

# Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## Census 2010 Factsheet: Forsyth County

### How has Forsyth County changed since the last census?

	2000 Census	2010 Projection
<i>Total population</i>	306,066	355,107, a 16% increase
<i>Percent African-American</i>	25.6%	25.3%
<i>Percent Hispanic</i>	6.4%	10.3%

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!

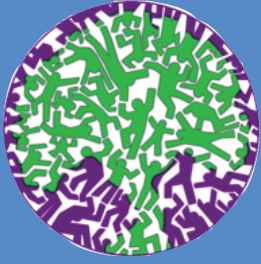
Also, the ACS is a three-year average of phone survey data, and for privacy reasons data is not released for populations less than 20,000. In rural parts of NC, that means small-area data on race, ethnicity, poverty, transportation, health coverage, etc. will be either infrequently released or not available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

### What does that mean for political representation?

- *NC State House* – Forsyth County is divided between State House Districts 71-75.
- District 71 (SE Winston-Salem) had 54.8% of the voting-age population counted as black according to Census 2000, and over 14% Hispanic-identified.
- District 72 (NW Winston-Salem) also was majority-minority, with 47.3% black and 8.4% Hispanic-identified.
- Districts 73 (E Forsyth and part of N Davidson County), 74 (NW Forsyth), and 75 (SW Forsyth) were all over 85% white in Census 2000.
- *NC State Senate* – Forsyth County is covered by Senate districts 32 (South, East, and North Winston-Salem) and 31 (the rest of the county). District 31 was counted as 90% white in Census 2000, while District 32 was counted as 52.1% white, and over 9% Hispanic. Outreach is essential in this district to consolidate minority voting power!
- *US House* – Forsyth County is split between US House Districts 12 (covering the eastern half of Winston-Salem) and 5 (the remainder of the county). District 5, represented by Virginia Foxx (R), was 90.7% white in Census 2000. District 12, Mel Watt's district, was counted as 50.6% white (voting-age) in 2000.

### How would an accurate count impact federal funding?

- Medicaid: As of January 2010, **50,372** Forsyth 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: Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools received **\$16,289,133** in federal Title I allotments



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in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Those were distributed between 44 Title I eligible schools, serving over 22 thousand students (see table below).

### 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 Forsyth 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.

#### Winston-Salem/Forsyth County: Title I Schools

School	% from		School	% from	
	low-income families	Total students		low-income families	Total students
Ashley Elementary	80.7%	512	Kernersville Elementary	59.9%	972
Atkins High - Comp. Tech.	78.8%	222	Kimberley Park Elementary	91.2%	251
Atkins High - Biotechnology	80.3%	178	Konnoak Elementary	89.2%	659
Atkins High - Engineering	80.0%	150	Latham Elementary	95.1%	325
Bolton Elementary	87.0%	644	Lowrance Middle	61.4%	127
Brunson Elementary	59.3%	518	Middle Fork Elementary	77.0%	530
Carter Vocational High	65.7%	67	Mineral Springs Elementary	92.6%	746
Carver High	60.4%	429	Mineral Springs Middle	91.0%	512
Clemmons Middle	50.0%	1221	Moore Elementary	49.4%	601
Cook Elementary	96.5%	229	North Forsyth High	53.0%	776
Diggs Elementary	80.6%	293	North Hills Elementary	91.8%	402
East Forsyth Middle	54.9%	769	Northwest Middle	59.2%	890
Easton Elementary	89.5%	659	Old Town Elementary	92.3%	674
Forest Park Elementary	93.8%	547	Parkland High	62.8%	904
Gibson Elementary	74.8%	753	Petree Elementary	89.1%	442
Griffith Academy	90.9%	154	Philo Middle	91.9%	430
Griffith Elementary	78.1%	757	South Fork Elementary	78.2%	487
Hall-Woodward Elementary	96.0%	794	Speas Elementary	78.0%	368
Hill Middle	96.0%	275	Walkertown Elementary	55.7%	881
Ibrahim Elementary	89.4%	405	Walkertown Middle	56.2%	593
Jacket Acad. at Carver High	67.1%	88	Wiley Middle	71.9%	611
Kennedy Learning	71.9%	256	Winston-Salem Prep. Acad.	71.7%	254