

# Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## Census 2010 Factsheet: Guilford County

How has Guilford County changed since the last census?

|                                 | 2000 Census | 2010 Projection                                  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| <i>Total population</i>         | 421,048     | 484,940<br>a 15% increase (state average is 19%) |
| <i>Percent African-American</i> | 29.3%       | 31.5%  |
| <i>Percent Hispanic</i>         | 3.8%        | 6.4%   |

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!

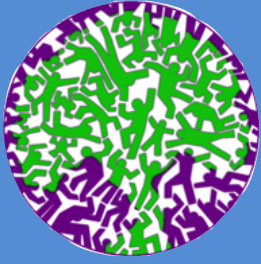
Also, the ACS is a three-year average of phone survey data, and for privacy reasons data is not released for populations less than 20,000. In rural parts of NC, that means small-area data on race, ethnicity, poverty, transportation, health coverage, etc. will be either infrequently released or not available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

What does that mean for political representation?

- Bilingual ballot instructions – if Guilford County's Hispanic population exceeds 6% in the 2010 count, then state law will require bilingual ballot instructions.
- Guilford County is losing population relative to the state as a whole, so in the 2010 round of redistricting it may have to struggle to maintain the current level of representation in the State House and Senate.
- NC State House – Guilford County is split up between State House Districts 58-62. Districts 58 and 60, covering the southeast half of the county, are both majority-minority districts. Both districts were counted with 54.5% of the voting age population identifying as African-American in Census 2000. The rest of the districts in the county are all near or over 70% white.
- NC State Senate – Guilford is split up between State Senate Districts 26 (northern, eastern, and western Guilford along with Rockingham County), 27 (downtown Greensboro), 28, and 33 (including a small portion of SW Guilford, along with all of Davidson County).
- District 28 was counted 44.2% African-American in Census 2000, and 50.7% white. Outreach in Guilford County could help ensure that the Census 2010 count reflects an increasing African-American and Hispanic population, making this a majority-minority district. The remainder of the State Senate districts in Guilford are majority-white, with margins of at least 69%.
- Guilford County is split between US House Districts 6, 12 and 13. District 6 (Howard Coble - R) was 88.3% white as of Census 2000, and District 13 (Brad Miller - D) was 68.4% white. District 12, Mel Watt's district, was counted as 50.6% white in 2000.

How would an accurate count impact federal funding?

- Medicaid: As of January 2010, **67,469** Guilford County residents were enrolled in Medicaid. An



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accurate count for NC in 2000 would have resulted in **\$57 million** increased funding statewide in **2008 alone**.

- Title I: Guilford received **\$20,354,747** in federal Title I allotments in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Those were distributed between 45 Title I eligible schools (see attached list).

### 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 Guilford 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 Guilford County include downtown Greensboro and High Point.

### Guilford County: Title I Schools

| School                      | % from              |                | School                         | % from              |                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                             | low-income families | Total students |                                | low-income families | Total students |
| Allen Jay Elementary        | 86.30%              | 489            | Julius I Foust Elementary      | 91.05%              | 324            |
| Allen Middle                | 76.41%              | 708            | Kirkman Park Elementary        | 79.47%              | 190            |
| Archer Elementary           | 81.72%              | 383            | Laurin Welborn Middle          | 72.41%              | 580            |
| Aycock Middle               | 68.03%              | 660            | McLeansville Elementary        | 61.00%              | 418            |
| Bessemer Elementary         | 92.18%              | 409            | Montlieu Avenue Elementary     | 81.10%              | 455            |
| Bluford Elementary          | 75.83%              | 360            | Murphey Traditional Academy    | 71.47%              | 375            |
| Brightwood Elementary       | 76.56%              | 721            | Northwood Elementary           | 80.98%              | 510            |
| Clara J Peck Elementary     | 87.34%              | 379            | Oak Hill Elementary            | 92.51%              | 374            |
| Cyrus P Frazier Elementary  | 78.65%              | 342            | Oak View Elementary            | 63.64%              | 517            |
| Dean B. Pruette SCALE       | 96.77%              | 31             | Otis L Hairston Sr Middle      | 91.06%              | 604            |
| Edwin A Alderman Elementary | 67.71%              | 350            | Parkview Village Elementary    | 94.53%              | 475            |
| Fairview Elementary         | 96.56%              | 436            | Rankin Elementary              | 88.32%              | 642            |
| Ferndale Middle             | 71.49%              | 726            | SCALE-Greensboro               | 97.92%              | 48             |
| Gillespie Park Elementary   | 87.36%              | 261            | Sedgefield Elementary          | 85.21%              | 480            |
| Guilford Elementary         | 68.30%              | 571            | Smith Academy                  | 78.03%              | 173            |
| Guilford Newcomers Center   | 99.56%              | 226            | Sumner Elementary              | 79.48%              | 580            |
| High School Ahead Academy   | 81.19%              | 101            | Union Hill Elementary          | 90.42%              | 313            |
| HP Central Academy          | 75.86%              | 87             | Vandalia Elementary            | 71.15%              | 253            |
| Hunter Elementary           | 93.44%              | 427            | W M Hampton Elementary         | 94.01%              | 267            |
| Jackson Middle              | 80.37%              | 438            | Waldo C Falkener Sr Elementary | 86.62%              | 568            |
| Jamestown Elementary        | 63.03%              | 568            | Washington Elementary          | 94.40%              | 232            |
| John Van Lindley Elementary | 60.99%              | 405            | Wiley Accel/Enrichment         | 98.88%              | 269            |
| Johnson Street Elementary   | 69.53%              | 361            |                                |                     |                |