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2025 Commercial Statistics

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November 2025

Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2020-2025

FINFISH	January – June (Pounds – rounded)					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Amberjacks ¹	54,171	64,263	64,505	65,267	111,384	155,067
Anglerfish (Monkfish & Monkfish livers)	25,653	19,624	11,481	9,416	12,759	7,564
Bluefish	631,509	568,499	269,921	1,073,335	764,917	727,022
Bonito	12,646	6,145	4,997	13,517	9,546	31,720
Butterfish	10,432	22,488	32,686	23,058	20,800	20,596
Carp	8,194	6,849	3,312	5,822	6,665	5,370
Catfishes	663,048	1,164,594	1,561,758	1,301,407	973,617	1,266,397
Cobia	16,159	11,851	11,538	15,376	19,886	10,678
Croaker, Atlantic	470,948	467,682	263,235	123,411	340,401	346,378
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	397,831	900,676	879,689	751,465	612,288	639,669
Dolphinfish	48,787	22,858	25,284	9,127	6,461	7,624
Drum, Black	19,035	55,765	47,184	87,044	108,843	112,083
Drum, Red	17,003	56,805	72,852	90,063	85,650	117,080
Eel, American	434	524	1,025	776	749	1,033
Flounder, Summer	912,846	1,123,341	1,223,635	1,431,162	1,390,875	1,265,495
Garfish	15,029	7,085	4,079	2,373	4,221	18,867
Grouper, Gag	35,012	23,252	21,990	23,421	29,287	30,776
Grouper, Red	1,133	1,543	884	1,360	1,751	2,717
Grouper, Scamp	8,083	5,930	5,246	4,085	8,413	9,840
Grouper, Snowy	48,600	55,803	40,175	30,949	50,105	40,379
Groupers, Other	6,493	9,692	5,610	5,842	10,313	8,154
Grunts	14,168	12,475	7,693	7,696	4,758	4,526
Hakes	1,899	2,193	2,021	1,407	2,329	1,790
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	30,527	89,492	73,233	54,723	39,123	85,699
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	4,110	4,580	5,256	3,730	5,632	6,910
Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner)	1,883	1,165	1,194	765	1,106	1,484
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	431	282	190	384	368	4,128
Mackerel, King	125,131	98,360	95,197	152,428	28,862	64,805
Mackerel, Spanish	497,620	474,301	484,094	266,827	291,353	324,315
Menhaden, Atlantic	435,823	283,725	344,014	388,231	254,819	273,954
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	285,107	392,438	404,650	428,715	345,932	235,303
Mullet, Striped	252,289	538,697	508,312	456,599	551,526	640,686
Perch, White	173,654	136,762	297,866	364,407	277,257	199,351
Perch, Yellow	5,894	6,805	10,295	6,078	12,238	13,204
Pigfish	2,695	5,426	4,483	2,909	1,474	1,632
Pinfish	255	*	10	*	31	*
Pompano	1,507	2,737	1,863	1,409	1,017	1,474
Porgies	14,106	14,165	10,722	5,640	6,095	6,813
Pufferfish	522	154	19	36	26	20
Scup	35,119	46,849	17,708	*	49,787	46,981
Sea Basses	210,967	186,517	125,110	85,488	179,294	256,849
Seatrout, Spotted	232,443	365,618	325,336	207,129	302,062	81,136
Shad, American	134,576	58,884	9,371	27,341	25,624	18,168

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Shad, Gizzard	229,970	173,857	122,647	138,939	59,153	40,602
Shad, Hickory	68,876	95,346	92,198	104,164	74,289	74,315
Sharks	368,352	266,813	292,138	334,729	222,200	125,716
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	47,044	28,827	12,664	55,129	72,344	129,184
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	1,500,853	131,383	54,076	6,147	158,667	*
Sheepshead	6,035	13,844	12,114	15,785	18,481	41,697
Skates	35,303	*	*	*	*	*
Skippers	7,195	8,150	7,655	6,838	7,443	7,697
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	94,353	65,853	66,204	83,215	57,858	41,320
Snappers, Other	12,473	15,593	28,713	26,463	11,890	8,282
Spadefish	7,438	9,553	6,637	2,949	2,159	2,849
Spot	57,084	56,827	79,821	47,511	63,008	42,754
Striped Bass	114,421	27,930	24,026	20,283	0	0
Swordfish	269,338	172,198	232,364	157,478	168,644	144,235
Tilefish, Blueline	35,794	52,029	40,717	51,669	64,569	68,640
Tilefish, Other	11,317	18,620	6,677	16,635	19,533	25,529
Triggerfish	56,410	29,284	34,229	33,214	21,042	16,216
Tuna, Bigeye	89,846	79,697	155,614	106,405	94,040	44,538
Tuna, Bluefin	371,371	270,159	272,764	266,934	203,088	511,507
Tuna, Yellowfin	271,770	254,691	263,607	152,298	217,424	243,276
Tunas, Other	16,367	9,320	11,095	21,545	13,846	13,507
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	119,642	34,800	72,688	39,076	30,267	27,306
Wahoo	4,953	3,543	2,222	3,252	2,630	2,013
Weakfish (Grey Trout)	39,799	29,603	22,510	31,104	44,144	40,742
Unclassified Fish for Food ³	31,676	26,084	28,002	82,153	56,509	62,954
Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait ³	31,326	23,815	43,751	35,802	31,388	65,198
TOTAL FINFISH	9,762,776	9,241,528	9,270,808	9,369,930	8,664,261	8,873,810
SHELLFISH						
Blue Crabs, Hard	5,606,541	3,145,321	2,754,800	2,602,041	4,819,841	5,466,454
Blue Crabs, Peeler	258,147	409,695	256,433	245,326	232,407	197,109
Blue Crabs, Soft	114,339	209,289	126,278	61,566	77,347	36,087
Clams, Hard (Meats)	37,809	40,353	42,012	37,721	39,914	56,167
Clams, Hard (Number)	1,964,435	2,160,863	2,199,015	2,027,091	2,109,441	2,600,584
Octopus	86	81	70	171	*	95
Oysters (Meats)	329,641	525,213	479,310	539,039	581,832	803,252
Oysters (<i>Bushels</i>)	62,314	99,284	90,607	101,898	109,987	151,843
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	*	0	*	15,985	0	*
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	76,666	8,318	*	*	*	*
Shrimp (Heads On) ²	3,081,464	2,632,642	640,762	602,156	1,234,389	468,083
Squid	12,645	19,605	11,041	4,464	2,800	7,108
Stone Crabs	3,074	4,631	3,677	6,398	4,856	3,653
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	18,009	47,029	70,699	49,868	36,125	18,498
Unclassified Shellfish	12,779	40,086	40,616	22,877	5,833	8,450
TOTAL SHELLFISH	9,551,200	7,082,264	4,425,699	4,187,610	7,035,343	7,064,957
GRAND TOTAL	19,313,976	16,323,792	13,696,508	13,557,541	15,699,603	15,938,767

¹ Includes species from genus *Seriola* (Greater Amberjack, Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish.)

² Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.

³ Prior to 2021 minnows were included in the Unclassified Fish for Food category but were moved to the Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait in this report.

* Units not shown to avoid disclosure of private enterprise. Quantities were included in the Unclassified Fish for Food or Unclassified Shellfish Categories.

NOTE: Landings collected by North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (October 2025).