

2020 Certified County Population Estimates - Ranked by Numeric Change

County	Total Population		Population Change		Components of Change			
	April 2010 Estimate Base	July 2020 Estimate	Numeric	Percent	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration
State	9,535,751	10,456,593	920,842	9.7	1,229,576	908,976	320,600	600,242
Wake	901,036	1,134,824	233,788	25.9	129,484	53,442	76,042	157,746
Mecklenburg	919,675	1,118,182	198,507	21.6	147,082	61,514	85,568	112,939
Durham	269,998	325,751	55,753	20.6	43,514	20,435	23,079	32,674
Guilford	488,455	542,255	53,800	11.0	62,663	43,830	18,833	34,967
Cabarrus	178,116	227,304	49,188	27.6	24,828	15,816	9,012	40,176
Johnston	168,879	217,723	48,844	28.9	23,624	14,096	9,528	39,316
Union	201,328	239,266	37,938	18.8	24,344	14,015	10,329	27,609
Forsyth	350,635	383,274	32,639	9.3	45,887	33,513	12,374	20,265
Buncombe	238,315	270,224	31,909	13.4	26,041	26,530	-489	32,398
Brunswick	107,429	137,530	30,101	28.0	10,514	13,961	-3,447	33,548
Iredell	159,465	187,694	28,229	17.7	18,810	15,717	3,093	25,136
Onslow	177,801	204,842	27,041	15.2	42,496	10,866	31,630	-4,589
New Hanover	202,683	225,730	23,047	11.4	22,860	19,391	3,469	19,578
Gaston	206,100	228,618	22,518	10.9	26,048	23,317	2,731	19,787
Alamance	151,160	171,980	20,820	13.8	18,688	16,664	2,024	18,796
Harnett	114,693	133,834	19,141	16.7	18,880	9,877	9,003	10,138
Cumberland	319,455	334,776	15,321	4.8	57,163	25,897	31,266	-15,945
Orange	133,692	149,013	15,321	11.5	12,317	8,345	3,972	11,349
Chatham	63,486	76,597	13,111	20.7	6,507	7,152	-645	13,756
Moore	88,250	100,126	11,876	13.5	10,875	11,719	-844	12,720
Henderson	106,716	116,495	9,779	9.2	10,893	14,664	-3,771	13,550
Lincoln	78,001	87,155	9,154	11.7	8,267	8,015	252	8,902
Rowan	138,493	147,281	8,788	6.3	16,109	15,907	202	8,586
Franklin	60,564	68,908	8,344	13.8	7,150	5,875	1,275	7,069
Pender	52,195	60,325	8,130	15.6	6,337	5,586	751	7,379
Davidson	162,824	169,180	6,356	3.9	17,848	17,904	-56	6,412
Catawba	154,742	160,924	6,182	4.0	17,696	16,830	866	5,316
Lee	57,849	63,576	5,727	9.9	8,129	5,891	2,238	3,489
Hoke	46,889	52,007	5,118	10.9	9,388	3,269	6,119	-1,001
Currituck	23,547	28,342	4,795	20.4	2,586	2,300	286	4,509
Granville	57,550	61,023	3,473	6.0	5,854	5,643	211	3,262
Macon	33,925	37,102	3,177	9.4	3,405	4,735	-1,330	4,507
Haywood	59,030	62,114	3,084	5.2	5,778	7,876	-2,098	5,182

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Dare	33,920	37,002	3,082	9.1	3,538	3,281	257	2,825
Watauga	51,061	53,909	2,848	5.6	3,616	3,646	-30	2,878
Jackson	40,273	43,109	2,836	7.0	3,918	3,887	31	2,805
Randolph	141,825	144,359	2,534	1.8	16,237	15,002	1,235	1,299
Stanly	60,585	62,524	1,939	3.2	6,890	7,111	-221	2,160
Pitt	168,173	170,059	1,886	1.1	21,560	13,136	8,424	-6,538
Cleveland	98,034	99,779	1,745	1.8	11,191	11,997	-806	2,551
Davie	41,218	42,822	1,604	3.9	3,974	4,522	-548	2,152
Cherokee	27,447	28,708	1,261	4.6	2,363	3,847	-1,484	2,745
Carteret	66,463	67,571	1,108	1.7	5,927	8,386	-2,459	3,567
Yancey	17,817	18,491	674	3.8	1,763	2,344	-581	1,255
Clay	10,591	11,049	458	4.3	878	1,506	-628	1,086
Camden	9,980	10,379	399	4.0	950	849	101	298
Madison	20,803	21,173	370	1.8	1,986	2,512	-526	896
Swain	13,978	14,082	104	0.7	1,870	1,946	-76	180
Avery	17,805	17,807	2	0.0	1,452	2,082	-630	632
Pasquotank	40,661	40,611	-50	-0.1	5,003	4,062	941	-991
Transylvania	33,089	32,908	-181	-0.5	2,726	4,455	-1,729	1,548
Alleghany	11,150	10,867	-283	-2.5	959	1,466	-507	224
Person	39,479	39,082	-397	-1.0	4,268	4,520	-252	-145
Perquimans	13,452	12,966	-486	-3.6	1,269	1,738	-469	-17
McDowell	45,002	44,511	-491	-1.1	4,609	5,360	-751	260
Mitchell	15,581	14,902	-679	-4.4	1,443	2,227	-784	105
Ashe	27,239	26,533	-706	-2.6	2,314	3,548	-1,234	528
Alexander	37,182	36,372	-810	-2.2	3,637	4,013	-376	-434
Nash	95,858	95,027	-831	-0.9	11,063	10,724	339	-1,170
Graham	8,858	8,013	-845	-9.5	891	1,148	-257	-588
Pamlico	13,143	12,250	-893	-6.8	898	1,697	-799	-94
Greene	21,351	20,423	-928	-4.3	2,211	2,065	146	-1,074
Caswell	23,727	22,680	-1,047	-4.4	2,109	2,830	-721	-326
Jones	10,163	9,114	-1,049	-10.3	986	1,337	-351	-698
Chowan	14,793	13,689	-1,104	-7.5	1,471	1,984	-513	-591
Yadkin	38,412	37,187	-1,225	-3.2	3,948	4,431	-483	-742
Hyde	5,817	4,565	-1,252	-21.5	454	639	-185	-1,067
Tyrrell	4,407	3,134	-1,273	-28.9	410	488	-78	-1,195
Polk	20,514	19,219	-1,295	-6.3	1,471	3,053	-1,582	287

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Gates	12,185	10,388	-1,797	-14.7	1,069	1,308	-239	-1,558
Montgomery	27,782	25,730	-2,052	-7.4	3,117	2,988	129	-2,181
Scotland	36,160	34,039	-2,121	-5.9	4,599	4,233	366	-2,487
Washington	13,193	10,934	-2,259	-17.1	1,317	1,655	-338	-1,921
Surry	73,752	71,345	-2,407	-3.3	7,766	9,097	-1,331	-1,076
Warren	21,016	18,590	-2,426	-11.5	1,815	2,520	-705	-1,721
Rockingham	93,663	91,157	-2,506	-2.7	9,427	11,702	-2,275	-231
Caldwell	83,049	80,526	-2,523	-3.0	8,254	9,722	-1,468	-1,055
Wilson	81,225	78,648	-2,577	-3.2	9,850	8,916	934	-3,511
Martin	24,515	21,933	-2,582	-10.5	2,475	3,379	-904	-1,678
Stokes	47,400	44,464	-2,936	-6.2	4,063	5,497	-1,434	-1,502
Craven	103,498	100,534	-2,964	-2.9	15,143	10,981	4,162	-7,126
Vance	45,412	42,433	-2,979	-6.6	5,800	5,234	566	-3,545
Beaufort	47,784	44,529	-3,255	-6.8	4,796	6,229	-1,433	-1,822
Hertford	24,684	21,357	-3,327	-13.5	2,352	3,050	-698	-2,629
Bertie	21,197	17,865	-3,332	-15.7	1,839	2,691	-852	-2,480
Burke	90,824	87,349	-3,475	-3.8	8,977	10,691	-1,714	-1,761
Wilkes	69,311	65,827	-3,484	-5.0	6,972	8,269	-1,297	-2,187
Rutherford	67,819	64,286	-3,533	-5.2	6,924	8,882	-1,958	-1,575
Richmond	46,647	42,740	-3,907	-8.4	5,675	5,706	-31	-3,876
Lenoir	59,511	55,046	-4,465	-7.5	6,650	7,561	-911	-3,554
Sampson	63,471	58,838	-4,633	-7.3	8,490	6,954	1,536	-6,169
Northampton	22,104	17,248	-4,856	-22.0	1,885	2,903	-1,018	-3,838
Anson	26,929	22,030	-4,899	-18.2	2,643	3,092	-449	-4,450
Bladen	35,038	29,405	-5,633	-16.1	3,612	4,293	-681	-4,952
Wayne	122,665	116,989	-5,676	-4.6	17,064	12,559	4,505	-10,181
Halifax	54,631	48,401	-6,230	-11.4	5,849	6,935	-1,086	-5,144
Edgecombe	56,511	48,728	-7,783	-13.8	6,417	6,635	-218	-7,565
Columbus	58,129	50,240	-7,889	-13.6	6,224	7,326	-1,102	-6,787
Duplin	58,412	48,280	-10,132	-17.3	7,536	5,800	1,736	-11,868
Robeson	134,205	115,863	-18,342	-13.7	18,673	13,733	4,940	-23,282

Source: North Carolina OSBM, Standard Population Estimates, Vintage 2020

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