

Southern Coalition for Social Justice

Census 2010 Factsheet: Wayne County

How has Wayne County changed since the last census?

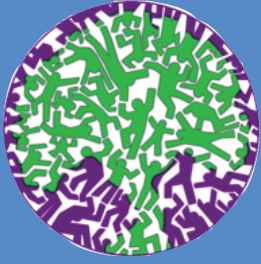
| | 2000 Census | 2010 Projection |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <i>Total population</i> | 113,329 | 116,695, a 3% increase |
| <i>Percent African-American</i> | 33.0% | 32.1% |
| <i>Percent Hispanic</i> | 4.9% | 6.8% |

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 counties of NC, timely data on the Hispanic population is simply not available.

What do population shifts mean for political representation?

- Bilingual ballot instructions – if Wayne County's Hispanic population exceeds 6% in the 2010 count, then state law will require bilingual ballot instructions (*NCGS 163-165.5A*).
- Wayne County is losing population relative to the state as a whole (which is projected to have a 18.9% increase).
- NC House – Wayne County is split between State House Districts 10, 11, and 21. State House District 10 was counted as 68.6% white in Census 2000, District 11 was counted as 75.8% white, and . District 11, which is entirely within Wayne County, may have to expand its boundaries in the 2010 redistricting to account for population loss in Wayne County.
- State House District 21 takes in a small portion of central Wayne County including downtown Goldsboro. In 2000, District 21 was counted as 44.5% white, 49.7% African-American, and 7.4% Hispanic. Census outreach work amongst Hispanic residents could see this district have a significant bloc of Hispanic voters in the 2010 round of redistricting!
- Wayne County is split between State Senate Districts 5, which was counted as 68.2% white as of 2000, and 12, which was 79.9% white as of 2000. District 12 extends to the West to take in Johnston County, which will likely see a whopping 43.3% population increase, and a Hispanic population of at least 10%, in the 2010 Census.
- US Congress – Wayne County is split between the 1st and 3rd Congressional Districts. The 1st District (represented by G.K. Butterfield) was a majority-minority district as of the 2000 Census, with 48.1% of the voting age population African-American, and 2.8% Hispanic. The 1st district will likely stay majority-minority, but with a slimmer margin, so it's important that census outreach efforts ensure an accurate count, especially of African-Americans and Hispanic/Latino folk in the district. The 3rd District, represented by Walter Jones, was 79.7% white as of the 2000 Census.



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How would an accurate count impact federal funding?

- Medicaid: As of January 2010, **22,389** Wayne 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: Wayne County received **\$5,503,898** in federal Title I allotments in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Those were distributed between 15 Title I eligible schools (see attached list).

Wayne County: Title I Schools

| School | % from low-income families | Total students |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Broden Middle | 87.1% | 50 |
| Broden Primary | 86.4% | 100 |
| Carver Elementary | 73.7% | 110 |
| Carver Heights | 98.1% | 315 |
| Dillard Middle | 97.0% | 45 |
| Eastern Wayne Elementary | 62.8% | 360 |
| Fremont | 61.4% | 45 |
| Grantham | 53.8% | 140 |
| Meadow Lane | 58.4% | 75 |
| North Drive Elementary | 94.0% | 70 |
| Northeast Elementary | 45.0% | 50 |
| Rosewood Elementary | 42.2% | 45 |
| School Street Elementary | 94.4% | 250 |
| Spring Creek Elementary | 70.1% | 175 |
| Tommy's Road Elementary | 46.0% | 65 |

Which parts of Wayne County are Hard-to-Count?

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'. 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.