

North Carolina's Northeast Economic Development Region



WORKFORCE and TRAINING

Creating the capacity for new jobs and new wealth in NC's Northeast

NC's Northeast Major Highways

I-95

US 17, 64

US 13, 158, 264



Labor Force

As a result of advanced training and education, an inherent work ethic, combined with a diversity of skill sets, the workforce in North Carolina's Northeast is one of our greatest assets, and one of business's greatest advantages. A diverse and unparalleled quality of life in North Carolina's Northeast Region attracts highly-talented and skilled people.

Our civilian labor force consists of 174,976 people, with over 10,000 persons commuting to Virginia daily for employment that would welcome the opportunity to work closer to home. Our region's proximity to North Carolina and Virginia military commands, the US Coast Guard Air Station in Elizabeth City, and shipyards in Norfolk and Newport News, VA offers a steady supply of trained workers. A large number of exiting military personnel are highly trained in a variety of technical fields and have significant leadership experience.

Worker Training Programs

Worker training is available throughout the region through traditional community college and university programs and from various customized training programs. Our community colleges and universities offer customized training programs to fit the specific needs of employers and their trainees. Industry-specific training has been developed for a variety of occupations from boat builders and welders to supervision and management. Workers in NC's Northeast are ready to learn and ready to put their skills to work.

Industry Clusters

North Carolina's Northeast Commission focuses on developing and recruiting industries within the following clusters, and regional training programs are established to prepare the workforce for current and future jobs:

Automotive: State-of-the-art NC Center for Automotive Research

Aerospace: Maintenance and repair businesses at the US Coast Guard Base; potential spaceport sites

Plant Biotechnology: Pilot Scale Botanical Extraction Facility in the planning stages

Marine: Multiple marine sites within the region; Boatbuilding repair & supply businesses

Tourism: Hub & Spoke Tourism with travel to location; Group Tour itineraries available



***Fact:** Over 24,000 people commute outside the region for work*

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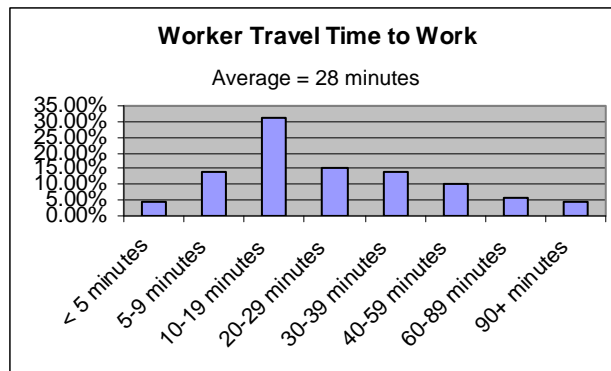
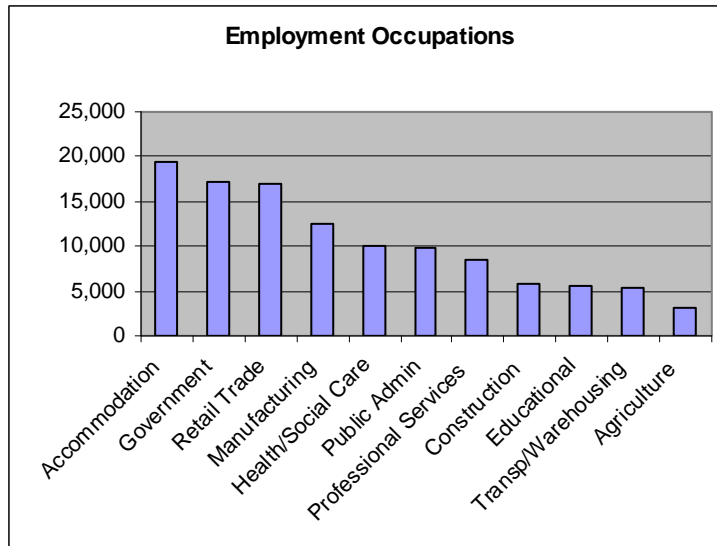


People are attracted to NC's Northeast Region once they discover our unparalleled quality of life.



Regional Colleges & Universities

- Beaufort Community College — *Washington, NC*
- Chowan University — *Murfreesboro, NC*
- College of the Albemarle — *Elizabeth City, NC*
- Elizabeth City State University — *Elizabeth City, NC*
- Halifax Community College — *Weldon, NC*
- Martin Community College — *Williamston, NC*
- Mid-Atlantic Christian University — *Elizabeth City, NC*
- Roanoke-Chowan Community College — *Ahoskie, NC*



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