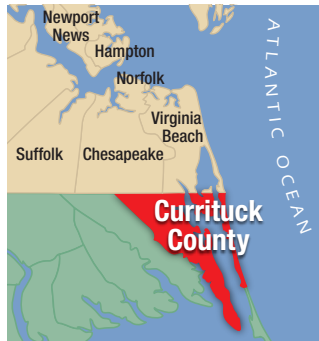


# Currituck County, NC Community Profile

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## Our County

Currituck County, North Carolina is centrally located between New York and Miami on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard, **just 20 miles south of Hampton Roads, Virginia.** The county's main-



land peninsula is bisected by the United States Intracoastal Waterway, and is a mixture of clustered development, agricultural fields, forest, wetlands and estuarine marshes. Almost 50 percent of the total land area of Currituck County is surface water.

**With over 20 miles of oceanfront, extensive sound and other waterfront access,** abundance of wildlife and natural preserve, Currituck County is a mecca for sportsmen and vacationers, welcoming more than **two million visitors** every season. Small wonder that tourism has emerged as the county's major economic engine.

Currituck's Outer Banks area includes the resort village of Corolla, home of the Historic Whalehead Club and Currituck Beach Lighthouse. Just to the north, where the paved road ends, are the unspoiled pristine beaches, maritime forests and wild Spanish mustangs of Swan Beach and Carova.

## Our History

The Southeast Virginia-Northeast North Carolina region is truly the birthplace of our nation and home to America's first settlements and colonies.

Established in 1668, Currituck County is home to several historic structures, including the Currituck Beach Lighthouse and Keepers House, the Currituck Club Hunting Lodge and the County Courthouse and Jail. Most of these landmarks have been restored to pre-Civil War authenticity.



## Fast Facts

Total Area	Land Area	Beaches
<b>443.63</b>	<b>261.40</b>	<b>20</b>
square miles	square miles	miles of oceanfront
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Annual Averages		
January	July	Rainfall
<b>38°</b>	<b>76°</b>	<b>48.5</b>
temperature - F	temperature - F	inches

## Our Region

Currituck County bridges **North Carolina's Outer Banks** and the **Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).** This effectively ties Currituck physically and economically to a significant workforce, infrastructure and resources. Chief among these are the highest concentration of U.S. Navy bases and facilities in the world, and the third-largest port in the nation. Strong supporting industries include advanced manufacturing, financial services, distribution/warehousing and agriculture.



The Northeast North Carolina region consists of 16 counties, stretching from I-95 in the east to the far southern barrier island of Ocracoke. Traditionally agricultural, the region's economic drivers now include **manufacturing, aviation, aerospace, boat-building, distribution logistics, defense contracting and heritage tourism.**

Currituck's enviable location, natural assets, major transportation features and **proximity to a 1 million+ workforce** provide the **perfect balance of business and leisure advantages.**

## Our People

Currituck County has experienced a nearly **30 percent population** spike over the last decade with a local **workforce of more than 13,000**, and draws on a regional workforce within 60 miles of over 1,000,000. Many of these employees have significant training and experience in the construction, real estate, hospitality, financial services and manufacturing sectors.



## Our Government

Currituck County is governed by a **board of commissioners**, five of whom represent distinct voting districts; and two responsible for at-large districts. We are one of only two counties in North Carolina with **no incorporated areas**.

Most essential government services are provided through one central government with one low level of taxation:

- **Police Protection:** Currituck County Sheriff's Office
- **Fire Protection:** Local Volunteer Fire Departments (Moyock, Knott's Island, Crawford, Lower Currituck, Corolla, Carova)
- **Emergency Medical Service:** Currituck County EMS
- **Planning & Zoning:** Currituck County Planning Department

Additional information can be found at [www.CurrituckGovernment.com](http://www.CurrituckGovernment.com)

## Our Schools

Currituck County enjoys a **competitive, progressive** school system with dedicated staff, board and administration. Currituck Schools routinely rank in the **top percentiles** in the region for student achievement, graduation rates and new facilities.

With six elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools, Currituck County Schools serve the education needs of **over 4,000 students**.

In 2008, Currituck County opened two new elementary schools in Jarvisburg and Shawboro. Our popular Early College Program, offered in partnership with College of the Albemarle, provides **post-secondary** education to qualifying high school students.

Local universities and colleges that serve Currituck County and the region include:

- College of the Albemarle
- Elizabeth City State University
- Old Dominion University
- Christopher Newport University
- College of William & Mary
- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Regent University

## Current County Commissioners

- O. Vance Aydlett, Chairman
- John Rorer, Vice Chairman
- J. Owen Etheridge
- S. Paul O'Neal
- H.M. "Butch" Petrey
- Marion Gilbert
- Paul Martin



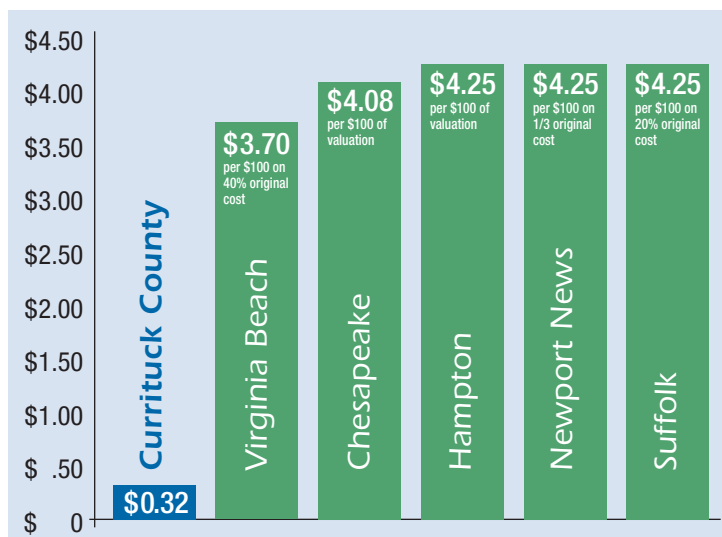


## Your Business Costs

Currity County has one of the **lowest local tax** burdens in both North Carolina and neighboring Virginia, providing an excellent incentive for new, expanding or relocating businesses.

Because we are fully unincorporated, all personal, business and real property is assessed at the same low rate:

**\$0.32** per \$100 of valuation



And our home state of North Carolina is regularly recognized as one of the most business-friendly in the nation, having repeatedly earned the distinction “**Number One Business Climate in the United States**” by Site Selection Magazine. The state’s 6.9 percent corporate income tax and low worker’s compensation costs underscore the North Carolina advantage.

## Your Workforce

The region’s **combined population of over two million**, its strong military presence, and numerous research centers and higher learning institutions, make for a **highly skilled, extremely versatile workforce**. And, as a right-to-work state with minimal unionization, North Carolina offers a highly flexible and cost-effective labor pool.

## Business Sites

The Currity County economic development office website [www.thinkcurrity.com](http://www.thinkcurrity.com) offers a continually updated listing of all available commercial properties. These include everything from premiere executive office suites to manufacturing and warehouse space.

## Your Incentives

Currity County offers new and existing businesses **vast resources for development and expansion**. From machinery and sales tax relief to custom workforce training programs and reimbursements, to grants to offset real property and personal property investments, we can design an incentive program tailored for your success.

Further, the Small Business Centers we have established at our universities and community colleges offer free technical guidance and financial application assistance. Statewide, the North Carolina Department of Commerce provides a number of economic development programs and policies, including:

- **Job Development Investment Grants – refund employees’ withholding taxes**
- **One North Carolina Fund – cash grant for investment and growth**
- **Machinery and Equipment Tax credits**
- **Sales and Use Tax relief**
- **Community Development Block Grants for infrastructure**
- **Community infrastructure and utility assistance**



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