



# Semiannual Fisheries Bulletin

## 2022 Commercial Statistics

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November 2022

### Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2017-2022

FINFISH	January – June (Pounds – rounded)					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Amberjacks <sup>1</sup>	58,948	63,247	76,163	54,171	64,263	64,470
Anglerfish (Monkfish & Monkfish livers)	51,791	40,205	38,294	25,653	19,736	11,476
Bluefish	1,119,042	470,193	526,497	631,509	568,499	269,427
Bonito	9,391	12,311	12,368	12,646	6,145	4,997
Butterfish	31,680	23,861	30,619	10,432	22,488	32,028
Carp	14,819	17,265	32,125	8,194	6,849	3,312
Catfishes	705,211	722,707	763,031	663,048	1,164,594	1,558,939
Cobia	17,633	17,695	19,901	16,159	11,851	11,495
Croaker, Atlantic	869,373	1,574,302	1,214,880	470,948	467,683	263,266
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	41,751	25,055	210,198	397,831	900,620	879,398
Dolphinfish	189,255	128,922	198,310	48,787	22,858	25,500
Drum, Black	43,362	41,121	19,848	19,035	55,765	45,836
Drum, Red	34,186	53,458	28,786	17,003	56,805	72,803
Eel, American	4,393	2,336	2,178	434	524	1,025
Flounder, Southern	130,183	74,241	106,324	*	*	*
Flounder, Summer	1,191,430	1,385,287	1,258,138	912,846	1,123,341	1,260,594
Flounders, Other	*	*	*	*	*	*
Garfish	19,641	12,623	24,608	15,029	7,085	4,079
Grouper, Gag	25,497	33,488	66,857	35,012	23,252	21,990
Grouper, Red	8,326	6,596	11,621	1,133	1,543	884
Grouper, Scamp	15,957	20,352	17,747	8,083	5,930	5,246
Grouper, Snowy	65,044	70,100	78,250	48,600	55,831	40,168
Groupers, Other	4,775	5,211	13,352	6,493	9,692	8,082
Grunts	16,871	14,032	23,663	14,168	12,475	7,715
Hakes	2,506	974	2,067	1,899	2,193	2,039
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	36,472	73,485	55,934	30,527	89,492	73,202
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	5,069	3,161	7,500	4,110	4,580	5,256
Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner)	833	316	1,894	1,883	1,165	2,075
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	629	1,418	799	431	282	190
Mackerel, King	137,608	91,191	175,169	125,131	98,360	90,045
Mackerel, Spanish	248,664	253,065	357,278	497,620	474,301	483,669
Menhaden, Atlantic	532,323	420,421	405,683	435,823	283,725	334,880
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	356,193	227,466	392,881	284,955	392,438	404,601
Mullet, Striped	189,321	238,572	262,913	252,289	538,697	507,743
Perch, White	159,796	118,547	72,721	173,654	136,761	297,216
Perch, Yellow	15,562	12,298	6,160	5,894	6,805	10,285
Pigfish	2,465	2,780	2,278	2,695	5,426	4,483
Pinfish	79	207	343	255	*	10
Pompano	1,166	1,890	6,150	1,507	2,737	1,863
Porgies	22,057	22,591	23,632	14,106	14,165	10,702
Pufferfish	1,955	261	2,197	522	154	19
Scup	165,567	64,138	171,502	35,119	46,849	17,933
Sea Basses	376,302	334,513	262,785	210,967	186,517	135,110
Seatrout, Spotted	97,732	15,389	64,854	232,443	365,618	325,246
Shad, American	90,868	52,081	40,972	134,576	58,884	9,371

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Shad, Gizzard	121,783	209,605	207,563	229,970	173,857	121,997
Shad, Hickory	73,627	75,402	111,716	68,876	95,346	92,244
Sharks	559,296	433,412	503,170	368,352	266,813	289,919
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	152,938	198,810	101,594	47,044	28,827	12,635
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	390,805	755,015	1,000,130	1,500,853	131,383	54,076
Sheepshead	14,455	11,240	21,227	6,035	13,844	12,043
Skates	39,454	32,527	64,839	35,303	*	*
Skippers	9,147	11,937	8,932	7,195	8,150	7,655
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	105,757	105,130	188,260	94,353	65,829	66,197
Snappers, Other	2,157	7,262	17,755	12,473	15,617	28,715
Spadefish	7,969	4,807	4,914	7,527	9,567	6,751
Spot	29,685	42,015	19,324	57,084	56,827	79,815
Striped Bass	84,076	94,841	130,992	114,421	27,930	24,476
Swordfish	291,170	332,961	249,433	269,338	172,089	241,162
Tilefish, Blueline	41,943	32,282	42,167	35,794	52,029	40,633
Tilefish, Other	29,661	11,387	12,094	11,317	18,620	6,692
Triggerfish	53,137	82,275	72,889	56,410	29,284	34,230
Tuna, Bigeye	41,052	62,330	54,988	89,846	79,697	168,540
Tuna, Bluefin	303,781	200,423	323,901	371,371	270,159	276,346
Tuna, Yellowfin	509,674	329,979	154,717	271,770	257,596	267,707
Tunas, Other	52,705	38,120	8,115	16,367	9,320	11,286
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	88,374	56,799	176,058	119,642	34,800	72,497
Wahoo	14,546	9,642	18,098	4,953	3,543	2,200
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	34,507	13,602	85,173	39,799	29,603	22,434
Unclassified Fish for Food <sup>2</sup>	46,091	48,944	48,665	31,587	52,968	34,470
Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait <sup>2</sup>	80,614	60,615	52,983	31,326	23,815	51,854
<b>TOTAL FINFISH</b>	<b>10,290,132</b>	<b>10,010,732</b>	<b>10,769,162</b>	<b>9,762,624</b>	<b>9,244,491</b>	<b>9,335,239</b>
<b>SHELLFISH</b>						
Blue Crabs, Hard	8,084,106	5,952,576	7,284,705	5,606,541	3,147,184	2,677,513
Blue Crabs, Peeler	717,038	327,855	401,122	258,147	409,695	268,268
Blue Crabs, Soft	407,962	225,796	172,311	114,339	209,288	126,506
Clams, Hard (Meats)	152,208	130,891	70,840	37,835	40,387	62,405
Clams, Hard (Number)	7,971,372	6,902,125	3,625,100	1,965,720	2,162,538	3,194,561
Octopus	124	123	178	86	81	70
Oysters (Meats)	414,315	322,777	361,521	329,641	525,266	525,084
Oysters (Bushels)	78,320	61,016	68,340	62,314	99,294	99,260
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	92,827	55,331	126,445	76,666	8,318	*
Shrimp (Heads On) <sup>3</sup>	2,281,795	318,464	1,211,922	3,043,672	2,632,642	634,759
Squid	18,406	25,173	16,826	12,645	19,605	10,974
Stone Crabs	3,658	2,918	2,990	3,074	4,631	3,677
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	47,820	48,890	37,267	17,855	47,353	70,377
Unclassified Shellfish	81,175	35,255	44,338	12,779	40,086	40,530
<b>TOTAL SHELLFISH</b>	<b>12,301,433</b>	<b>7,446,048</b>	<b>9,730,465</b>	<b>9,513,279</b>	<b>7,084,536</b>	<b>4,420,163</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22,591,565</b>	<b>17,456,780</b>	<b>20,499,628</b>	<b>19,275,904</b>	<b>16,329,027</b>	<b>13,755,403</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</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.

NOTE: Landings collected by North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (November 2022).