

# Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## Census 2010 Factsheet: New Hanover County

How has New Hanover County changed since the last census?

	2000 Census	2010 Projection
<i>Total population</i>	160,327	197,419 (a 23% increase, above state average)
<i>Percent African-American</i>	17.0%	15.5%
<i>Percent Hispanic</i>	2.0%	3.30%

These projections come from NC's Office of State Budget and Management, in conjunction with data from the US Census American Community Survey (ACS 2006-2008). The NC OSBM projections are based on Census 2000 data, so they're only as accurate as the census itself!

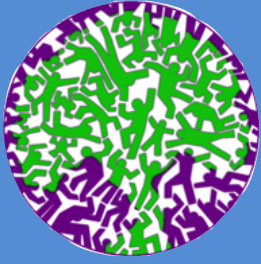
Also, the ACS is a three-year average of phone survey data, and for privacy reasons data is not released for populations less than 20,000. In rural parts of NC, that means small-area data on race, ethnicity, poverty, transportation, health coverage, etc. will be either infrequently released or not available at all. In many smaller counties, timely data on the Hispanic population is simply not available.

What are the consequences for political representation?

- New Hanover County is gaining population relative to the state as a whole, so in the 2010 round of redistricting it could gain representation both in the state House and Senate.
- NC House – New Hanover County is split between State House Districts 16, 18 and 19. All three districts are majority-white (with voting-age populations counted as 79.4%, 64% and 90.8% white in Census 2000, respectively).
- District 18 was originally drawn in 2000 to take in parts of both Pender and New Hanover Counties and form a with a voting-age population which was 42.9% black. A 2009 Supreme Court decision struck down those boundaries, on the grounds that district boundaries could only cross county lines to preserve \*majority\*-minority districts. Now that 42.9% block has been split up between Districts 16 and 18, and District 18 is entirely within New Hanover County.
- NC Senate – New Hanover is covered by State Senate District 9, which was counted as 82.3% white in 2000.
- US House – NC's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Mike McIntyre - D), which includes New Hanover County, is not currently a majority-minority district, and population shifts since 2000 aren't likely to change its status. However, with New Hanover County growing at rates above the state average, it is possible that the boundaries of District 7 would shrink in the new round of redistricting.

How would an accurate count impact federal funding?

- Medicaid: As of January 2010, **23,607** New Hanover County residents were enrolled in Medicaid. An accurate count for NC in 2000 would have resulted in **\$57 million** increased funding statewide **in 2008 alone**.
- Title I: New Hanover County received **\$6,586,449** in federal Title I allotments in the 2009-2010



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fiscal year. Those were distributed between 20 Title I eligible schools, serving 10,147 students in total (see attached list).

### New Hanover County: Title I Schools

School	Percent of students from low-income families	Total students served
Annie H. Snipes Elementary	95.13%	513
Bradley Creek Elementary	58.50%	347
Castle Hayne Elementary	51.31%	306
Charles P. Murray Middle School	37.33%	876
College Park Elementary	73.90%	433
D.C. Virgo Middle School	70.94%	320
Edwin A. Alderman Elementary	54.89%	317
Emma B. Trask Middle School	42.84%	859
Forest Hills Elementary	62.09%	488
Gregory Elementary	54.26%	446
Heyward C. Bellamy Elementary	37.63%	651
Mary C. Williams Elementary	80.90%	398
Murrayville Elementary	40.03%	627
Pine Valley Elementary	37.28%	558
Rachel Freeman Elementary	81.57%	255
Roland-Grise Middle School	38.69%	791
Sunset Park Elementary	89.20%	352
Williston Middle School	72.41%	696
Winter Park Model Elementary	72.76%	323
Wrightsboro Elementary	63.28%	591

### Where should community organizations focus outreach efforts?

The US Census Bureau tracks these and other neighborhood characteristics through its Hard-to-Count (HTC) index. Areas with an HTC index above 60 are considered 'hard-to-count' – see the accompanying map for a detail of HTC areas in New Hanover County. Of course, the Census index relies on 2000 data, and in many cases neighborhood-level characteristics have changed so much since 2000 that your knowledge as a local organizer will be more useful for targeting census outreach than the HTC data.

“Hard-to-Count” areas of New Hanover County include downtown Wilmington and the eastern part of the city, especially the neighborhoods directly West of College Road and South of Market Street.