

**North Carolina's Fastest Growing Counties 1990 to 2000  
And Pender's Neighbors**

State/County	Pop. 1990	Pop. 2000	Percent Change	Rank
<b>North Carolina</b>	6,632,448	8,049,313	21.4%	
<b>Johnson</b>	81,306	121,965	50%	1
<b>Wake</b>	426,311	627,846	47.3%	2
<b>Hoke</b>	22,856	33,646	47.3%	3
<b>Union</b>	84,210	123,677	47.9%	4
<b>Brunswick</b>	50,985	73,143	43.5%	5
<b>Pender</b>	<b>28,855</b>	<b>41,082</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>New Hanover</b>	120,284	160,307	33.3%	9
<b>Sampson</b>	47,297	60,161	27.2%	16
<b>Duplin</b>	39,995	49,063	22.7%	29
<b>Bladen</b>	28,663	32,278	12.6%	65
<b>Columbus</b>	49,587	54,749	10.4%	76
<b>Onslow</b>	149,838	150,355	0.3%	97

**Pender County Population  
Census, Current Estimates & Projections<sup>1</sup> 1990 to 2010**

Portion of County Jurisdiction	1990	2000	% Increase Over 1990	2005 (7-1-05) <sup>2</sup> Current Estimated	% Increase Over 2000	2010 Projected	% Increase Over 2000 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Entire County</b>	28,855	41,082	42.4%	<b>46,538</b>	13%	<b>52,858<sup>4</sup></b>	29%
<b>Unincorporated County<sup>5</sup></b>	24,979	35,373	41.6%	<b>40,183<sup>6</sup></b>	14%	<b>45,808<sup>7</sup></b>	29%
<b>Incorporated County<sup>8</sup></b>	3,876	5,707	47.3% <sup>9</sup>	<b>6,355<sup>10</sup></b>	11%	<b>7,050<sup>11</sup></b>	24%

<sup>1</sup> Estimates & Projections are based on the current rate of construction for new dwelling units for the unincorporated area, primarily the 1990 to 2000 rate of population increase for the towns and the following information from the 2000 US Census for Pender County: Total Households of 16,054, total housing units of 20,798 occupied housing units of 16,054 and a total County occupancy rate of 77.2%. The NC State Data Center projects Pender's Population at 49,132 for 2007 and 52,502 or 2010. The FEMA issued detailed flood maps on February 16, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated based on NC State Data Center estimates for July 1, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Projected based on demographic data from NC State Data Center.

<sup>4</sup> Based on the same growth rate of 13 % as for the 2000 to 2005 period.

<sup>5</sup> County Planning Jurisdiction, excluding the Towns Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

<sup>6</sup> Based on the subtract of Incorporated county from the entire county for NC State Data Center data as of July 1, 2005.

<sup>7</sup> Based on the same growth rate of 14 % as for the 2000 to 2005 period.

<sup>8</sup> All Towns in the County, excluding the Towns Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The population estimates and projections for the towns. These estimates and projections

do not take into account the growth in the extraterritorial jurisdictions of the towns.

<sup>9</sup> This is an annual increase of 4 %.

<sup>10</sup> Based on Percent of county Population living in active municipalities from the NC State Data Center as of July 1, 2005.

<sup>11</sup> Based on the same growth rate for this 5 yrs. as the previous 5 yrs.