earn less.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Black Median Household Income	The middle income of households with a black head of household -- half of the households earn more and half earn less.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
American Indian Median Household Income	The middle income of households with a American Indian head of household -- half of the households earn more and half earn less.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Asian Median Household Income	The middle income of households with a Asian head of household -- half of the households earn more and half earn less.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Hispanic Median Household Income	The middle income of households with a Hispanic head of household -- half of the households earn more and half earn less.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Per Capita Income	Per capita income is the average income per person. (This number was reported previously in the 2000 Census, but is now sourced from the American Community Survey.)	American Community Survey	2005-2009

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Change in Per Capita Income	The numeric difference (in dollars) in the per capita income between 2000 and 2009	US Census Bureau	2000 and 2009
Percent Change Per Capita Income	The percent change in the per capita income between 2000 and 2009. Per capita income is the average income per person.	US Census Bureau	2000 and 2009
Population in Poverty	The number of people earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates	2009
Poverty Change	The difference in the number of people* earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty between 2000 and 2009. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	US Census Bureau	1990 and 2000
Percent Change Poverty	The percent change in the number of people* earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty between 2000 and 2009.	US Census Bureau	1990 and 2000
Poverty Rate	The percent of the population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
White Poverty Rate	The percent of the White population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Black Poverty Rate	The percent of the Black/African-American population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
American Indian Poverty Rate	The percent of the American Indian population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Asian Poverty Rate	The percent of the Asian population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Hispanic Poverty Rate	The percentage of the Hispanic population earning less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Child Poverty Rate	The percentage of children (under 18 years of age) living in families that earn less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty.	US Census Bureau	2009
Elderly Poverty Rate	The percent of the population* age 65 and over who earn less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty.	US Census Bureau	2005-2009
Poverty Rate Female Headed Households	The percent of households that have a female head of household and earn less than the income threshold set by the federal government for poverty. The level is determined by family size, the number of children within a family, and the age of the householder.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent Transfer Payments	The percent of the area's total income that is money from the government. These payments include welfare, social security, WIC, etc.	US Bureau of Economic Analysis	2008
Percent Receiving Food Assistance	Number of county residents receiving federal food assistance divided by total number of residents.	NC Department of Health and Human Services	2010
<b>Community Health and Other</b>			
Percent Children Living with Single Working Parent	The percent of children living with one parent who is in the labor force.	US Census Bureau	2000

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Number of Regulated Child Care Centers	The total number of child care centers that are regulated by Division of Child Development, NC Department of Health and Human Services.	NC Department of Health and Human Services	2007
Number of Child Care Centers with 4 or 5 Stars	The number of child care centers and homes that have been rated 4 or 5 stars (5 is the highest rating). The star rating is based on the child care facility's	NC Department of Health and Human Services	2007
Voting Rate	Number of registered voters voting in most recent federal election.	North Carolina Board of Elections	2008
Crime Rate	Violent and Property Crimes per Thousand Persons 2010	NC State Data Center	2010
Property Tax Rate	The amount a property holder must pay per \$100 valuation.	NC Department of Revenue	2010
Ability to Pay	The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance (DCA) metric based on population, per capita income, and tax valuation. (No longer in use by DCA.)	NC Department of Commerce	2007-2008
Per Capita Spending on Culture and Recreation	The expenditures for recreation and parks, coliseums, museums, libraries, and any other culture or recreation projects per person.	NC Department of the Treasury	2009
<b>Education</b>			
Students Passing End of Grade Exams	Students passing end of grade exams, grades 3-8.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
White Students Passing End of Grade Exams	The percent of White 3rd-8th grade students who passed both English and math end of grade exams.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
Black Students Passing End of Grade Exams	The percent of Black 3rd-8th grade students who passed both English and math end of grade exams.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
American Indian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	The percent of American Indian 3rd-8th grade students who passed both English and math end of grade exams.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
Asian Students Passing End of Grade Exams	The percent of Asian 3rd-8th grade students who passed both English and math end of grade exams.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
Hispanic Students Passing End of Grade Exams	The percent of Hispanic 3rd-8th grade students who passed both English and math end of grade exams.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
Per Student Expenditures K-12	The total expenditures per public school student in kindergarten through 12th grade.	NC Department of Public Instruction	2010
Graduation Rate	Percent students graduating from high school in 4 or less years.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent With Less Than High School Diploma	Percentage student with less than high school diploma, from no schooling to unfinished grade 12.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent With High School Diploma	The percent of the population age 25 and over whose highest educational attainment is graduation from high school.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent That Attended Some College	The percent of the population age 25 and over whose highest educational attainment is a high school diploma or equivalent but has attended some college.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent with Associate's Degree	The percent of the population age 25 and over whose highest educational attainment is an Associates degree.	American Community Survey	2005-2009
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	The percent of the population age 25 and over whose highest educational attainment is attaining a bachelor's degree, a masters degree, or a doctorate (PhD).	American Community Survey	2005-2009

\* Not every person is included in the total population to determine poverty status; institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, people living in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years old are considered neither as "poor" nor as "nonpoor," and are excluded from both the numerator and the denominator when calculating poverty rates.