Established in 1668 as precinct of Albemarle County, Currituck County is named for the Native American word "Coratank," which means wild geese. The city of Currituck serves as the county seat. Currituck County is the northeastern-most county of North Carolina and was one of the state's first colonial ports.

Other communities located in Currituck County include Coinjock, Corolla, Knotts Island, Sligo, and Tulls Creek.

Currituck County is home to the largest population of Banker ponies, which descend from Spanish mustangs. Historians believe the mustangs were brought to North Carolina in the 1500s on a Spanish expedition. The county is also home to the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and is an important vacation spot for sportsmen and outdoor admirers.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

**POPULATION:** 24,212  
**NC RANKING:** 74th  
*ranked HIGH to LOW out of 100 counties

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**MEDIAN AGE:** 42  
**RENT ≥ 30% INCOME:** 58%  
**FAMILIES HEADED BY A FEMALE:** 10%  
**PROJECTED 2025 POPULATION:** 24,202

### EDUCATION

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE:** 88%  
NC: 87% | US: 83%

**THIRD GRADERS READING AT GRADE LEVEL:** 38%  
NC: 73% | US: 68%

**STUDENT EXPENDITURE K-12:** $9,639  
**STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 38%  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGES & 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES:**

**College of the Albemarle's Regional Aviation and Technical Training Center**

### HEALTH

**PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS PER 10,000:** 3  
NC: 25 | US: 28

**DENTISTS PER 10,000:** 2  
**GROCERY STORES PER 10,000:** 2  
**CANCER INCIDENCE PER 10,000:** 41  
**HEART DISEASE DEATHS PER 10,000:** 21  
**UNINSURED ADULTS:** 18%  
**OBESITY:** 35%

### ECONOMY

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** $58,676  
**NC RANKING:** 3rd  
*ranked HIGHEST to LOWEST out of 100 counties

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LARGEST EMPLOYER: Currituck County Board of Education

 SOURCES: ¹ NC Health Data Explorer ² NCIOM ³ NC School Report Cards ⁴ NC Office of State Budget and Management ⁵ NC DPI Statistical Profile ⁶ State Per Pupil Expenditure 2016-17 | "About" information provided by the North Carolina History Project