

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES



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Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2015-2020

FINFISH	January – June (Pounds – rounded)					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Amberjacks ¹	77,615	74,828	58,919	63,247	76,163	55,299
Anglerfish (Monkfish & Monkfish livers)	99,957	48,963	51,739	40,205	38,294	25,413
Bluefish	472,082	803,087	1,119,042	470,193	526,425	631,532
Bonito	18,467	8,274	9,391	12,311	12,368	12,648
Butterfish	35,257	24,085	31,680	23,861	30,619	10,432
Carp	35,271	22,605	14,819	17,265	32,125	8,194
Catfishes	474,148	587,375	705,211	722,707	760,570	663,047
Cobia	18,697	18,578	17,633	17,695	19,901	16,088
Croaker, Atlantic	1,576,129	1,662,982	869,326	1,574,302	1,214,389	470,906
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	166,469	1,135	41,751	25,055	210,198	397,831
Dolphinfish	320,371	334,863	189,255	128,922	198,310	48,904
Drum, Black	24,596	14,818	43,362	41,121	19,848	19,035
Drum, Red	39,838	20,957	34,186	53,458	28,760	17,003
Eel, American	2,723	2,234	4,393	2,336	2,178	434
Flounder, Southern	130,299	93,560	130,169	74,241	106,160	*
Flounder, Summer	2,323,303	1,875,669	1,181,768	1,385,287	1,258,138	896,900
Flounders, Other	964	1,209	*	*	*	*
Garfish	35,679	12,586	19,641	12,623	24,608	15,032
Grouper, Gag	41,346	33,419	25,497	33,488	66,857	34,254
Grouper, Red	22,772	9,477	8,326	6,596	11,621	1,133
Grouper, Scamp	24,080	22,559	15,957	20,352	17,747	8,057
Grouper, Snowy	22,431	70,403	65,044	70,100	78,250	48,399
Groupers, Other	3,594	6,269	4,775	5,211	13,352	7,308
Grunts	13,870	16,574	16,863	14,032	23,663	14,152
Hakes	1,262	2,635	2,506	974	2,067	1,899
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	114,842	96,956	36,472	73,485	55,934	31,116
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	3,866	3,206	5,069	3,161	7,500	4,110
Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner)	448	2,040	833	316	1,894	1,884
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	1,338	160	629	1,418	799	431
Mackerel, King	32,296	55,875	137,602	91,191	175,169	125,123
Mackerel, Spanish	187,252	223,015	248,664	253,065	357,276	497,660
Menhaden, Atlantic	563,143	271,290	532,323	420,421	405,683	433,241
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	369,306	279,129	356,193	227,466	392,877	284,957
Mullet, Striped	235,458	203,490	189,321	238,572	262,913	252,147
Perch, White	121,004	201,119	159,796	118,547	72,721	173,666
Perch, Yellow	40,574	27,462	15,562	12,298	6,160	5,878
Pigfish	6,253	2,164	2,450	2,780	2,278	2,842
Pinfish	34	193	79	207	343	255
Pompano	1,266	4,408	1,166	1,890	6,150	1,507
Porgies	20,235	12,483	22,055	22,591	23,632	14,097
Pufferfish	807	1,453	1,955	261	2,197	522
Scup	210,156	99,632	165,567	64,138	171,502	35,123
Sea Basses	382,873	321,340	376,126	334,513	262,785	205,275
Seatrout, Spotted	87,530	54,006	97,732	15,389	64,847	232,409
Shad, American	95,926	62,245	90,868	52,081	40,972	134,552

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Shad, Gizzard	53,564	83,994	121,783	209,605	207,127	229,970
Shad, Hickory	149,336	96,121	73,627	75,402	111,716	68,704
Sharks	359,330	457,610	559,296	433,412	503,170	368,027
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	209,485	132,247	152,938	198,810	101,594	50,402
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	4,247,173	2,243,146	390,805	755,015	1,000,130	1,536,894
Sheepshead	20,398	19,344	14,455	11,240	21,215	5,907
Skates	43,216	23,650	39,454	32,527	64,839	35,303
Skippers	10,166	9,002	9,147	11,937	8,932	7,192
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	75,045	124,373	105,757	105,130	188,260	94,349
Snappers, Other	4,118	4,996	2,157	7,262	17,752	12,454
Spadefish	6,310	8,377	7,969	4,807	4,914	7,488
Spot	30,769	10,457	29,422	42,015	19,324	57,076
Striped Bass	110,408	124,712	84,076	94,841	130,253	114,941
Swordfish	436,592	346,005	291,170	332,961	249,433	281,279
Tilefish, Blueline	23,607	15,793	41,943	32,282	42,167	35,685
Tilefish, Other	7,320	16,973	29,661	11,387	12,094	11,311
Triggerfish	81,324	59,388	53,134	82,275	72,889	56,410
Tuna, Bigeye	93,504	57,080	41,052	62,330	54,988	96,893
Tuna, Bluefin	85,145	154,123	303,781	200,423	323,901	371,371
Tuna, Yellowfin	259,715	249,162	509,674	329,979	154,717	277,815
Tunas, Other	110,225	80,437	52,705	38,120	8,115	17,205
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	31,646	53,461	88,374	56,799	176,058	119,928
Wahoo	8,429	9,527	14,546	9,642	18,098	4,950
Weakfish (Grey Trout)	24,646	34,139	34,507	13,602	85,146	43,387
Unclassified Fish for Food	86,975	60,241	54,620	58,819	57,332	36,373
Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait	31,873	16,238	72,085	50,740	44,320	28,155
TOTAL FINFISH	15,056,144	12,181,404	10,279,854	10,010,732	10,764,721	9,810,164
SHELLFISH						
Blue Crabs, Hard	7,631,624	8,341,899	8,084,106	5,952,576	7,284,441	5,478,549
Blue Crabs, Peeler	578,897	362,986	717,005	327,837	401,108	259,881
Blue Crabs, Soft	327,819	263,320	407,962	225,796	172,311	113,080
Clams, Hard (Meats)	214,360	191,534	152,208	130,891	70,840	39,919
Clams, Hard (Number)	10,896,705	9,868,865	7,971,372	6,902,125	3,625,100	2,093,029
Octopus	*	146	124	123	178	86
Oysters (Meats)	267,056	327,808	407,919	330,001	361,521	339,601
Oysters (<i>Bushels</i>)	50,483	61,967	77,111	62,382	68,340	64,197
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	105,566	116,287	92,827	55,331	126,445	76,722
Shrimp (Heads On) ²	351,542	770,523	2,281,795	318,264	1,211,922	3,043,808
Squid	15,462	31,945	18,406	25,173	16,826	12,602
Stone Crabs	2,911	4,289	3,658	2,918	2,990	3,074
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	59,334	70,475	47,820	48,890	37,266	17,855
Unclassified Shellfish	79,297	92,489	81,175	35,255	44,338	12,529
TOTAL SHELLFISH	9,633,868	10,573,700	12,295,004	7,453,054	9,730,186	9,397,705
GRAND TOTAL	24,690,011	22,755,105	22,574,858	17,463,786	20,494,908	19,207,869

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

² 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 (October 2020).