



# Semiannual Fisheries Bulletin

## 2019 Commercial Statistics

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October 2019

### Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2014-2019

FINFISH	January – June (Pounds – rounded)					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Amberjacks <sup>1</sup>	80,304	77,615	74,828	58,919	63,247	76,163
Anglerfish (Monkfish and Monklivers)	62,244	99,957	48,963	51,739	40,205	38,294
Bluefish	1,514,841	472,082	803,087	1,119,042	470,193	526,414
Bonito	6,468	18,467	8,274	9,391	12,311	12,421
Butterfish	18,992	35,257	24,085	31,680	23,861	30,594
Carp	15,363	35,271	22,605	14,819	17,265	32,125
Catfishes	308,317	474,148	587,375	705,211	722,707	760,570
Cobia	20,686	18,697	18,578	17,633	17,695	19,901
Croaker, Atlantic	2,054,885	1,576,129	1,662,982	869,326	1,574,302	1,214,347
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	132,155	166,469	1,135	41,751	25,055	210,198
Dolphinfish	405,221	320,371	334,863	189,255	128,922	198,490
Drum, Black	6,289	24,596	14,818	43,362	41,121	19,848
Drum, Red	22	39,838	20,957	34,186	53,458	28,760
Eel, American	1,824	2,723	2,234	4,393	2,336	2,178
Flounder, Southern	123,370	130,299	93,560	130,169	74,026	104,450
Flounder, Summer	2,410,119	2,323,303	1,875,669	1,181,768	1,385,287	1,258,138
Flounders, Other	2,638	964	1,209	*	*	*
Garfish	4,378	35,679	12,586	19,641	12,623	24,608
Grouper, Gag	41,529	41,346	33,419	25,497	33,488	66,857
Grouper, Red	28,008	22,772	9,477	8,326	6,596	11,621
Grouper, Scamp	21,654	24,080	22,559	15,957	20,352	17,747
Grouper, Snowy	23,155	22,431	70,403	65,044	70,100	78,250
Groupers, Other	6,336	3,594	6,269	4,775	5,211	13,352
Grunts	14,411	13,870	16,574	16,863	14,032	23,663
Hakes	622	1,262	2,635	2,506	974	2,029
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	89,348	114,842	96,956	36,472	73,485	55,934
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback)	1,139	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	4,971	3,866	3,206	5,069	3,161	7,500
Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner)	1,136	448	2,040	833	316	1,894
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	555	1,338	160	629	1,418	799
Mackerel, King	97,663	32,296	55,875	137,602	91,191	175,162
Mackerel, Spanish	137,529	187,252	223,015	248,664	253,065	357,196
Menhaden, Atlantic	598,911	563,103	271,290	532,323	420,335	404,918
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	227,647	369,306	279,129	356,193	227,466	391,781
Mullet, Striped	206,085	235,458	203,490	189,321	238,572	263,604
Perch, White	149,389	121,004	201,119	159,796	118,547	72,721
Perch, Yellow	64,326	40,574	27,462	15,562	12,298	6,160
Pigfish	8,853	6,253	2,164	2,450	2,780	2,278
Pinfish	7	34	193	79	207	340
Pompano	1,128	1,266	4,408	1,166	1,890	6,138
Porgies	44,952	20,235	12,483	22,055	22,591	23,633
Pufferfish	189	807	1,453	1,955	261	2,221
Scup	145,917	210,156	99,632	165,567	64,138	171,505
Sea Basses	391,715	382,873	321,340	376,126	334,513	262,778
Seatrout, Spotted	67,989	87,530	54,006	97,732	15,389	64,845

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Shad, American	191,302	95,966	62,245	90,868	52,167	40,903
Shad, Gizzard	84,995	53,564	83,994	121,783	209,605	207,127
Shad, Hickory	110,280	149,336	96,121	73,627	75,402	111,714
Sharks	683,740	359,330	457,610	559,296	433,412	503,362
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	455,409	209,485	132,247	152,938	198,810	101,594
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	4,558,556	4,247,173	2,243,146	390,805	755,015	1,000,130
Sheepshead	15,152	20,398	19,344	14,455	11,146	21,194
Skates	16,925	43,216	23,650	39,454	32,527	63,659
Skippers	15,315	10,166	9,002	9,147	11,937	8,932
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	101,450	75,045	124,373	105,757	105,130	188,243
Snappers, Other	2,676	4,118	4,996	2,157	7,262	17,757
Spadefish	13,121	6,310	8,377	7,969	4,807	4,914
Spot	123,811	30,769	10,457	29,422	42,015	19,273
Striped Bass	72,118	110,408	124,712	84,076	94,841	130,343
Swordfish	555,153	436,592	346,005	291,170	332,961	250,986
Tilefish, Blueline	71,711	23,607	15,793	41,943	32,282	42,167
Tilefish, Other	13,261	7,320	16,973	29,661	11,387	12,094
Triggerfish	116,492	81,324	59,388	53,134	82,275	73,232
Tuna, Bigeye	80,283	93,504	57,080	41,052	62,330	56,644
Tuna, Bluefin	80,178	85,145	154,123	303,781	200,423	323,901
Tuna, Yellowfin	311,926	259,715	249,162	509,674	329,979	157,315
Tunas, Other	125,874	110,225	80,437	52,705	38,120	8,113
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	92,881	31,646	53,461	88,374	56,799	171,401
Wahoo	7,312	8,429	9,527	14,546	9,642	18,098
Weakfish (Grey Trout)	37,761	24,646	34,139	34,507	13,602	85,097
Unclassified Fish for Food	64,958	86,975	60,241	54,620	58,819	57,361
Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait	21,753	31,873	16,238	72,085	50,740	45,085
<b>TOTAL FINFISH</b>	<b>17,567,667</b>	<b>15,056,144</b>	<b>12,181,404</b>	<b>10,279,854</b>	<b>10,010,422</b>	<b>10,763,059</b>
<b>SHELLFISH</b>						
Blue Crabs, Hard	6,962,629	7,631,624	8,341,899	8,084,106	5,952,576	7,113,714
Blue Crabs, Peeler	515,197	578,897	362,986	717,005	327,837	657,653
Blue Crabs, Soft	332,286	327,819	263,320	407,962	225,796	171,255
Clams, Hard (Meats)	224,555	214,360	191,534	152,208	130,891	70,842
Clams, Hard (Number)	11,691,611	10,896,705	9,868,865	7,971,372	6,902,125	3,625,175
Octopus	86	*	146	124	123	178
Oysters (Meats)	327,260	267,056	327,808	407,919	329,954	366,775
Oysters ( <i>Bushels</i> )	61,864	50,483	61,967	77,111	62,373	69,334
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	15,830	105,566	116,287	92,827	55,331	126,019
Shrimp (Heads On) <sup>2</sup>	338,650	351,542	770,523	2,281,795	318,264	1,211,908
Squid	9,283	15,462	31,945	18,406	25,173	16,726
Stone Crabs	2,759	2,911	4,289	3,658	2,918	2,990
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	43,456	59,334	70,475	47,820	48,890	37,268
Unclassified Shellfish	71,681	79,299	92,489	81,175	35,255	44,309
<b>TOTAL SHELLFISH</b>	<b>8,843,671</b>	<b>9,633,868</b>	<b>10,573,700</b>	<b>12,295,004</b>	<b>7,453,007</b>	<b>9,819,637</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>26,411,338</b>	<b>24,690,011</b>	<b>22,755,105</b>	<b>22,574,858</b>	<b>17,463,429</b>	<b>20,582,695</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

NA: River Herring fisheries under moratoria

NOTE: Landings collected by North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (October 2019).