

**Pitt County, North Carolina**  
**Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2005-2007**  
**2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**  
**American Community Survey**

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties](#).

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** From 2005-2007 there were 62,000 households in Pitt County. The average household size was 2.3 people.

Families made up 60 percent of the households in Pitt County. This figure includes both married-couple families (41 percent) and other families (19 percent). Nonfamily households made up 40 percent of all households in Pitt County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Four percent of the people living in Pitt County from 2005-2007 there were foreign born. Ninety-six percent was native, including 70 percent who were born in North Carolina.

Among people at least five years old living in Pitt County from 2005-2007, 7 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 63 percent spoke Spanish and 37 percent spoke some other language; 38 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** From 2005-2007, 76 percent of the people at least one year old living in Pitt County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 14 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 7 percent from another county in the same state, 3 percent from another state, and less than 0.5 percent from abroad.

**EDUCATION:** From 2005-2007, 85 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 29 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Fifteen percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Pitt County was 50,000 from 2005-2007. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 4,700 and elementary or high school enrollment was 23,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 23,000.

**DISABILITY:** In Pitt County, among people at least five years old from 2005-2007, 16 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 8 percent of people 5 to 15 years old, to 13 percent of people 16 to 64 years old, and to 47 percent of those 65 and older.

**INDUSTRIES:** From 2005-2007, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Pitt County were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 34 percent, and Retail trade, 11 percent.

**OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 37 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 18 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 10 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 8 percent. Seventy-three percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 22 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 5 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Eighty-three percent of Pitt County workers drove to work alone from 2005-2007, 9 percent carpooled, less than 0.5 percent took public transportation, and 6 percent used other means. The remaining 2 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 19.5 minutes to get to work.

**INCOME:** The median income of households in Pitt County was \$36,881. Eighty-one percent of the households received earnings and 15 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twenty-three percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$13,246. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** From 2005-2007, 22 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty-four percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 15 percent of people 65 years old and over. Fifteen percent of all families and 38 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

**POPULATION OF Pitt County:** From 2005-2007, Pitt County had a total population of 148,000 - 78,000 (52 percent) females and 71,000 (48 percent) males. The median age was 31.5 years. Twenty-four percent of the population was under 18 years and 10 percent was 65 years and older.

For people reporting one race alone, 62 percent was White; 34 percent was Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 1 percent was Asian; less than 0.5 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 percent was Some other race. Two percent reported Two or more races. Four percent of the people in Pitt County was Hispanic. Sixty percent of the people in Pitt County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** From 2005-2007, Pitt County had a total of 70,000 housing units, 12 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 52 percent was in single-unit structures, 33 percent was in multi-unit structures, and 15 percent was mobile homes. Forty-eight percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

**OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS:** From 2005-2007, Pitt County had 62,000 occupied housing units - 35,000 (57 percent) owner occupied and 27,000 (43 percent) renter occupied. Six percent of the households did not have telephone service and 9 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-six percent had two vehicles and another 19 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,144, nonmortgaged owners \$383, and renters \$630. Thirty-one percent of owners with mortgages, 19 percent of owners without mortgages, and 55 percent of renters in Pitt County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces the [official population estimates for the nation, states, counties and places, and the official estimates of housing units for states and counties](#). The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Notes:

- Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.