The Coast is Complicated
Demographic Trends & NC’s Coast

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Image Source: James Willamor, Flickr
100 NC Counties
16 Coastal Watershed Counties

Coastal county definitions from NOAA, 2013
22 Coastal Shoreline Counties

Coastal county definitions from NOAA, 2013
6 Metropolitan or Combined Statistical Areas

Coastal county definitions from NOAA, 2013
MSA/CSA definitions from OMB, 2013
Coastal Housing Units
1940-2050

Image Source: Don McCullough, Flickr
Housing Units per Square Mile

1960

Greenville
Jacksonville
Wilmington

Housing Units per Square Mile:
- **Less than 50**
- **50-99**
- **100-249**
- **250-499**
- **500-999**
- **1,000-1,999**
- **2,000 units or more**

Source: Carolina Demography
Housing Units per Square Mile

Source: Carolina Demography

1970

Greenville
Jacksonville
Wilmington

Housing Units per Square Mile

- less than 50
- 50-99
- 100-249
- 250-499
- 500-999
- 1,000-1,999
- 2,000 units or more

Source: Carolina Demography
Housing Units per Square Mile

Source: Carolina Demography

2000

Greenville
Jacksonville
Wilmington

Housing Units per Square Mile

- Yellow: less than 50
- Light Green: 50-99
- Green: 100-249
- Light Blue: 250-499
- Blue: 500-999
- Dark Blue: 1,000-1,999
- Purple: 2,000 units or more

Source: Carolina Demography
Housing Units per Square Mile

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2050

Wilmington

Jacksonville

Greenville

Housing Units per Square Mile

- Yellow: less than 50
- Green: 50-99
- Light Green: 100-249
- Light Blue: 250-499
- Blue: 500-999
- Dark Blue: 1,000-1,999
- Darker Blue: 2,000 units or more

Source: Carolina Demography
Net Migration by Age, 2000-2010

Data Source: Winkler et al., 2013
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Youth Drain
Washington
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50% for seasonal use

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Tourism impacts on Dare are significant

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+225,000 in population during peak months

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Seasonal units concentrated in Northern Beaches

Seasonal Units as % of Housing Units
- Less than 15%
- 15 – 30%
- 30 – 60%
- 60% or more

Data Source: 2010 Census
Seasonal units concentrated in Northern Beaches

80% of seasonal units

10% of Dare County land area

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Data Source: 2010 Census
Thank you!

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