

Newport, North Carolina

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Newport is a town in Carteret County, North Carolina, United States. The population was 4,510 at the 2010 census.^[3]

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History

Newport was officially chartered in 1866. Although the crossroads community on the Newport River was known by that name decades earlier, the area was also known as Bell's Corner and Shepardsville in earlier years. It was the location of the Newport Barracks, a Union camp during the American Civil War.

Early industry included agriculture, logging, and naval stores, including turpentine production. During the town's early history, the Newport River was navigable all the way to Old Topsail Inlet, now known as Beaufort Inlet, which opens to the Atlantic Ocean. The town was home to one of the earliest organized churches in Carteret County, the Newport River Primitive Baptist Church, established 1778. The structure was burned near the end of the Civil War but was soon rebuilt on Church Street and remains active today.

In 1858, the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad was completed when the final 96-mile (154 km) stretch of rail from Goldsboro through Newport to Beaufort was laid. The community is also the site of numerous Civil War battlefields, forts, and strategic locations. Newport was occupied by Union forces for much of the war.

Part of the town's residential area known as the "housing project" was originally developed as housing for civil service employees and military serving at nearby Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Newport, North Carolina	
Town	
Motto: "The town with old-fashioned courtesy"	
	
Location of Newport, North Carolina Coordinates: 34°47'16"N 76°52'00"W	
Country	United States
State	North Carolina
County	Carteret
Area	
• Total	7.7 sq mi (20.0 km2)
• Land	7.7 sq mi (19.9 km2)
• Water	0.08 sq mi (0.2 km2)
Elevation	20 ft (6 m)
Population (2010)	
• Total	4,150
• Density	541/sq mi (208.9/km2)
Time zone	Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)
• Summer (DST)	EDT (UTC-4)
ZIP code	28570
Area code(s)	252
FIPS code	37-46860[1]
GNIS feature ID	1013948[2]
Website	www.townofnewport.com (http://www.townofnewport.com)

Newport today

The town government operates as a council–manager form of government with a mayor, a town manager, and a five-member town council. The mayor of Newport, Derryl Garner, has served since 1978 and is active with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the Morehead City Ports Committee and numerous other civic and governmental organizations. David Heath, Chuck Shinn, Ken Davis, Steve Blizzard and Bena Weires serve on the town council. Members serve staggered terms.

The town is protected by a paid fire department with an active volunteer force, founded in the 1940s by Leon Mann, Jr. The department also provides emergency medical and ambulance services.

Public schools in Newport include Newport Elementary School and Newport Middle School. Newport Consolidated School, a first-through-12th-grade school established in 1926, was demolished in 1966 after the county completed construction of a new consolidated high school, West Carteret High in nearby Morehead City. Members of the Newport Consolidated School Alumni Association operate a small school museum in a depot warehouse owned by the North Carolina Railroad in Newport.

Geography

Newport is located in west-central Carteret County at 34°47′16″N 76°52′00″W﻿ / ﻿34.787705, -76.866585﻿ / 34.787705; -76.866585.^[4] U.S. Route 70, a four-lane highway, passes through the town west of the center; it leads southeast 10 miles (16 km) to Morehead City and north 7 miles (11 km) to Havelock. New Bern is 25 miles (40 km) to the north up US-70.

According to the United States Census Bureau, Newport has a total area of 7.7 square miles (20.0 km²), of which 7.7 square miles (19.9 km²) is land and 0.08 square miles (0.2 km²), or 0.85%, is water.^[3]

Demographics

As of the census^[1] of 2000, there were 3,349 people, 1,136 households, and 831 families residing in the town. The population density was 456.0 people per square mile (175.9/km²). There were 1,232 housing units at an average density of 167.7 per square mile (64.7/km²). The racial makeup of the town was 83.13% White, 11.94% African American, 0.63% Native American, 1.28% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 1.43% from other races, and 1.55% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 3.70% of the population.

There were 1,136 households out of which 36.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 58.8% were married couples living together, 10.4% had a female householder with no husband present, and 26.8% were non-families. 23.2% of all households were made up of individuals, and 7.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.58, and the average family size was 3.04.

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1870	121	—
1880	165	36.4%
1890	218	32.1%
1900	328	50.5%
1910	321	−2.1%
1920	404	25.9%
1930	481	19.1%
1940	480	−0.2%
1950	676	40.8%
1960	861	27.4%
1970	1,735	101.5%
1980	1,883	8.5%
1990	2,516	33.6%

In the town the population was spread out with 24.6% under the age of 18, 7.4% from 18 to 24, 32.5% from 25 to 44, 22.4% from 45 to 64, and 13.1% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 37 years. For every 100 females, there were 107.1 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 109.5 males.

1990	2,516	33.6%
2000	3,349	33.1%
2010	4,150	23.9%
Est. 2014	4,694 ^[5]	13.1%
U.S. Decennial Census ^[6]		

The median income for a household in the town was \$36,629, and the median income for a family was \$43,147. Males had a median income of \$30,408 versus \$17,063 for females. The per capita income for the town was \$14,260. About 6.6% of families and 10.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 12.8% of those under age 18 and 10.6% of those age 65 or over.

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External links

- Town of Newport official website (<http://www.townofnewport.com/>)

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