

DEMOGRAPHICS

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Population

Carteret County is located along the central coast of North Carolina. It has enjoyed a steady population growth of approximately 8.5% over the past 10 years. The population base that has moved into the area tends to be affluent and have completed higher education curriculum.

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Carteret County Population by Year (with projections)

Year	Permanent	Seasonal**
1990	52,553	1995 ~ 114,828
2000	59,404	2000 ~ 134,676
2002	60,070	2010 ~ 153,708
2004	61,742	2020 ~ 170,583
2006	63,314	2025 ~ 183,821
2008	63,520	
2009	63,832*	
2010	64,107*	
2015	65,070*	
2020	65,589*	
2025	65,867*	
2029	65,995*	

Source: US Census Bureau
NC State Demographics

* Projections based on 2000 Census

**Does not include permanent population

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Carteret County Population Municipal Populations

	2000	2008	%Growth
Atlantic Beach	1,781	1,800	1.07%
Beaufort	3,771	3,984	5.65%
Bogue	590	660	11.86%
Cape Carteret	1,214	1,461	20.35%
Cedar Point	817	876	7.22%
Emerald Isle	3,488	3,887	11.44%
Indian Beach	95	88	-7.37%
Morehead City	7,691	8,763	13.94%
Newport	3,349	4,154	24.04%
Peletier	487	542	11.29%
Pine Knoll Shores	1,524	1,605	5.31%

Source: Office of State Planning

2009- Carteret County Population by Race

	2000 Census	2009 Est.	%
White	56,611	66,431	80.8
African American	4,151	4,653	7.4
American Indian	258	365	.06
Asian/Pacific Islander	358	485	.06
Hispanic	1,035	1,577	2.5
Other	257	311	.05
Two or More	648	581	.09

Source: DemographicsNow.com

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Carteret County Population by Zip Code Population - Housing Data by Zip Code

(Note: zip codes do not correspond with municipal boundaries)

	2000	2009	%Chg.
ATLANTIC 28511			
Population	807	833	3.2
Households	334	364	8.9
ATLANTIC BEACH 28512			
Population	3,751	4,070	5.2
Households	1,943	2,174	12.8

BEAUFORT 28516			
Population	10,895	11,914	9.4
Households	4,690	5,472	16.7
CEDAR ISLAND 28520			
Population	348	353	1.4
Households	149	162	8.7
EMERALD ISLE 28594			
Population	3,398	3,623	6.6
Households	1,604	1,834	4.3
GLOUCESTER 28528			
Population	410	420	2.4
Households	173	190	9.8
HARKERS ISLAND 28531			
Population	1,525	1,548	1.5
Households	661	720	8.9
MARSHALLBERG 28553			
Population	440	451	2.5
Households	176	193	9.7
MOREHEAD CITY 28557			
Population	13,282	13,726	3.3
Households	5,841	6,438	10.5
NEWPORT 28570			
Population	18,016	18,816	4.4
Households	6,861	7,664	11.7
SEA LEVEL 28577			
Population	477	492	3.1
Households	157	171	8.9
SMYRNA 28579			
Population	745	775	4.0
Households	319	355	11.4
STACY 28581			
Population	171	173	1.2
Households	82	89	8.5
STELLA 28582			
Population	1,038	1,085	14.2
Households	422	485	14.9
SWANSBORO 28584			
Population	8,008	9,084	13.4
Households	3,451	3,956	14.6

(Note: zip codes do not correspond with municipal boundaries.)

Data base does not include all zip codes.

Source: DemographicsNow through the NC Eastern Region

Note: Davis, Williston, and Salter Path are point zips (no residential deliveries), therefore data is no longer collected specifically for those areas.

Data for Davis is included in Beaufort.

Data for Willison is included in Smyrna.

Data for Salter Path is included in Atlantic Beach.