

North Carolina “Tar Heel State” “US-NC”

I. Basis-information:

Area of 139,397 square kilometers = 84.711 square miles (ca. 90% land)

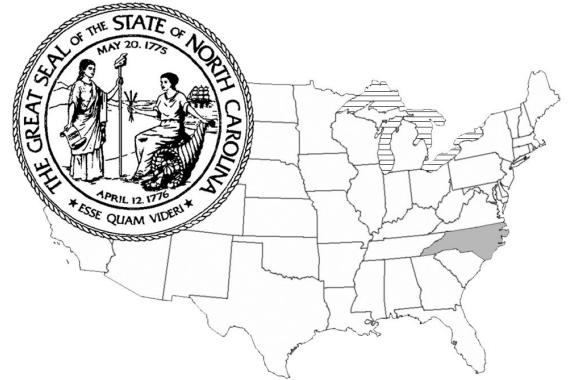
Capital: Raleigh

Population: 8,541,211 Blacks: 21.6% USA: 12.3% | natives: 1.2% USA: 0.9%

Median household income: \$39,184 USA: \$41,994 Germany: \$36,042

“Carolina”: “Carolus” latin for Charles (King Charles I of England)

“Tar Heel State”: Some soldiers fled from a battle and afterwards General Lee asked, whether there was any *tar** left in North Carolina (there was produced very much tar!) to glue them on their *heels* for the next fight (that they won’t be able to run away again).



II. History:

The first European came in 1524 to the swampland which later should be called North Carolina: Giovanni de Varrazano

Between 1580 and 1590 England tried to found kolonies (Sir Walter Raleigh and later John White), which didn’t last long.

In the 17th century immigrants from Virginia were able to found a settlement → It was part of an colony called Carolina.

The first city “Bath” is founded in 1705.

On the 21st of november in 1789 North Carolina became a State of the USA (number 12).

In the 1830s the Native Americans were forced by military troops to move westwards to build a buffer zone to European forces in the west and to give space to American settlers. 40% of the Cherokees Indians died, 1,000 could hide and were allowed to establish a “Government” in 1868 → “Trail of Tears”

Edward B. Dudley becomes the first governor of North Carolina who’s elected by the people.

In 1861 NC seceded from the United States and joined the Confederate States; they voted to undo the act which once made them am member of the US (they didn’t really *secede*) NC was reaccepted in 1868

40,000 North-Carolinians die in the Civil War

In 1866 Indian Henry Berry Lowrie tries a revolt and disappears mysteriously.

Rosa Parks refuses to leave her seat in 1955 (1st of December) in Alabama, Montgomery → Civil Rights Movement 1950s – 1960s

III. Economy:

Once upon a time North Carolina was known as a state with no progress and only farmers. When you beleave in the official websites, it’s now a center of industry and a factory for revolutionary ideas.

North Carolina is specialized in service, manufacturing and in agriculture. It’s the biggest tobacco (40% of USA’s tobacco, 50% of USA’s cigarettes), corn, cotton peanut and soy bean producer in the USA. Mineral resources are granite, some gold and silver and gravel*. The most important industry branch is the textile industry which produces both coton and new synthetic products. 60% of furniture made in USA is produced in North Carolina, but the finance branch is even more important; Charlotte is the second biggest finance center in the US.

IV. Celebrities:

President of the USA (“POTUS”): 7th Andrew Jackson in 1828, 11th James Polk in 1845, 17th Andrew Johnson in 1856 | the Wright brothers

See www.who2.com/state_northcarolina.html

V. good sources: www.ncgov.com www.visitnc.com

* Tar – Teer | Gravel - Schotter