

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES



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2024 Commercial Statistics

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December 2024

Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2024

FINFISH	January - June (Pounds - rounded)					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Amberjacks ¹	76,163	54,171	64,263	64,505	65,267	111,385
Anglerfish (Monkfish & Monkfish livers)	37,916	25,653	19,624	11,481	9,416	12,759
Bluefish	526,497	631,509	568,499	269,921	1,073,335	765,077
Bonito	12,368	12,646	6,145	4,997	13,515	9,693
Butterfish	30,619	10,432	22,488	32,686	23,058	20,802
Carp	32,125	8,194	6,849	3,312	5,822	6,665
Catfishes	763,031	663,048	1,164,594	1,561,758	1,301,407	973,379
Cobia	19,901	16,159	11,851	11,538	15,376	19,537
Croaker, Atlantic	1,214,880	470,948	467,682	263,235	123,410	340,383
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	210,198	397,831	900,676	879,689	751,465	612,288
Dolphinfish	198,310	48,787	22,858	25,284	9,127	6,412
Drum, Black	19,848	19,035	55,765	47,184	87,044	108,793
Drum, Red	28,786	17,003	56,805	72,852	90,063	85,638
Eel, American	2,178	434	524	1,025	776	754
Flounder, Southern	106,324	*	*	*	0	*
Flounder, Summer	1,258,138	912,846	1,123,341	1,223,635	1,431,162	1,390,772
Garfish	24,608	15,029	7,085	4,079	2,373	4,559
Grouper, Gag	66,857	35,012	23,252	21,990	23,421	28,775
Grouper, Red	11,621	1,133	1,543	884	1,360	1,750
Grouper, Scamp	17,747	8,083	5,930	5,246	4,085	8,413
Grouper, Snowy	78,250	48,600	55,803	40,175	30,949	49,982
Groupers, Other	13,352	6,492	9,692	5,610	5,842	10,899
Grunts	23,663	14,168	12,475	7,693	7,696	4,831
Hakes	2,067	1,899	2,193	2,021	1,407	2,318
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	55,934	30,527	89,492	73,233	54,723	39,123
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,500	4,110	4,580	5,256	3,730	5,619
Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner)	1,894	1,883	1,165	1,194	765	1,106
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	799	431	282	190	384	369
Mackerel, King	175,169	125,131	98,360	95,197	152,428	28,862
Mackerel, Spanish	357,278	497,620	474,301	484,094	266,827	291,364
Menhaden, Atlantic	405,683	435,823	283,725	344,014	388,230	178,042
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	393,249	285,107	392,438	404,650	428,715	345,923
Mullet, Striped	262,923	252,289	538,697	508,312	456,599	551,032
Perch, White	72,721	173,654	136,762	297,866	364,407	276,604
Perch, Yellow	6,160	5,894	6,805	10,295	6,078	12,242
Pigfish	2,278	2,695	5,426	4,483	2,909	1,486
Pinfish	343	254	*	10	*	31
Pompano	6,150	1,507	2,737	1,863	1,408	1,005
Porgies	23,632	14,106	14,165	10,722	5,640	6,095
Pufferfish	2,196	522	154	19	36	26
Scup	171,502	35,119	46,849	17,708	*	49,737
Sea Basses	262,785	210,967	186,517	125,110	85,488	179,294
Seatrout, Spotted	64,854	232,443	365,618	325,323	207,129	304,009

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FINFISH	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Shad, American	40,972	134,576	58,884	9,371	27,341	25,636
Shad, Gizzard	207,563	229,970	173,857	122,647	138,938	58,934
Shad, Hickory	111,716	68,876	95,346	92,198	104,164	74,291
Sharks	503,170	368,352	266,812	292,138	334,729	220,908
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	101,594	47,044	28,827	12,664	55,129	72,325
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	1,000,130	1,500,853	131,383	54,076	6,147	156,831
Sheepshead	21,227	6,034	13,844	12,114	15,785	18,481
Skates	64,839	35,303	*	*	*	*
Skippers	8,932	7,195	8,150	7,655	6,838	7,302
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	188,260	94,353	65,829	66,197	83,215	57,747
Snappers, Other	17,755	12,473	15,617	28,719	26,463	12,002
Spadefish	4,914	7,438	9,553	6,637	2,948	2,160
Spot	19,324	57,084	56,827	79,821	47,511	62,996
Striped Bass	130,992	114,420	27,930	24,026	20,282	0
Swordfish	249,433	269,338	172,198	232,364	157,478	168,644
Tilefish, Blueline	42,167	35,794	52,029	40,717	51,669	64,242
Tilefish, Other	12,094	11,317	18,620	6,677	16,635	19,517
Triggerfish	72,889	56,410	29,284	34,229	33,214	21,043
Tuna, Bigeye	54,988	89,846	79,697	155,614	106,405	93,982
Tuna, Bluefin	323,901	371,371	270,159	272,764	266,934	203,088
Tuna, Yellowfin	154,717	271,770	254,691	263,607	152,298	217,424
Tunas, Other	8,115	16,367	9,320	11,095	21,547	13,733
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	176,058	119,642	34,800	72,688	39,076	30,354
Wahoo	18,098	4,953	3,543	2,222	3,252	2,508
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	85,173	39,799	29,603	22,510	31,104	44,298
Unclassified Fish for Food	48,665	31,676	52,900	33,958	82,153	57,949
Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait ²	52,983	31,326	23,815	43,750	35,802	108,261
TOTAL FINFISH	10,769,162	9,762,776	9,241,528	9,270,795	9,369,929	8,662,491
SHELLFISH	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Blue Crabs, Hard	7,284,705	5,606,541	3,145,321	2,754,800	2,602,041	4,897,539
Blue Crabs, Peeler	401,122	258,147	409,695	256,433	245,326	232,145
Blue Crabs, Soft	172,311	114,339	209,289	126,278	61,566	76,658
Clams, Hard (Meats)	70,764	37,809	40,353	42,011	37,721	43,413
Clams, Hard (Number)	3,621,285	1,964,435	2,160,863	2,198,955	2,027,090	2,140,780
Octopus	178	86	80	70	170	*
Oysters (Meats)	361,521	329,641	525,213	479,310	539,039	665,606
Oysters (Bushels)	68,340	62,314	99,284	90,607	101,898	125,824
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	*	0	*	15,985	0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	126,445	76,666	8,318	*	*	*
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	1,211,922	3,081,464	2,632,642	640,759	602,156	1,233,114
Squid	16,826	12,645	19,605	11,041	4,464	2,800
Stone Crabs	2,990	3,074	4,631	3,677	6,398	4,854
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	37,867	18,009	47,029	70,699	49,868	36,005
Unclassified Shellfish	44,335	12,780	40,086	40,616	22,877	6,450
TOTAL SHELLFISH	9,730,986	9,551,200	7,082,264	4,425,694	4,187,610	7,198,583
GRAND TOTAL	20,500,148	19,313,976	16,323,792	13,696,490	13,557,540	15,861,074

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

² 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.

³ Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.

* 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 (November 2024).