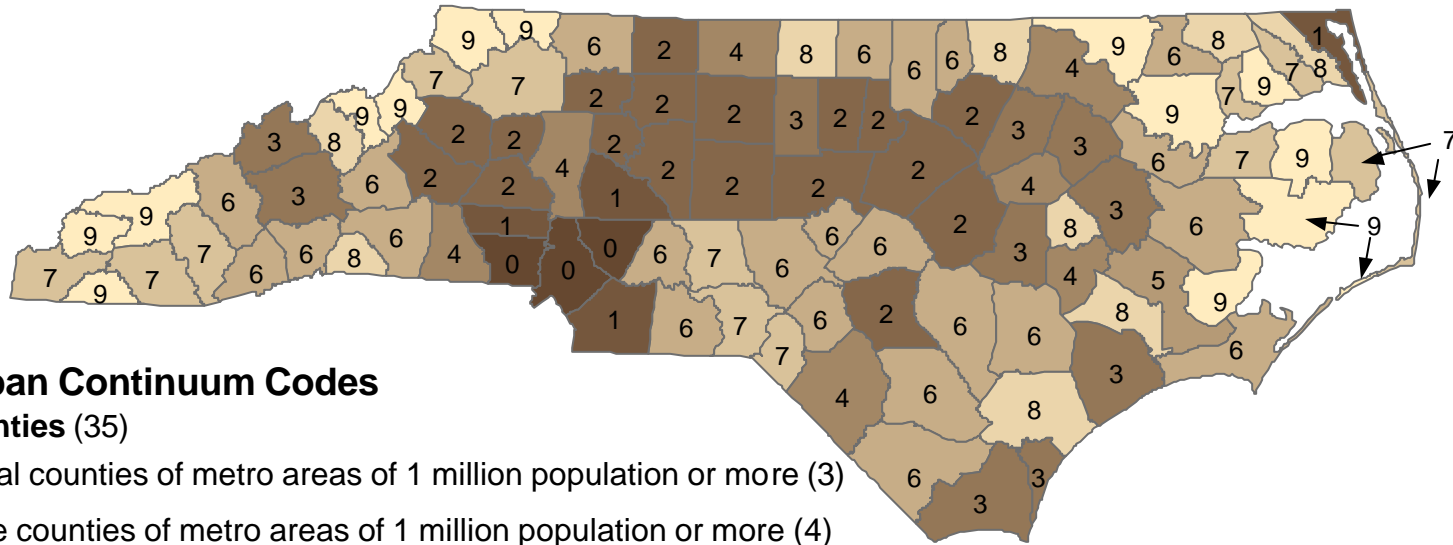


North Carolina's Rural-Urban Continuum



Rural-Urban Continuum Codes

Metro Counties (35)

- 0 Central counties of metro areas of 1 million population or more (3)
- 1 Fringe counties of metro areas of 1 million population or more (4)
- 2 Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population (18)
- 3 Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population (10)

Nonmetro Counties (65)

- 4 Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area (7)
- 5 Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area (1)
- 6 Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area (23)
- 7 Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, not adjacent to a metro area (12)
- 8 Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area (9)
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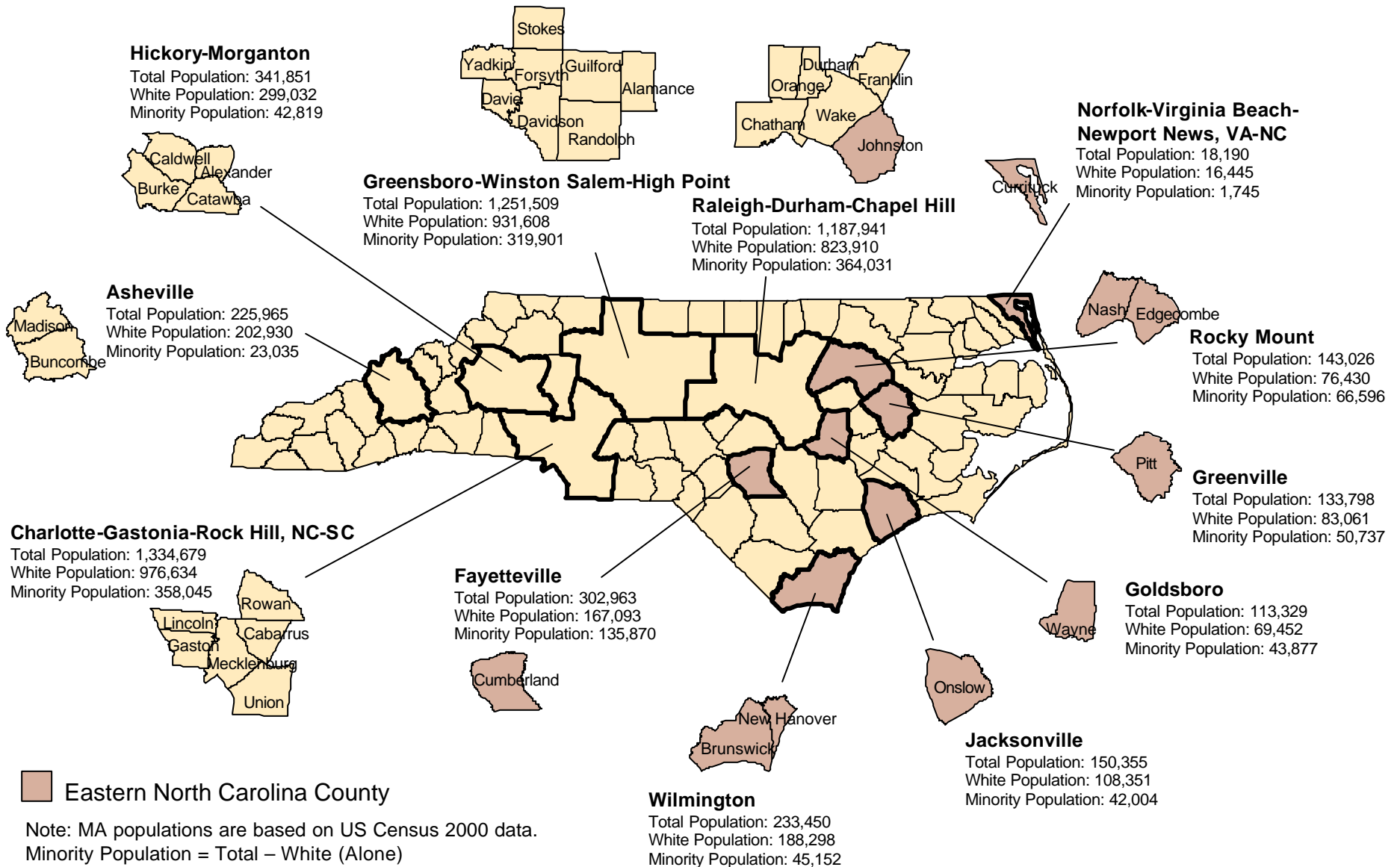
Population Distribution (2000) within North Carolina's Rural-Urban Continuum (1995)

RUC	North Carolina		Metropolitan Areas ENC		NC Remainder	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
00	1,016,882	12.6%	0	0.0%	1,016,882	18.0%
01	335,987	4.2%	18,190	0.8%	317,797	5.6%
02	2,953,464	36.7%	424,928	17.8%	2,528,536	44.7%
03	1,130,723	14.0%	773,958	32.4%	356,765	6.3%
Total	5,437,056	67.5%	1,217,076	50.9%	4,219,980	74.6%
Non-metropolitan Areas						
04	625,046	7.8%	314,171	13.1%	310,875	5.5%
05	91,436	1.1%	91,436	3.8%	0	0.0%
06	1,156,525	14.4%	473,457	19.8%	683,068	12.1%
07	398,054	4.9%	129,111	5.4%	268,943	4.8%
08	167,409	2.1%	87,838	3.7%	79,571	1.4%
09	173,787	2.2%	76,136	3.2%	97,651	1.7%
Total	2,612,257	32.5%	1,172,149	49.1%	1,440,108	25.4%
Grand Total	8,049,313	100.0%	2,389,225	100.0%	5,660,088	100.0%

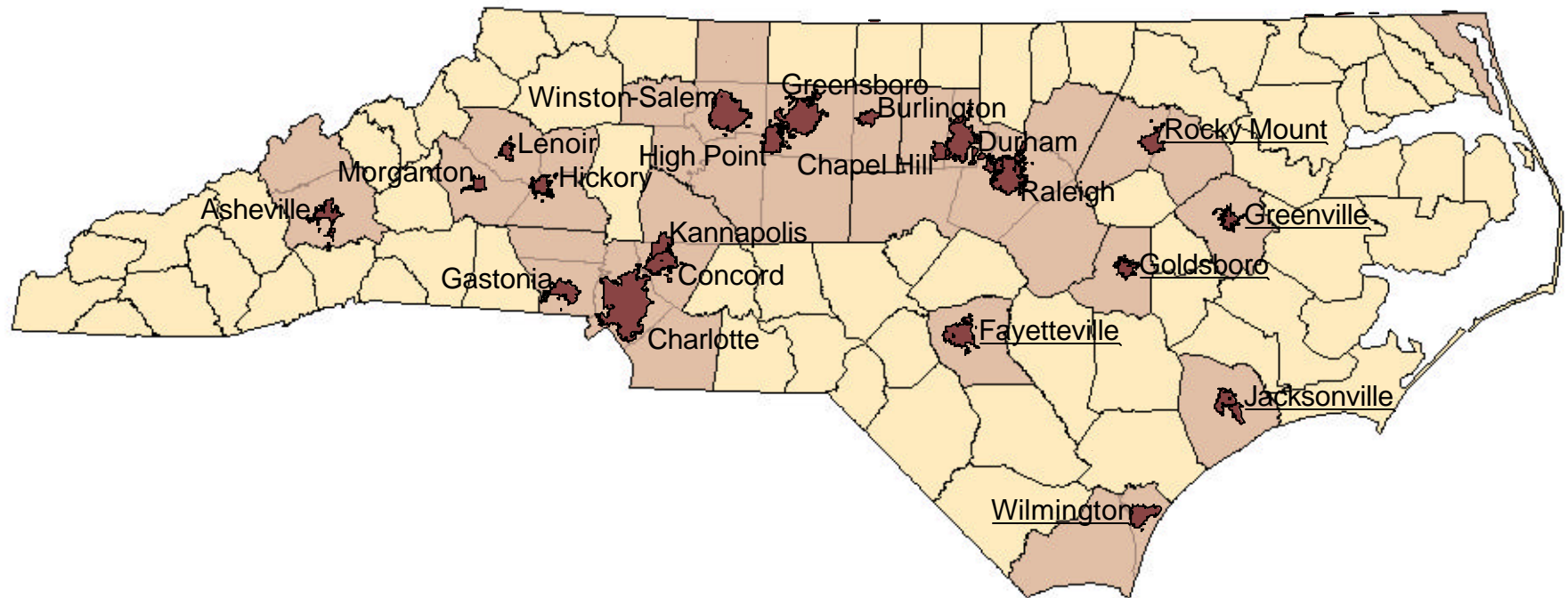
Data Source: US Census 2000 SF 1
 USDA Economic Research Service
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North Carolina Metropolitan Areas 1999



North Carolina Metropolitan Areas Central Cities 1999



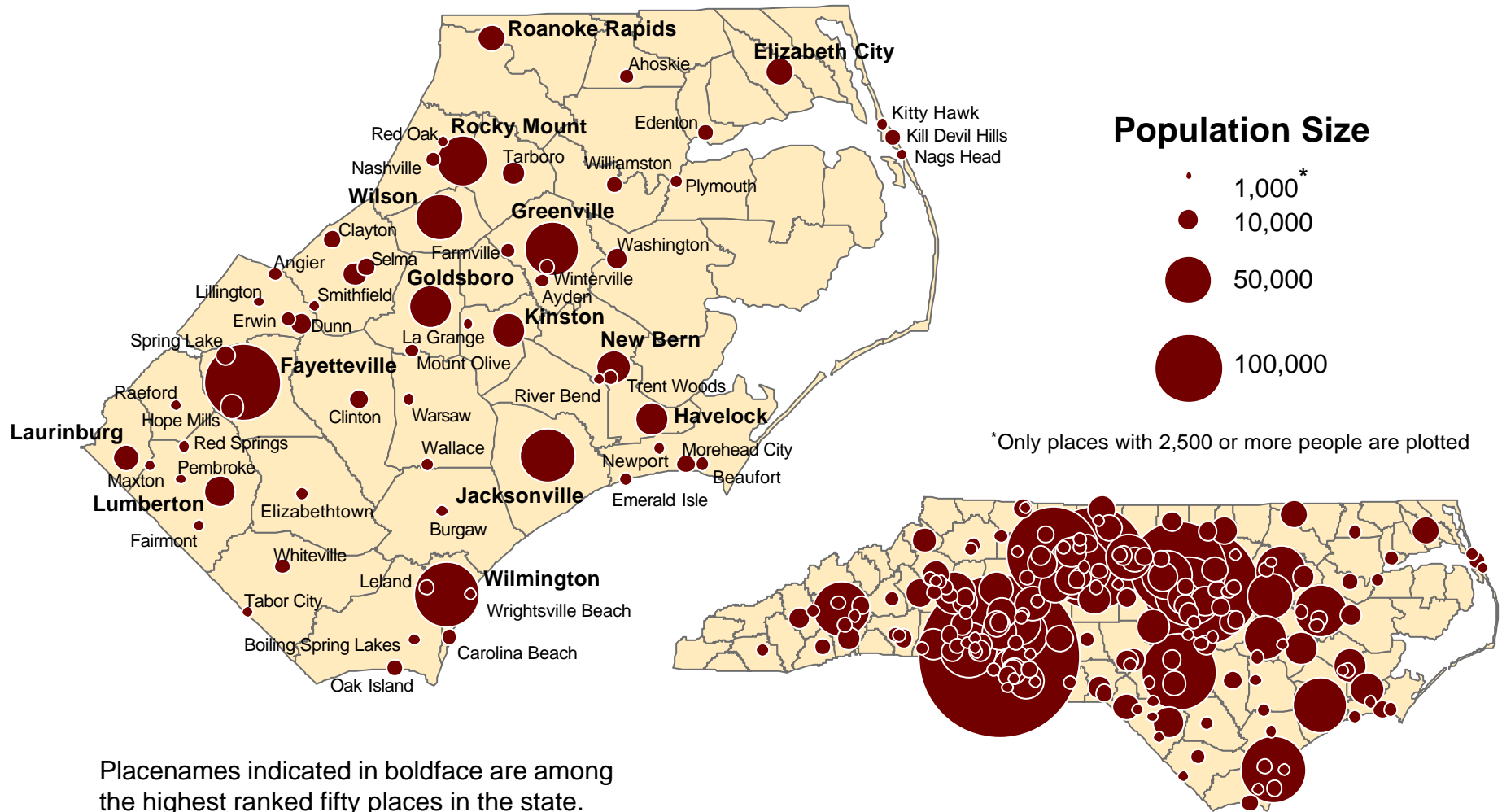
Underlined Central City names are
in Eastern North Carolina.

NC Central Cities Municipal Population Estimates for July 1, 2001				
Municipality	County	ENC	Population	Rank
Charlotte	Mecklenburg		570,257	1
Raleigh	Wake		288,131	2
Greensboro	Guilford		225,311	3
Durham	Durham		191,041	4
Winston-Salem	Forsyth		188,605	5
Fayetteville	Cumberland	X	124,247	6
Wilmington	New Hanover	X	90,981	8
High Point	Guilford		86,494	9
Asheville	Buncombe		69,726	10
Gastonia	Gaston		68,148	11
Jacksonville	Onslow	X	66,176	12
Greenville	Pitt	X	60,966	13
Concord	Cabarrus		58,710	14
Rocky Mount	Nash	X	55,998	15
Chapel Hill	Orange		52,440	16
Burlington	Alamance		45,728	17
Goldsboro	Wayne	X	38,516	19
Hickory	Catawba		37,975	20
Morganton	Burke		17,317	40
Lenoir	Caldwell		16,843	44
ENC Central Cities			436,884	
NC Central Cities			2,353,610	

Data Source: NC Office of State Budget and Management
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Municipal Population Estimates as of July 1, 2001

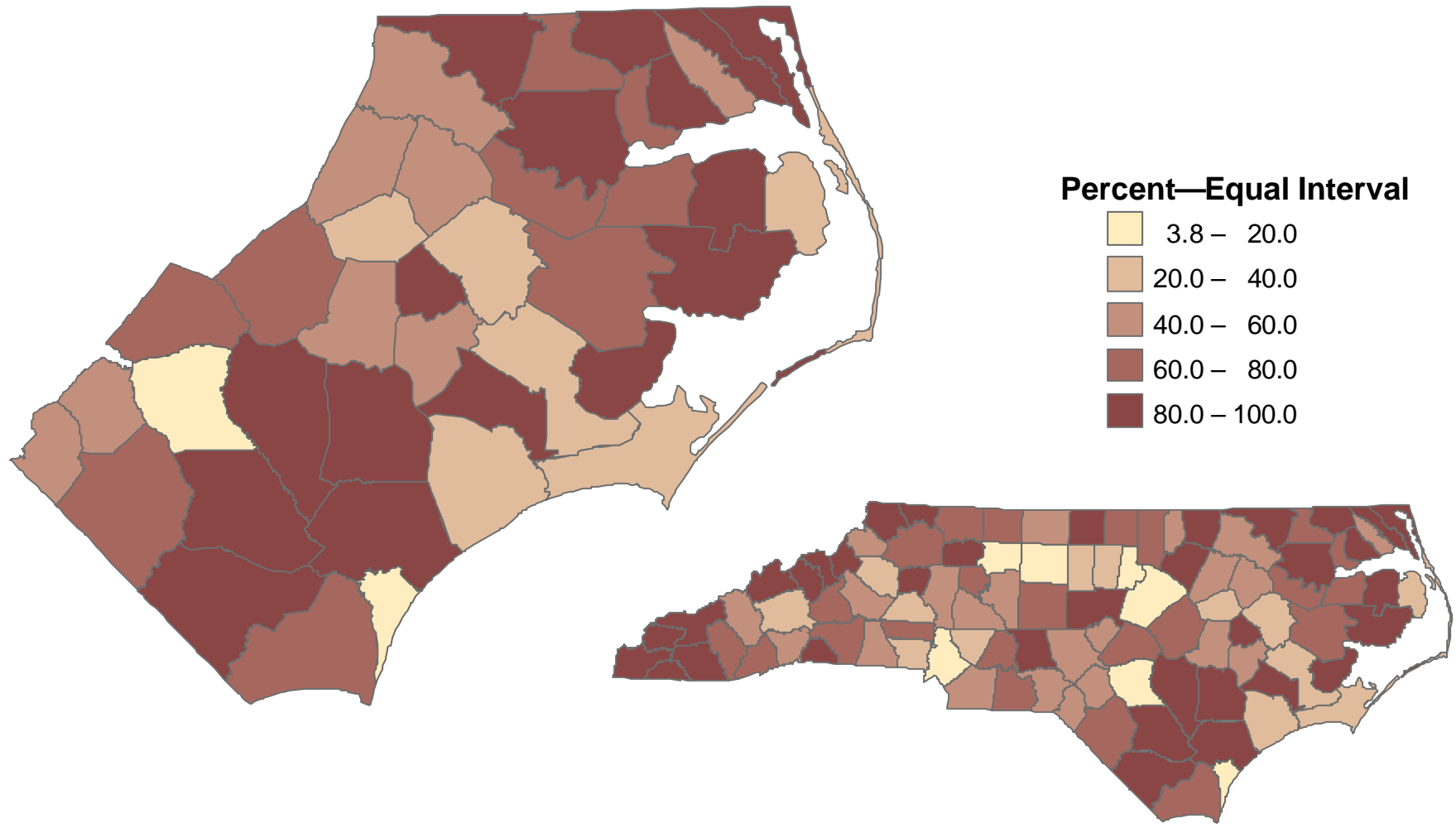


100 Ranked NC Municipal Population Estimates for July 1, 2001

Municipality	County	ENC	Population	Rank	Municipality	County	ENC	Population	Rank
Charlotte	Mecklenburg		570,257	1	Reidsville	Rockingham		14,477	51
Raleigh	Wake		288,131	2	Cornelius	Mecklenburg		14,175	52
Greensboro	Guilford		225,311	3	Indian Trail	Union		13,747	53
Durham	Durham		191,041	4	Boone	Watauga		13,472	54
Winston-Salem	Forsyth		188,605	5	Graham	Alamance		13,098	55
Fayetteville	Cumberland	X	124,247	6	Wake Forest	Wake		13,057	56
Cary	Wake		100,219	7	Newton	Catawba		12,978	57
Wilmington	New Hanover	X	90,981	8	Smithfield	Johnston	X	11,915	58
High Point	Guilford		86,494	9	Hope Mills	Cumberland	X	11,662	59
Asheville	Buncombe		69,726	10	Tarboro	Edgecombe	X	11,233	60
Gastonia	Gaston		68,148	11	Southern Pines	Moore		11,187	61
Jacksonville	Onslow	X	66,176	12	Hendersonville	Henderson		10,737	62
Greenville	Pitt	X	60,966	13	Kings Mountain	Cleveland		10,475	63
Concord	Cabarrus		58,710	14	Lincolnton	Lincoln		10,155	64
Rocky Mount	Nash	X	55,998	15	Pinehurst	Moore		9,948	65
Chapel Hill	Orange		52,440	16	Holly Springs	Wake		9,887	66
Burlington	Alamance		45,728	17	Mount Holly	Gaston		9,698	67
Wilson	Wilson	X	44,965	18	Rockingham	Richmond		9,686	68
Goldsboro	Wayne	X	38,516	19	Washington	Beaufort	X	9,658	69
Hickory	Catawba		37,975	20	Dunn	Harnett	X	9,436	70
Kannapolis	Cabarrus		37,785	21	Waynesville	Haywood		9,328	71
Monroe	Union		27,756	22	Lewisville	Forsyth		9,305	72
Huntersville	Mecklenburg		26,912	23	Archdale	Randolph		9,133	73
Salisbury	Rowan		26,631	24	Roxboro	Person		8,764	74
Statesville	Iredell		24,064	25	Belmont	Gaston		8,752	75
Kinston	Lenoir	X	23,479	26	Clinton	Sampson	X	8,627	76
Sanford	Lee		23,409	27	Mount Airy	Surry		8,495	77
New Bern	Craven	X	23,195	28	Oxford	Granville		8,483	78
Matthews	Mecklenburg		23,144	29	Fuquay-Varina	Wake		8,399	79
Havelock	Craven	X	22,846	30	Spring Lake	Cumberland	X	8,057	80
Asheboro	Randolph		21,969	31	Stallings	Union		8,021	81
Apex	Wake		21,947	32	Morehead City	Carteret	X	7,692	82
Lumberton	Robeson	X	21,099	33	Clayton	Johnston	X	7,649	83
Lexington	Davidson		20,121	34	Black Mountain	Buncombe		7,556	84
Thomasville	Davidson		20,027	35	Forest City	Rutherford		7,525	85
Mooreville	Iredell		19,614	36	Mebane	Alamance		7,382	86
Shelby	Cleveland		19,562	37	Davidson	Mecklenburg		7,331	87
Kernersville	Forsyth		19,361	38	Siler City	Chatham		7,189	88
Garner	Wake		18,777	39	Weddington	Union		7,150	89
Morganton	Burke		17,317	40	Summerfield	Guilford		7,134	90
Carrboro	Orange		17,240	41	Elon College	Alamance		6,969	91
Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	X	17,149	42	Oak Island	Brunswick	X	6,898	92
Roanoke Rapids	Halifax	X	16,943	43	Conover	Catawba		6,788	93
Lenoir	Caldwell		16,843	44	Brevard	Transylvania		6,758	94
Clemmons	Forsyth		16,294	45	Trinity	Randolph		6,736	95
Henderson	Vance		16,255	46	Knightdale	Wake		6,278	96
Laurinburg	Scotland	X	15,980	47	Selma	Johnston	X	6,240	97
Eden	Rockingham		15,898	48	Kill Devil Hills	Dare	X	6,122	98
Mint Hill	Mecklenburg		15,821	49	Hamlet	Richmond		6,001	99
Albemarle	Stanly		15,758	50	King	Stokes		5,972	100

Note: ENC Municipalities in boldface are in the top 50 ranked populations for the state.

Percent Rural Population 2000



Percent Rural (Farm and Non-Farm) Population 2000			
As of April 1, 2000			
County	Total Population	Rural Population	Percent Rural
Beaufort	44,958	30,878	68.7%
Bertie	19,773	19,773	100.0%
Bladen	32,278	28,696	88.9%
Brunswick	73,143	48,408	66.2%
Camden	6,885	6,885	100.0%
Carteret	59,383	22,582	38.0%
Chowan	14,526	9,105	62.7%
Columbus	54,749	48,343	88.3%
Craven	91,436	29,455	32.2%
Cumberland	302,963	38,380	12.7%
Currituck	18,190	18,190	100.0%
Dare	29,967	9,103	30.4%
Duplin	49,063	42,457	86.5%
Edgecombe	55,606	25,067	45.1%
Gates	10,516	10,516	100.0%
Greene	18,974	18,974	100.0%
Halifax	57,370	32,902	57.4%
Harnett	91,025	60,215	66.2%
Hertford	22,601	14,906	66.0%
Hoke	33,646	19,006	56.5%
Hyde	5,826	5,826	100.0%
Johnston	121,965	83,377	68.4%
Jones	10,381	10,381	100.0%
Lenoir	59,648	26,637	44.7%
Martin	25,593	19,858	77.6%
Nash	87,420	42,383	48.5%
New Hanover	160,307	7,377	4.6%
Northampton	22,086	19,922	90.2%
Onslow	150,355	43,257	28.8%
Pamlico	12,934	12,934	100.0%
Pasquotank	34,897	15,735	45.1%
Pender	41,082	37,839	92.1%
Perquimans	11,368	11,368	100.0%
Pitt	133,798	46,305	34.6%
Robeson	123,339	80,799	65.5%
Sampson	60,161	51,254	85.2%
Scotland	35,998	19,018	52.8%
Tyrrell	4,149	4,149	100.0%
Washington	13,723	8,994	65.5%
Wayne	113,329	50,819	44.8%
Wilson	73,814	27,237	36.9%
ENC	2,389,225	1,159,310	48.5%
NC	8,049,313	3,202,238	39.8%
US	281,421,906	59,063,597	21.0%

Data Source: US Census 2000 States SF3
US Census American FactFinder

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Regional Rural Populations			
A Comparison of Three Methods			
	nonMA¹	RUCC²	Rural³
Eastern North Carolina	1,294,114 (54.2%)	1,172,149 (49.1%)	1,159,310 (48.5%)
North Carolina Remainder	1,318,143 (23.3%)	1,440,108 (25.0%)	2,042,948 (36.1%)
North Carolina	2,612,257 (32.5%)	2,612,257 (32.5%)	3,202,238 (39.8%)

¹Populations from counties not designated as a Metropolitan Area by the Office of Management and Budget.

²Populations from counties (codes 04-09) in the Rural-Urban Continuum not designated as metropolitan (codes 00-03) by the Economic Research Service (USDA).

³Farm and non-farm populations from within counties not occupying urbanized areas (UAs) or urban clusters (UCs) determined by the US Census Bureau.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census 2000 SF3,
and ERS (USDA)

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