

Free African American Population in NC by County: 1790-1860

County	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Beaufort	128*	190	266*	326	487	703*	903*	729*
Bertie	378*	203*	214	250	207	303	322	319
Craven	337*	328*	1,125*	1,744*	1,003*	1,112*	1,538*	1,332*
Cumberland	83	119	95	564*	686*	862*	946*	985*
Granville	315*	329*	467*	521*	759*	801*	1,090*	1,123*
Halifax	443*	635*	1,236*	1,551*	2,079*	1,837*	1,870*	2,452*
Hertford	232*	435*	304*	788*	953*	802*	873	1,112*
Nash	193*	143	127	218	283	409	629	687
New Hanover	68	94	132	219	336	565	886*	642
Northampton	458*	539*	580*	730*	936*	792*	830	650
Orange	101	116	332*	562*	619*	631	481	528
Pasquotank	87	234*	550*	532*	1,038*	1,076*	1,235*	1,507*
Randolph	24	202*	205	228	350	361	405	432
Robeson	277*	341*	417*	428*	605*	1,223*	1,230*	1,462*
Wake	180*	324*	519*	734*	833*	1,009*	1,306*	1,446*
Wayne	40	84	111	157	144	464	665	737*
NC Totals	5,041	7,073	10,266	14,612	19,543	22,732	27,463	30,463

1790-1860 census statistics showing the top ten highest free African American population in NC per census year.

Key:

* = top 10 highest population that year

Blue text = population increase from previous census

Red text = population decrease from previous census

Factors that can contribute to population changes between census years:

- Increase can be caused by a larger number of births than deaths
- Increase can be caused by newly freed slaves moving into the area, especially if the growth was before 1830
- Increase can be caused by migration into one county from another
- Decrease can be caused by more deaths than births
- Decrease can be caused by migration from that particular county to another North Carolina county
- Decrease can be caused by migration from North Carolina to another state
- Decrease can be caused by county boundaries changing