

Demographic and Other Statistics for Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Population in 2001</i>				
Proportion of Population Over Age 50	29.7 %	25.6 %	28.6 %	25.2 %
Age Distribution:				
50-61	48.7	51.0	45.5	50.2
62-74	32.1	30.6	32.0	32.2
75 +	19.2	18.4	22.5	17.6
Sex Ratio (women to men, aged 50+)	1.20		1.19	
<i>Distribution of Population by Race and Ethnicity</i>				
White (Non-Hispanic)	77.4	78.7	79.9	81.1
African-American (Non-Hispanic)	19.5	18.5	9.8	8.5
Hispanic (Any race)	N/A	N/A	6.9	6.7
Asian-American (Non-Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	2.8	3.1
Native American (Non-Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.7
<i>Education</i>				
Less than High School	30.1	31.1	22.9	21.8
High School	34.7	27.3	38.3	30.1
Some College	20.8	19.2	21.6	21.5
College and More	14.5	22.4	17.2	26.7
<i>Marital Status</i>				
Married	58.2	78.2	55.2	76.0
Widowed	25.0	7.5	26.1	7.3
Divorced/Separated	11.8	10.0	13.9	11.5
Never-Married	5.0	4.2	4.9	5.3
<i>Distribution of Households by Type</i>				
Married Couples:				
Living as a single unit	44.1	56.1	39.5	50.1
Living with other family	13.4	21.0	14.6	24.5
Living with unrelated persons	N/A	N/A	1.0	1.5
Unmarried:				
Living alone	24.8	11.7	27.1	13.3
Living with other family	15.4	7.3	14.8	6.7
Living with unrelated persons	N/A	2.7	2.9	4.0
<i>Median Annual Income (Family Income)*</i>				
Total	\$29,908	\$39,526	\$33,492	\$44,649
By Age:				
50-61	\$45,064	\$50,380	\$50,500	\$61,361
62-74	\$25,280	\$33,746	\$28,954	\$36,968
75 +	\$18,408	\$25,114	\$19,085	\$26,421
By Marital Status:				
Married	\$44,114	\$46,311	\$48,166	\$52,000
Unmarried	\$16,639	\$18,941	\$20,000	\$25,850
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$32,611	\$42,911	\$35,083	\$47,114
All Minorities	\$22,692	\$28,391	\$27,672	\$35,000
<i>Percent Living in Poverty*</i>				
Total	14.5 %	10.4 %	10.8 %	7.1 %
By Age:				
50-61	12.0	13.4	9.1	6.9
62-74	15.9	8.5	10.7	7.4
75 +	18.2	N/A	14.2	7.4
By Marital Status:				
Married	6.6	6.6	4.9	4.5
Unmarried	25.6	23.9	18.1	15.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	11.1	8.2	8.5	5.6
All Minorities	26.3	18.4	19.9	13.6

* Income and poverty data are based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

Current Work Status Among Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001*

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent in Labor Force</i>	37.3 %	50.5 %	37.4 %	51.5 %
By Age:				
50-61	65.1	78.7	66.8	80.6
62-74	19.2	30.1	20.7	30.8
75 +	N/A	N/A	3.6	8.3
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	60.3	77.9	62.2	79.0
Middle Half	41.4	48.5	40.6	47.8
Bottom Quartile	17.6	25.3	14.5	19.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	37.5	50.9	37.2	51.6
All Minorities	36.7	49.2	38.0	51.5
<i>Of Those in Labor Force</i>				
Percent Employed Full-Time**	80.5	84.6	72.7	84.9
Percent Employed Part-time	17.3	13.1	24.8	12.1
Percent Looking for Work	N/A	N/A	2.6	3.0
<i>Employment Distribution by Industry</i>				
Agriculture	N/A	5.5	1.8	4.0
Construction & Mining	N/A	14.3	1.5	9.9
Manufacturing	22.8	19.2	11.0	18.9
Transportation, Comm., & Public Utilities	N/A	9.8	3.7	10.3
Wholesale & Retail Trades	15.9	18.2	16.5	16.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	N/A	5.8	7.7	6.5
Services	48.5	22.3	52.3	28.6
Government	N/A	5.0	5.5	5.8
<i>Employment Distribution by Occupation</i>				
Managerial/Professional Specialty	31.9	29.1	33.6	35.3
Technical/Sales & Administrative Support	31.3	19.8	38.8	19.3
Service	17.8	6.3	16.6	8.2
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	N/A	5.3	1.6	4.3
Precision Productions, Craft & Repair Operators, Fabricators, & Laborers	18.3	39.6	9.5	32.9

* Based on CPS data for the reference week in March 1999-2001.

** Full-time workers were employed at least 35 hours per week.

**Work Status in the Previous Year Among
Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001***

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent Employed Full-Year, Full-Time**</i>	25.9 %	39.3 %	24.2 %	41.2 %
<i>Percent Employed Full-Year, Part-Time**</i>	4.9	5.0	6.4	4.2
<i>Percent Employed Part-Year, Full/Part-Time**</i>	9.9	9.7	9.9	10.4
<i>Percent Nonworking</i>	59.3	46.0	59.5	44.3
<i>Median Annual Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers</i>	\$25,344	\$40,000	\$28,001	\$43,296
By Age:				
50-61	\$26,189	\$40,000	\$28,952	\$44,462
62-74	\$16,896	\$35,000	\$25,344	\$38,000
75 +	N/A	N/A	\$20,680	\$30,000
<i>Race Ratio in Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers (All Minorities Earnings to White Non-Hispanic Earnings)</i>	1.27	0.72	0.84	0.68
<i>Sex Ratio in Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers (Women's Earnings to Men's Earnings)</i>	0.63		0.65	

* Based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

** Full-year workers were employed at least 50 weeks in the previous year; full-time workers were employed at least 35 hours per week.

**Social Security Receipt Among
Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001***

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent Receiving Benefits</i>	51.6 %	46.0 %	50.1 %	44.4 %
By Age:				
50-61	9.5	9.0	7.0	6.7
62-74	83.7	76.3	79.3	76.1
75 +	95.0	97.0	93.0	91.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	25.3	21.3	24.8	22.2
Middle Half	51.2	50.9	49.6	50.4
Bottom Quartile	67.8	61.9	68.9	62.3
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	52.5	46.9	52.4	46.0
All Minorities	48.5	42.7	40.9	37.5
<i>Median Annual Benefits</i>				
Total	\$7,238	\$10,375	\$7,532	\$10,930
By Age:				
50-61	\$7,017	\$7,506	\$7,146	\$10,332
62-74	\$7,002	\$10,807	\$6,906	\$11,178
75 +	\$7,746	\$10,330	\$8,406	\$10,692
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	\$8,576	\$12,698	\$7,643	\$12,408
Middle Half	\$7,566	\$11,346	\$7,370	\$11,586
Bottom Quartile	\$6,769	\$7,506	\$7,701	\$8,930
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$7,511	\$11,035	\$7,746	\$11,326
All Minorities	\$6,769	\$8,189	\$6,769	\$9,043

* Based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000. Data include Social Security pensions and survivor benefits as well as permanent disability payments made by the Social Security Administration.

Pensions and Coverage among Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
A. Pensions and Other Retirement Income*				
<i>Percent Receiving Retirement Income</i>	17.0 %	22.5 %	18.4 %	27.8 %
By Age:				
50-61	6.7	10.3	6.5	11.1
62-74	25.9	32.6	26.0	42.4
75 +	25.7	39.3	31.1	47.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	15.0	21.8	13.6	23.1
Middle Half	21.2	28.4	21.2	35.1
Bottom Quartile	12.0	10.2	17.4	15.3
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	18.5	23.7	20.1	30.2
All Minorities	11.9	18.0	11.9	17.4
<i>Median Annual Benefits</i>				
Total	\$6,758	\$11,340	\$6,204	\$12,408
By Age:				
50-61	\$10,138	\$16,544	\$9,312	\$18,691
62-74	\$6,516	\$12,482	\$6,390	\$12,408
75 +	\$4,715	\$7,603	\$5,056	\$8,999
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	\$10,160	\$23,520	\$12,000	\$23,782
Middle Half	\$8,448	\$10,080	\$7,618	\$11,640
Bottom Quartile	\$3,000	\$3,722	\$3,132	\$3,722
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$6,946	\$11,340	\$6,132	\$12,408
All Minorities	\$6,336	\$11,400	\$6,336	\$11,000

* Includes veteran's pensions, survivor pensions, and any other pension and retirement income (excluding Social Security Income).
Based on 1999-20001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
B. Pensions**				
<i>Percent of Workers Whose Employers Offer Pension Plans***</i>	63.4 %	57.5 %	58.3 %	58.9 %
By Age:				
50-61	68.8	61.9	62.2	64.2
62-74	45.1	44.9	46.8	45.6
75 +	N/A	N/A	35.4	30.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	75.4	72.6	67.4	70.7
Middle Half	62.8	55.2	58.2	53.4
Bottom Quartile	41.0	N/A	32.2	24.3
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	65.0	60.2	59.6	60.5
All Minorities	57.8	47.7	53.4	52.0
<i>Percent of Workers Who Participate</i>	55.4	50.7	48.7	52.4
By Age:				
50-61	61.2	56.5	54.0	59.0
62-74	35.0	33.3	32.3	35.4
75 +	N/A	N/A	19.3	18.9
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	68.3	68.2	60.2	65.9
Middle Half	55.9	45.8	47.7	45.6
Bottom Quartile	N/A	N/A	18.6	14.9
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	56.1	52.8	49.5	53.8
All Minorities	53.1	43.2	45.1	45.7

** In CPS, the questions on pensions were asked only to those who were employed in the previous year.

***This question does not evaluate whether an employee is eligible to participate in the plan.

An employer may offer a plan that a respondent does not qualify for.

**Health Insurance Coverage Among Women and
Men Aged 50 and Older, 2000-2001***

	North Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent with Any Type of Health Insurance</i>	91.5 %	91.0 %	92.3 %	93.0 %
<i>Percent with Public Insurance</i>	53.3	46.6	53.1	47.8
<i>Percent with Private Insurance</i>	67.3	72.3	68.9	73.5
Percent with Employer-Based Insurance	49.2	57.9	50.1	59.4
Percent with Individually-Purchased Insurance	19.0	16.3	20.9	17.3
<i>Of Those with Private Insurance</i>				
Percent in Own Name	80.1	88.7	72.4	87.8
Percent as Dependent	22.5	13.8	31.3	17.5
<i>Percent Insured by Any Type</i>				
By Age:				
50-61	84.3	85.1	86.2	88.6
62-74	97.3	95.5	95.6	96.2
75 +	99.4	100.0	99.7	99.3
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	93.6	95.9	94.6	96.7
Middle Half	90.7	91.6	92.3	92.9
Bottom Quartile	91.3	84.2	90.5	87.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	91.9	93.2	94.1	94.9
All Minorities	90.1	83.1	85.2	84.6

* Based on 2000-2001 CPS data for the calendar years 1999-2000.