

# Guide to the North Carolina Counties

The state of North Carolina is divided into 100 counties that stretch from the Atlantic coast through the central Piedmont region and into the Appalachian Mountains. Click on the cards below for a deeper dive into the facts and stats behind the counties that make up the Tar Heel State.



**Alamance County**  
ESTABLISHED 1849



**Alexander County**  
ESTABLISHED 1847



**Alleghany County**  
ESTABLISHED 1859



**Anson County**  
ESTABLISHED 1750





**Mitchell County**  
ESTABLISHED 1861



**Montgomery County**  
ESTABLISHED 1779



**Moore County**  
ESTABLISHED 1784



**Nash County**  
ESTABLISHED 1777



**New Hanover County**  
ESTABLISHED 1729



**Northampton County**  
ESTABLISHED 1741



**Onslow County**  
ESTABLISHED 1734



**Orange County**  
ESTABLISHED 1752



**Pamlico County**  
ESTABLISHED 1872



**Pasquotank County**  
ESTABLISHED 1668



**Pender County**  
ESTABLISHED 1875



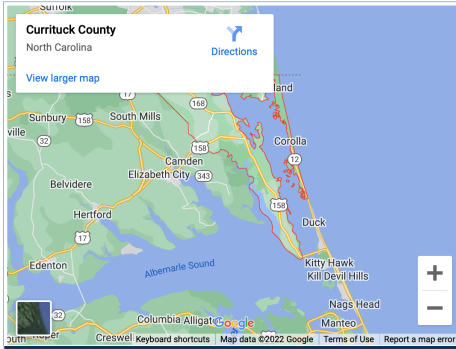
**Perquimans County**  
ESTABLISHED 1668





## Currituck County

Established 1668



### POPULATION

25,247

### AREA

526 sq mi

### REGION

Coast

### TIER RANKING

3

### LARGEST CITY/TOWN

Moyock

### COMPANIES/INDUSTRY

Professional training, manufacturing, agriculture, maritime

### FUN FACT

Corolla is home to a herd of wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs, one of only two herds left in the world.

### NOTABLE RESIDENT(S)

Larry Lombardi, Director of Economic Development

### WEBSITE

<https://co.currituck.nc.us/>

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

<http://www.currituckchamber.org/>

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.thinkcurrituck.com/>

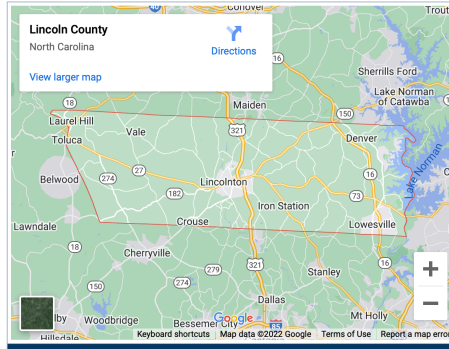
### TOURISM

<https://www.visitcurrituck.com/>



## Lincoln County

Established 1779



### POPULATION

80,504

### AREA

307 sq mi

### REGION

Piedmont

### TIER RANKING

3

### LARGEST CITY/TOWN

Lincolnton

### COMPANIES/INDUSTRY

Manufacturing

### COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Gaston Community College

### FUN FACT

Lincoln County used to be one of the state's top producers of cotton and livestock.

### NOTABLE RESIDENT(S)

Hiram Rhodes Revels, first African-American senator; Devon Lowery, former baseball player; Jim Clemons, NBA player and assistant coach

### WEBSITE

<http://www.lincolncounty.org/>

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

<https://lincolinchambernc.org/>

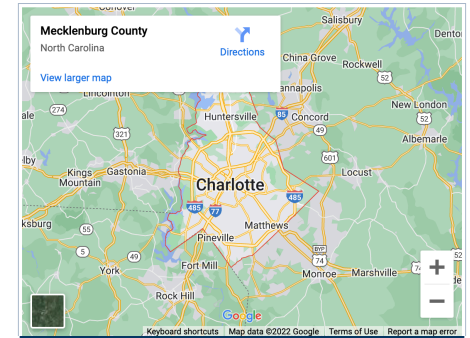
### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## Mecklenburg County

Established 1762



### POPULATION

1,034,290

### AREA

546 sq mi

### REGION

Piedmont

### TIER RANKING

3

### LARGEST CITY/TOWN

Charlotte

### COMPANIES/INDUSTRY

Banking, Manufacturing

### COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Davidson College, Queens University of Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, Johnson & Wales University, Johnson C. Smith University, Union Presbyterian Seminary

### FUN FACT

Mecklenburg County houses 10 Fortune 500 companies.

### NOTABLE RESIDENT(S)

Ric Flair, retired professional wrestler; James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. President

### WEBSITE

[www.mecknc.gov](http://www.mecknc.gov)

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

<https://charlotteregion.com/>

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT