



North Carolina Vital Statistics

Area

Total: 53,819 square miles (28th largest)

Land: 48,618 square miles

Water: 5,201 square miles

Coast: 301 miles

Shoreline: 3,365 miles

Distances

East-West length: 560 miles, greater than any state east of the Mississippi River

North-South length: 170 miles

Location

Latitude: Between 33°50' and 36°35' north latitude

Longitude: Between 75°28' and 84°19' west latitude

Bordering states: Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina

Geographic center: Chatham County, 10 miles northwest of Sanford

Elevation

Average elevation: About 700 feet

Highest point: Mount Mitchell, 6,684 feet (16th)

Lowest point: Atlantic coast, sea level (3rd)

Temperatures

Highest: 110°F, August 21, 1983, at Fayetteville

Lowest: -34°F, January 21, 1985, on Mount Mitchell

Counties

Number of counties: 100

Largest county in land area: Robeson County, 949 square miles

Smallest county in land area: Chowan County, 173 square miles

Most populous county (2010 Census): Mecklenburg County, 919,628

Least populous county (2010 Census): Tyrrell County, 4,407

State Facts

Time zone: Eastern time zone

Population (2010 Census): 9,535,483

Admitted to Union: November 21, 1789

Motto: Esse Quam Videri (“To be rather than to seem”)

Nicknames: The Old North State, the Tar Heel State

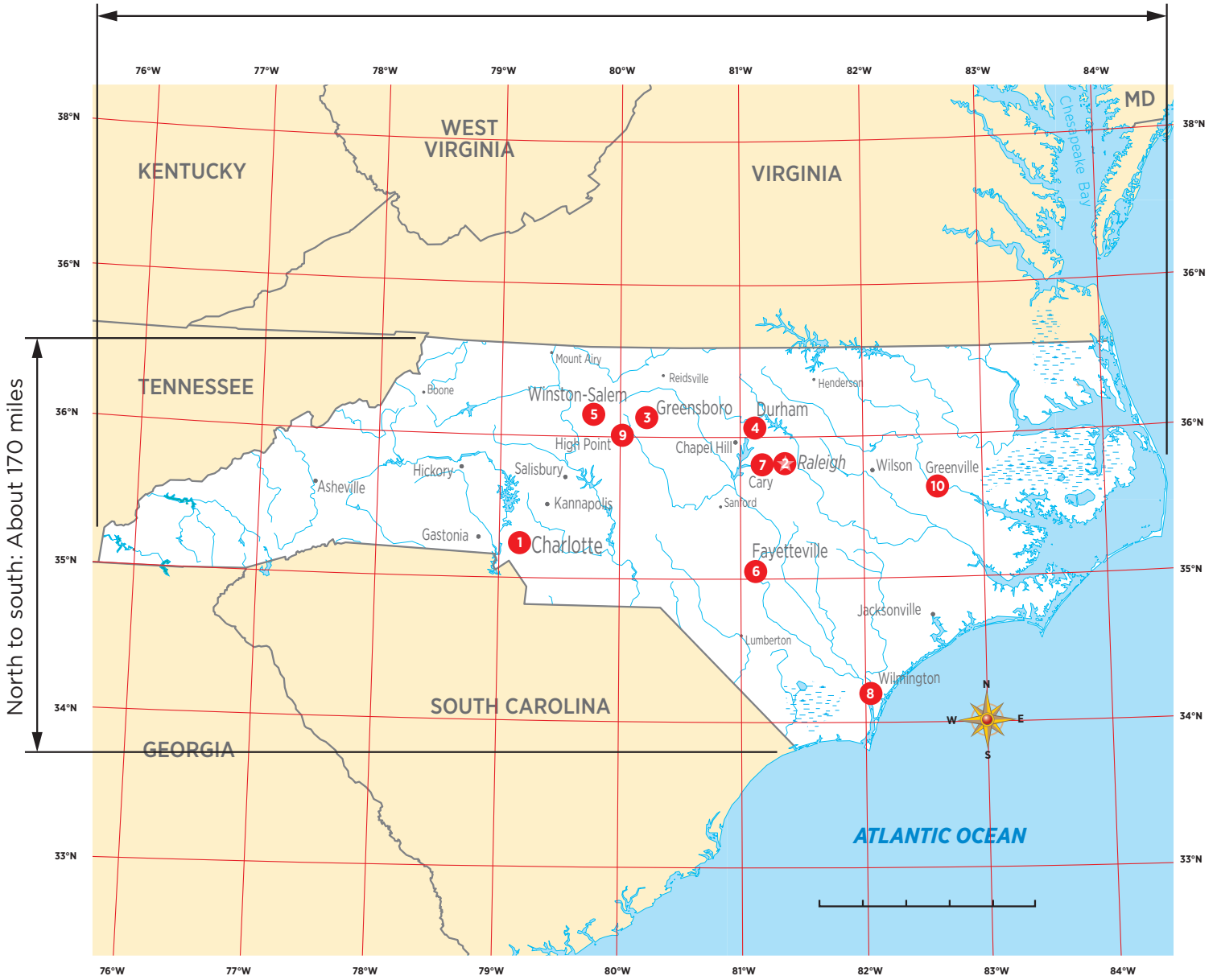
State song: “The Old North State”

Capital: Raleigh

Largest cities (2014): Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Cary, Wilmington, High Point, Greenville

Oldest town: Bath

East to west: About 560 miles



= City's Population Rank

Appendix



North Carolina State Symbols



Berries: Strawberry (red berry) (2001)
Blueberry (blue berry) (2001)



Bird: Cardinal (1943)



Beverage: Milk (1987)



Boat: Shad boat (1987)



Butterfly: Eastern tiger swallowtail (2012)



Carnivorous plant: Venus flytrap (2005)



Christmas tree: Fraser fir (2005)



Dog: Plott hound (1989)



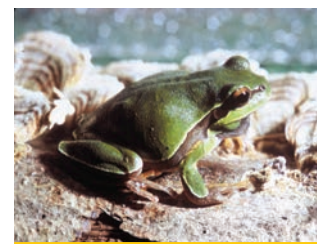
Flower: Dogwood (1941)



Folk dance: Clogging (2005)



Freshwater trout: Southern Appalachian brook trout (2005)



Frog: Pine Barrens tree frog (2013)



Fruit: Scuppernong grape (2001)



Insect: Honeybee (1973)



Horse: Colonial Spanish mustang (2010)



Mammal: Gray squirrel (1969)



Marsupial: Virginia opossum (2013)



Mineral: Gold (2011)



Popular dance: The Shag (2005)



Reptile: Eastern box turtle (1979)



Rock: Granite (1979)



Saltwater fish: Channel bass (1971)



Shell: Scotch bonnet (1965)



Stone: Emerald (1973)



Tree: Pine (1963)



Vegetable: Sweet potato (1995)



Wildflower: Carolina lily (2003)

Appendix



North Carolina Governors

Proprietorship

Governor	Term of Office
William Drummond	1664-1667
Samuel Stephens	1667-1669
Peter Carteret	1670-1672
John Jenkins	1672-1675
Thomas Eastchurch	1675-1676
John Jenkins	1676-1677
Thomas Miller	1677
John Harvey	1679
Henry Wilkinson	1680
John Jenkins	1680-1681
Seth Sothel	1682-1689
John Archdale	1683-1686
John Gibbs	1689-1690
Philip Ludwell	1690-1691
Thomas Jarvis	1690-1694
Philip Ludwell	1693-1695
Thomas Harvey	1694-1699
John Archdale	1695, 1697
Henderson Walker	1699-1703
Robert Daniel	1703-1705
Thomas Cary	1705-1711
William Glover	1706-1710
Edward Hyde	1711-1712
Thomas Pollock	1712-1714
Charles Eden	1714-1722
Thomas Pollock	1722
William Reed	1722-1724
George Burrington	1724-1725
Richard Everard	1725-1731

Royal Governors

Governor	Term of Office
George Burrington	1731-1734
Nathaniel Rice	1734
Gabriel Johnston	1734-1752
Nathaniel Rice	1752-1753
Matthew Rowan	1753-1754
Arthur Dobbs	1754-1764
William Tryon	1765-1771
James Hasell	1771
Josiah Martin	1771-1775

State Period

Governor	Political Party	Term of Office
Richard Caswell		1776-1780
Abner Nash		1780-1781
Thomas Burke		1781-1782
Alexander Martin		1782-1785
Richard Caswell		1785-1787
Samuel Johnston	Federalist	1787-1789
Alexander Martin	Federalist	1789-1792
Richard Dobbs Spaight Sr.	Antifederalist	1792-1795
Samuel Ashe	Antifederalist	1795-1798
William Davidson Davie	Federalist	1798-1799
Benjamin Williams	Federalist	1799-1802
James Turner	Democratic-Republican	1802-1805
Nathaniel Alexander	Democratic-Republican	1805-1807
Benjamin Williams	Democratic-Republican	1807-1808
David Stone	Democratic-Republican	1808-1810
Benjamin Smith	Democratic-Republican	1810-1811
William Hawkins	Democratic-Republican	1811-1814
William Miller	Democratic-Republican	1814-1817
John Branch	Democratic-Republican	1817-1820
Jesse Franklin	Democratic-Republican	1820-1821
Gabriel Holmes	Democratic-Republican	1821-1824
Hutchins Gordon Burton		1824-1827
James Iredell Jr.	Democratic-Republican	1827-1828
John Owen	Democratic	1828-1830
Montford Stokes	Democratic	1830-1832
David Lowry Swain	National Republican	1832-1835
Richard Dobbs Spaight Jr.	Democratic	1835-1836
Edward Bishop Dudley	Whig	1836-1841
John Motley Morehead	Whig	1841-1845
William Alexander Graham	Whig	1845-1849

Charles Manly	Whig	1849-1851
David Settle Reid	Democratic	1851-1854
Warren Winslow	Democratic	1854-1855
Thomas Bragg	Democratic	1855-1859
John Willis Ellis	Democratic	1859-1861
Henry Toole Clark	Democratic	1861-1862
Zebulon Baird Vance	Conservative	1862-1865
William Woods Holden	National Union	1865
Jonathan Worth	Conservative	1865-1868
William Woods Holden	Republican	1868-1870
Tod Robinson Caldwell	Republican	1870-1874
Curtis Hooks Brogden	Republican	1874-1877
Zebulon Baird Vance	Democratic	1877-1879
Thomas Jordan Jarvis	Democratic	1879-1885
Alfred Moore Scales	Democratic	1885-1889
Daniel Gould Fowle	Democratic	1889-1891
Thomas Michael Holt	Democratic	1891-1893
Elias Carr	Democratic	1893-1897
Daniel Lindsay Russell	Republican	1897-1901
Charles Brantley Aycock	Democratic	1901-1905
Robert Broadnax Glenn	Democratic	1905-1909
William Walton Kitchin	Democratic	1909-1913
Locke Craig	Democratic	1913-1917
Thomas Walter Bickett	Democratic	1917-1921
Cameron Morrison	Democratic	1921-1925
Angus Wilton McLean	Democratic	1925-1929
O. Max Gardner	Democratic	1929-1933
John C. B. Ehringhaus	Democratic	1933-1937
Clyde Roark Hoey	Democratic	1937-1941
Joseph Melville Broughton	Democratic	1941-1945
Robert Gregg Cherry	Democratic	1945-1949
W. Kerr Scott	Democratic	1949-1953
William Bradley Umstead	Democratic	1953-1954
Luther Hartwell Hodges	Democratic	1954-1961
Terry Sanford	Democratic	1961-1965
Dan Killian Moore	Democratic	1965-1969
Robert Walter Scott	Democratic	1969-1973
James Eubert Holshouser Jr.	Republican	1973-1977
James Baxter Hunt Jr.	Democratic	1977-1985
James Grubbs Martin	Republican	1985-1993
James Baxter Hunt Jr.	Democratic	1993-2001
Michael F. Easley	Democratic	2001-2009
Beverly Eaves Perdue	Democratic	2009-2013
Patrick Lloyd McCrory	Republican	2013-

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IV

North Carolina Counties

County	2010 Population	Date Founded	County Seat	Named For
Alamance	151,131	1849	Graham	Battle of Alamance Creek
Alexander	37,198	1847	Taylorsville	William Julius Alexander
Alleghany	11,155	1859	Sparta	Allegewi Indian word
Anson	26,948	1750	Wadesboro	George, Lord Anson
Ashe	27,281	1799	Jefferson	Samuel Ashe
Avery	17,797	1911	Newland	Waightstill Avery
Beaufort	47,759	1712	Washington	Henry Somerset IV, Duke of Beaufort
Bertie	21,282	1722	Windsor	James and Henry Bertie
Bladen	35,190	1734	Elizabethtown	Martin Bladen
Brunswick	107,431	1764	Bolivia	Town of Brunswick
Buncombe	238,318	1791	Asheville	Edward Buncombe
Burke	90,912	1777	Morganton	Thomas Burke
Cabarrus	178,011	1792	Concord	Stephen Cabarrus
Caldwell	83,029	1841	Lenoir	Joseph Caldwell
Camden	9,980	1777	Camden	Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden
Carteret	66,469	1722	Beaufort	John Carteret, Earl of Granville
Caswell	23,719	1777	Yanceyville	Richard Caswell
Catawba	154,358	1842	Newton	Catawba River
Chatham	63,505	1771	Pittsboro	William Pitt, Earl of Chatham
Cherokee	27,444	1839	Murphy	Cherokee tribe
Chowan	14,793	1670	Edenton	Chowan tribe
Clay	10,587	1861	Hayesville	Henry Clay
Cleveland	98,078	1841	Shelby	Benjamin Cleveland
Columbus	58,098	1808	Whiteville	Christopher Columbus
Craven	103,505	1705	New Bern	William Craven, Earl of Craven
Cumberland	319,431	1754	Fayetteville	William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland
Currituck	23,547	1668	Currituck	Currituck tribe
Dare	33,920	1870	Manteo	Virginia Dare
Davidson	162,878	1822	Lexington	William Lee Davidson
Davie	41,240	1836	Mocksville	William Richardson Davie

Duplin	58,505	1750	Kenansville	Thomas Hay, Lord Duplin
Durham	267,587	1881	Durham	Town of Durham and Dr. Bartlett Snipes Durham
Edgecombe	56,552	1741	Tarboro	Baron Richard Edgecumbe
Forsyth	350,670	1849	Winston-Salem	Benjamin Forsyth
Franklin	60,619	1779	Louisburg	Benjamin Franklin
Gaston	206,086	1846	Gastonia	William Gaston
Gates	12,197	1779	Gatesville	Horatio Gates
Graham	8,861	1872	Robbinsville	William Alexander Graham
Granville	59,916	1746	Oxford	John Carteret, Earl of Granville
Greene	21,362	1799	Snow Hill	Nathanael Greene
Guilford	488,406	1771	Greensboro	Francis North, Earl of Guilford
Halifax	54,691	1758	Halifax	George Montague, Earl of Halifax
Harnett	114,678	1855	Lillington	Cornelius Harnett
Haywood	59,036	1808	Waynesville	John Haywood
Henderson	106,740	1838	Hendersonville	Leonard Henderson
Hertford	24,669	1759	Winton	Francis Seymour Conway, Earl of Hertford
Hoke	46,952	1911	Raeford	Robert Frederick Hoke
Hyde	5,810	1812	Swan Quarter	Edward Hyde, proprietary governor
Iredell	159,437	1788	Statesville	James Iredell
Jackson	40,271	1851	Sylva	Andrew Jackson
Johnston	168,878	1746	Smithfield	Gabriel Johnston
Jones	10,153	1779	Trenton	Willie Jones
Lee	57,866	1907	Sanford	Robert E. Lee
Lenoir	59,495	1791	Kinston	William Lenoir
Lincoln	78,265	1779	Lincolnton	Benjamin Lincoln
Macon	33,922	1828	Franklin	Nathaniel Macon
Madison	20,764	1851	Marshall	James Madison
Martin	24,505	1774	Williamston	Josiah Martin
McDowell	44,996	1842	Marion	Joseph McDowell
Mecklenburg	919,628	1762	Charlotte	Charlotte Sophia of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
Mitchell	15,579	1861	Bakersville	Elisha Mitchell
Montgomery	27,798	1799	Troy	Richard Montgomery
Moore	88,247	1784	Carthage	Alfred Moore
Nash	95,840	1777	Nashville	Francis Nash
New Hanover	202,667	1729	Wilmington	The House of Hanover
Northampton	22,099	1741	Jackson	James Compton, Earl of Northampton
Onslow	177,772	1731	Jacksonville	Arthur Onslow

Orange	133,801	1752	Hillsborough	William V of the House of Orange
Pamlico	13,144	1872	Bayboro	Pamlico Sound
Pasquotank	40,661	1668	Elizabeth City	Native American word
Pender	52,217	1875	Burgaw	William Dorsey Pender
Perquimans	13,453	1668	Hertford	Perquimans tribe
Person	39,464	1791	Roxboro	Thomas Person
Pitt	168,148	1760	Greenville	William Pitt
Polk	20,510	1855	Columbus	William Polk
Randolph	141,752	1779	Asheboro	Peyton Randolph
Richmond	46,639	1779	Rockingham	Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond
Robeson	134,168	1787	Lumberton	Thomas Robeson
Rockingham	93,643	1785	Wentworth	Charles Watson-Wentworth, Marquis of Rockingham
Rowan	138,428	1753	Salisbury	Matthew Rowan
Rutherford	67,810	1779	Rutherfordton	Griffith Rutherford
Sampson	63,431	1784	Clinton	John Sampson
Scotland	36,157	1899	Laurinburg	Scotland, Great Britain
Stanly	60,585	1841	Albemarle	John Stanly
Stokes	47,401	1789	Danbury	John Stokes
Surry	73,673	1771	Dobson	County of Surrey in England
Swain	13,981	1871	Bryson City	David Lowry Swain
Transylvania	33,090	1861	Brevard	Latin words meaning “across the woods”
Tyrrell	4,407	1729	Columbia	John Tyrrell
Union	201,292	1842	Monroe	Descriptive name
Vance	45,422	1881	Henderson	Zebulon Baird Vance
Wake	900,993	1771	Raleigh	Margaret Wake
Warren	20,972	1779	Warrenton	Joseph Warren
Washington	13,228	1799	Plymouth	George Washington
Watauga	51,079	1849	Boone	Watauga River
Wayne	122,623	1779	Goldsboro	Anthony Wayne
Wilkes	69,340	1777	Wilkesboro	John Wilkes
Wilson	81,234	1855	Wilson	Louis Dicken Wilson
Yadkin	38,406	1850	Yadkinville	Yadkin River
Yancey	17,818	1833	Burnsville	Bartlett Yancey

Appendix



North Carolina Colleges and Universities

* Member of the North Carolina
Community College System

** Member of the University of
North Carolina System

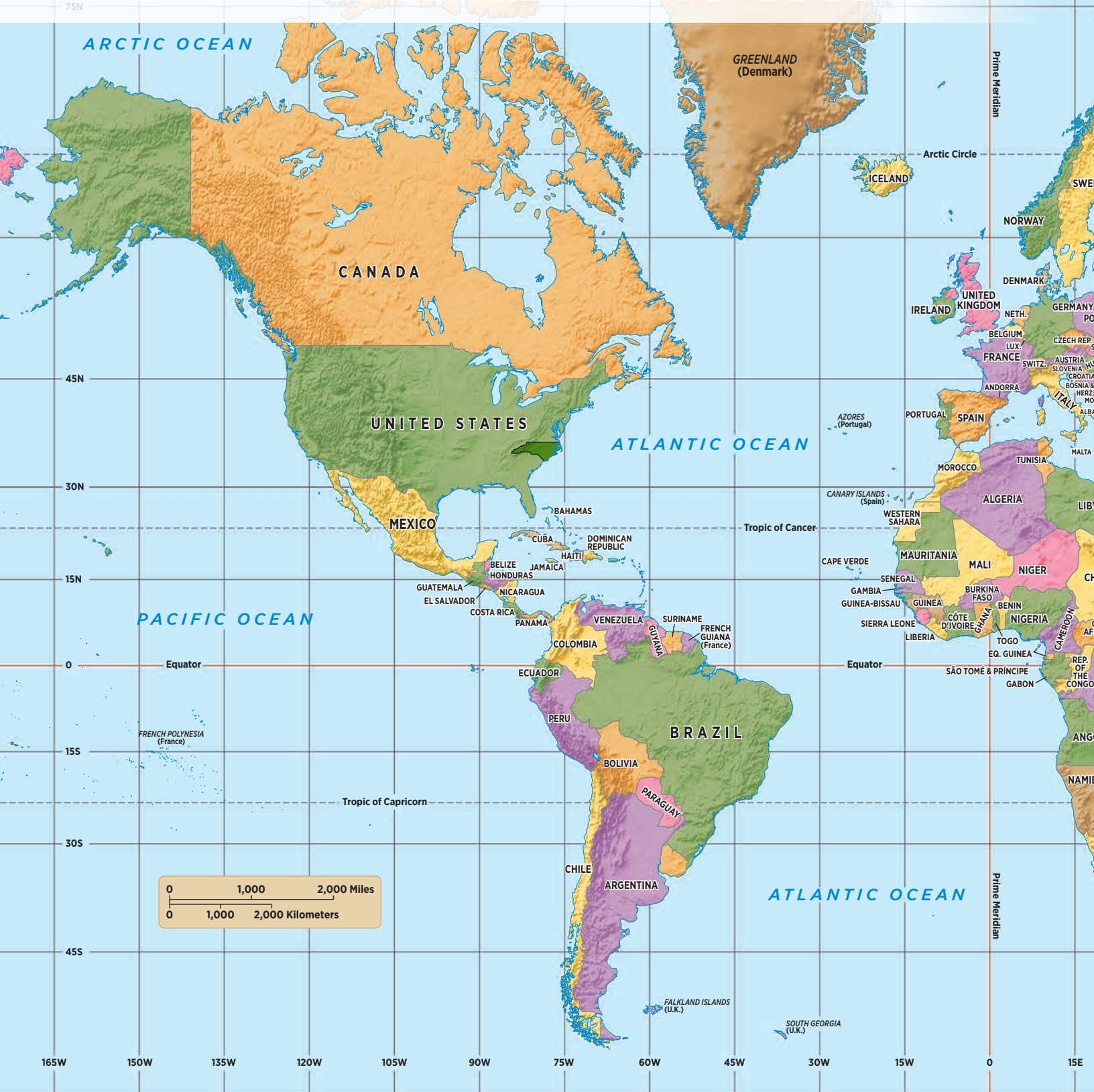
School	Location	Founded	Type
Alamance Community College	Graham	1958	* Public, 2 year
Appalachian State University	Boone	1899	** Public, 4 year
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	1959	* Public, 2 year
Barber-Scotia College	Concord	1867	Private, 4 year
Barton College	Wilson	1902	Private, 4 year
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	1967	* Public, 2 year
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	1876	Private, 4 year
Bennett College	Greensboro	1873	Private, 4 year
Bladen Community College	Dublin	1967	* Public, 2 year
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	1969	* Public, 2 year
Brevard College	Brevard	1853	Private, 4 year
Brunswick Community College	Bolivia	1979	* Public, 2 year
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	1942	Private, 4 year
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Hudson	1964	* Public, 2 year
Campbell University	Buies Creek	1887	Private, 4 year
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	1959	* Public, 2 year
Carteret Community College	Morehead City	1963	* Public, 2 year
Catawba College	Salisbury	1851	Private, 4 year
Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	1960	* Public, 2 year
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	1961	* Public, 2 year
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	1963	* Public, 2 year
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	1848	Private, 4 year
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	1965	* Public, 2 year
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	1970	* Public, 2 year
College of the Albemarle	Elizabeth City	1961	* Public, 2 year
Craven Community College	New Bern	1965	* Public, 2 year
Davidson College	Davidson	1837	Private, 4 year
Davidson County Community College	Thomasville	1963	* Public, 2 year
Duke University	Durham	1838	Private, 4 year
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	1961	* Public, 2 year
East Carolina University	Greenville	1907	** Public, 4 year
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	1967	* Public, 2 year
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	1891	** Public, 4 year
Elon University	Elon	1889	Private, 4 year
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	1867	** Public, 4 year
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	1961	* Public, 2 year
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	1960	* Public, 2 year
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	1905	Private, 4 year
Gaston College	Dallas	1963	* Public, 2 year
Greensboro College	Greensboro	1838	Private, 4 year
Guilford College	Greensboro	1837	Private, 4 year
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	1958	* Public, 2 year
Halifax Community College	Weldon	1967	* Public, 2 year
Haywood Community College	Clyde	1965	* Public, 2 year
High Point University	High Point	1924	Private, 4 year
Isothermal Community College	Spindale	1964	* Public, 2 year
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	1960	* Public, 2 year
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	1867	Private, 4 year

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Johnston Community College	Smithfield	1969	* Public, 2 year
Laurel University	High Point	1903	Private, 4 year
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	1899	Private, 4 year
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	1958	* Public, 2 year
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	1891	Private, 4 year
Livingstone College	Salisbury	1879	Private, 4 year
Louisburg College	Louisburg	1787	Private, 2 year
Mars Hill University	Mars Hill	1856	Private, 4 year
Martin Community College	Williamston	1967	* Public, 2 year
Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	1971	* Public, 2 year
McDowell Technical Community College	Marion	1964	* Public, 2 year
Meredith College	Raleigh	1891	Private, 4 year
Methodist University	Fayetteville	1956	Private, 4 year
Mitchell Community College	Statesville	1852	* Public, 2 year
Montgomery Community College	Troy	1967	* Public, 2 year
Montreat College	Montreat	1915	Private, 4 year
Nash Community College	Rocky Mount	1967	* Public, 2 year
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Greensboro	1891	** Public, 4 year
North Carolina Central University	Durham	1909	** Public, 4 year
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	1887	** Public, 4 year
North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount	1956	Private, 4 year
Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro	1962	* Public, 2 year
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	1885	Private, 4 year
Piedmont Community College	Roxboro	1970	* Public, 2 year
Pitt Community College	Winterville	1961	* Public, 2 year
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	1857	Private, 4 year
Randolph Community College	Asheboro	1962	* Public, 2 year
Richmond Community College	Hamlet	1964	* Public, 2 year
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie	1967	* Public, 2 year
Robeson Community College	Lumberton	1965	* Public, 2 year
Rockingham Community College	Wentworth	1963	* Public, 2 year
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury	1963	* Public, 2 year
St. Andrews University	Laurinburg	1896	Private, 4 year
Saint Augustine's University	Raleigh	1867	Private, 4 year
Salem College	Winston-Salem	1772	Private, 4 year
Sampson Community College	Clinton	1967	* Public, 2 year
Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst	1963	* Public, 2 year
Shaw University	Raleigh	1865	Private, 4 year
Southeastern Community College	Whiteville	1964	* Public, 2 year
South Piedmont Community College	Polkton	1999	* Public, 2 year
Southwestern Community College	Sylva	1964	* Public, 2 year
Stanly Community College	Albemarle	1971	* Public, 2 year
Surry Community College	Dobson	1964	* Public, 2 year
Tri-County Community College	Murphy	1964	* Public, 2 year
University of Mount Olive	Mount Olive	1951	Private, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Asheville	Asheville	1927	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	1789	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	1946	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	1891	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	1887	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Wilmington	1947	** Public, 4 year
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Winston-Salem	1963	** Public, 4 year
Vance-Granville Community College	Henderson	1969	* Public, 2 year
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	1834	Private, 4 year
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh	1958	* Public, 2 year
Warren Wilson College	Asheville	1894	Private, 4 year
Wayne Community College	Goldsboro	1957	* Public, 2 year
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	1889	** Public, 4 year
Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton	1964	* Public, 2 year
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro	1965	* Public, 2 year
William Peace University	Raleigh	1857	Private, 4 year
Wilson Community College	Wilson	1958	* Public, 2 year
Wingate University	Wingate	1896	Private, 4 year
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	1892	** Public, 4 year

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North Carolina in the World





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North Carolina in the U.S.A.

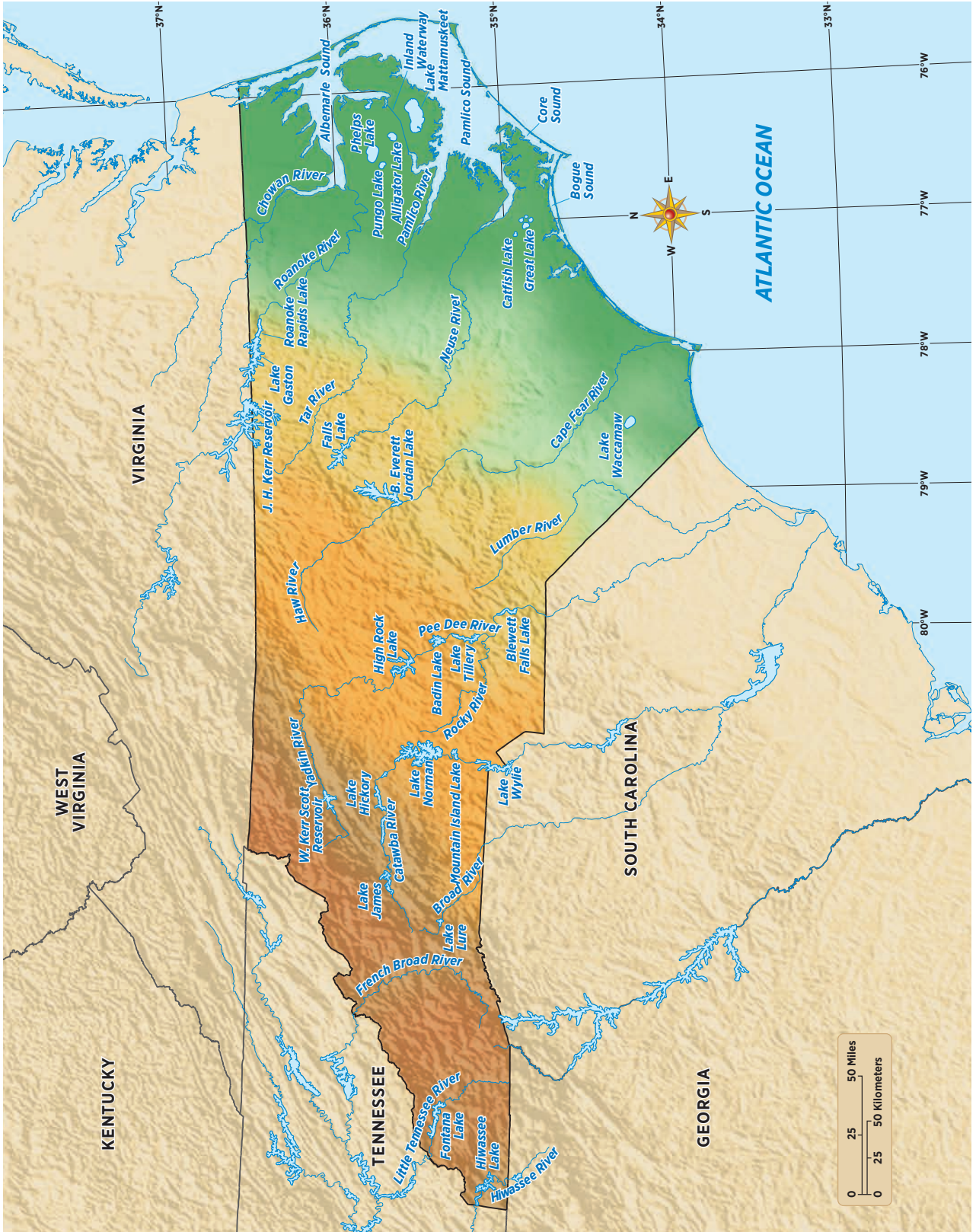




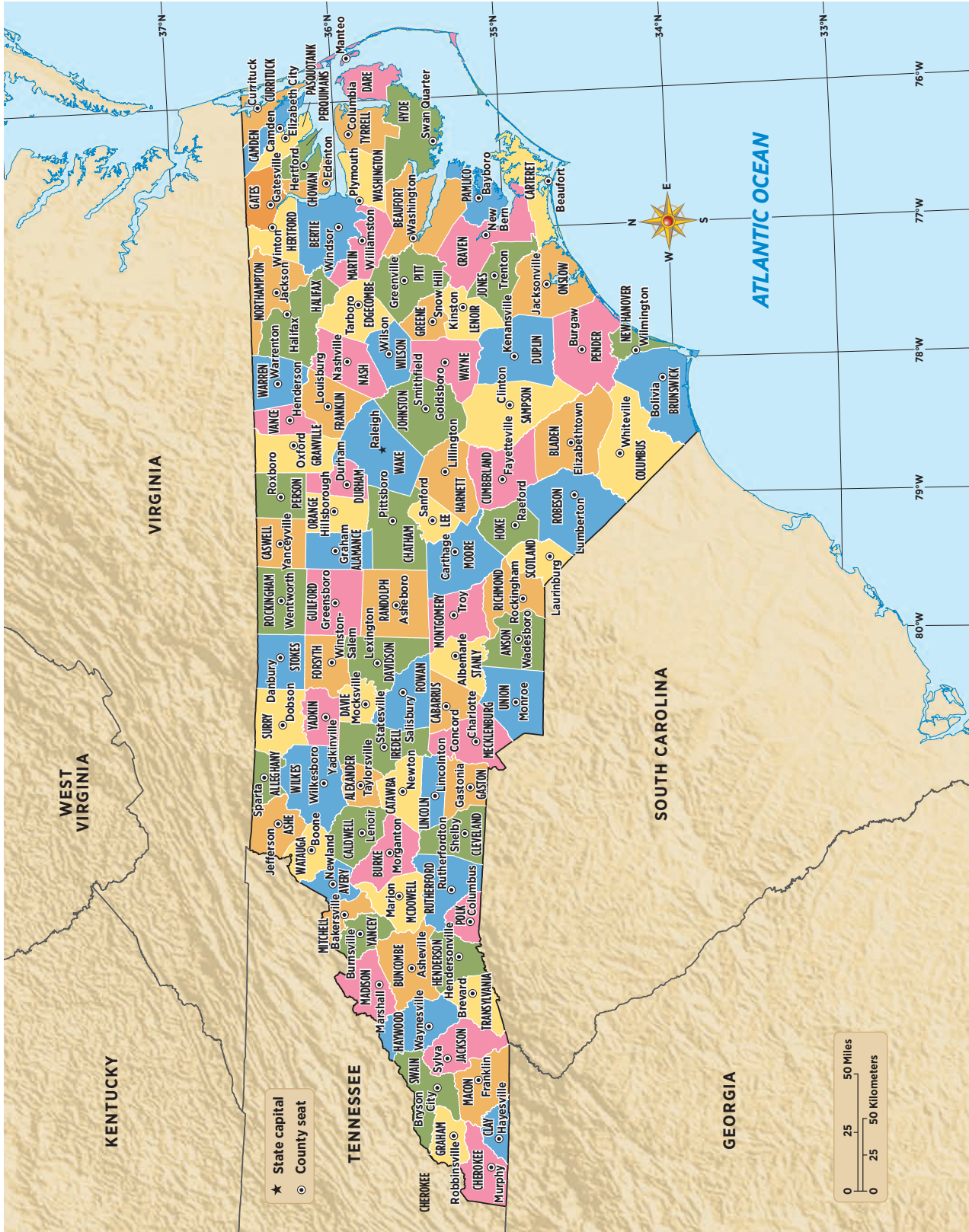
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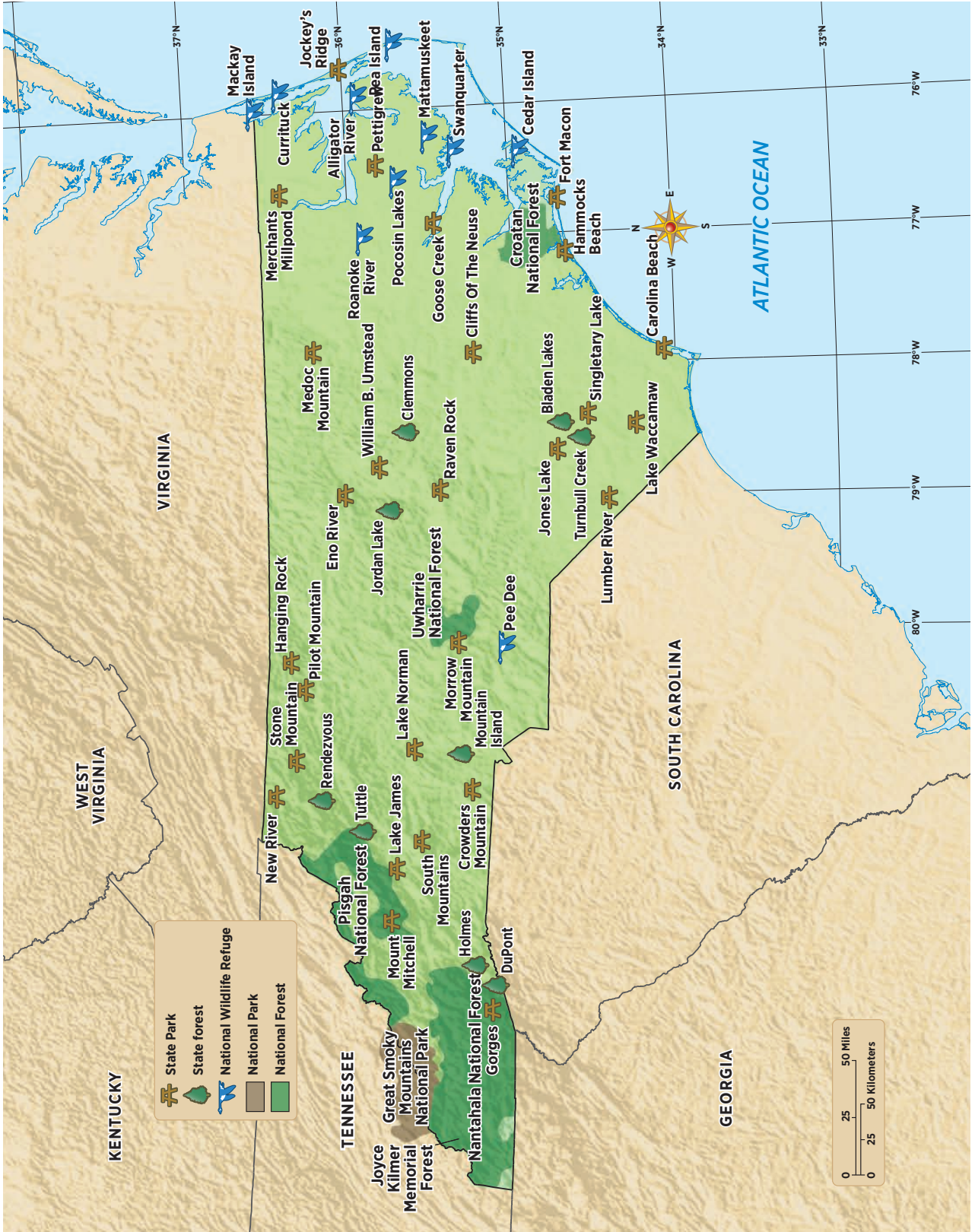
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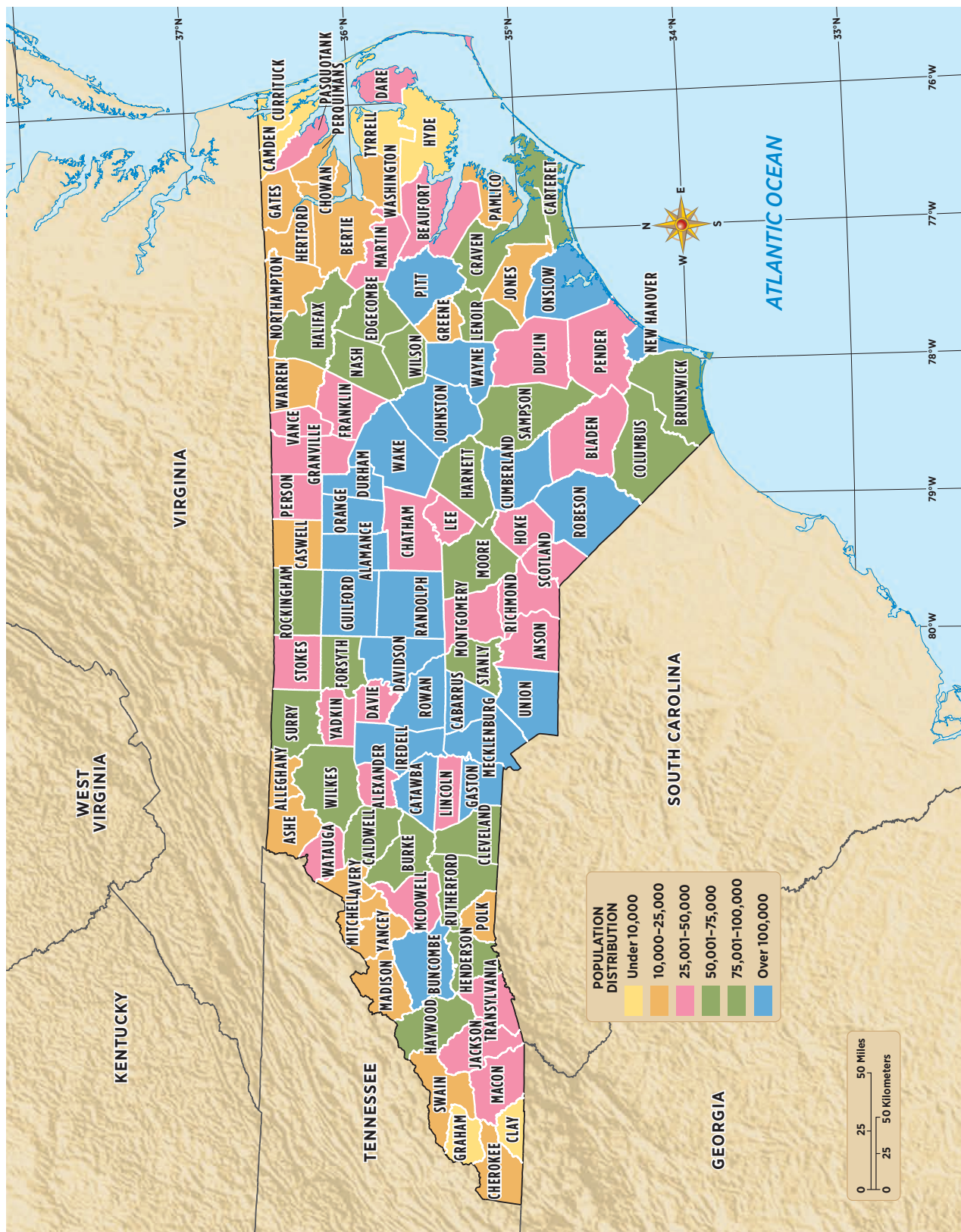


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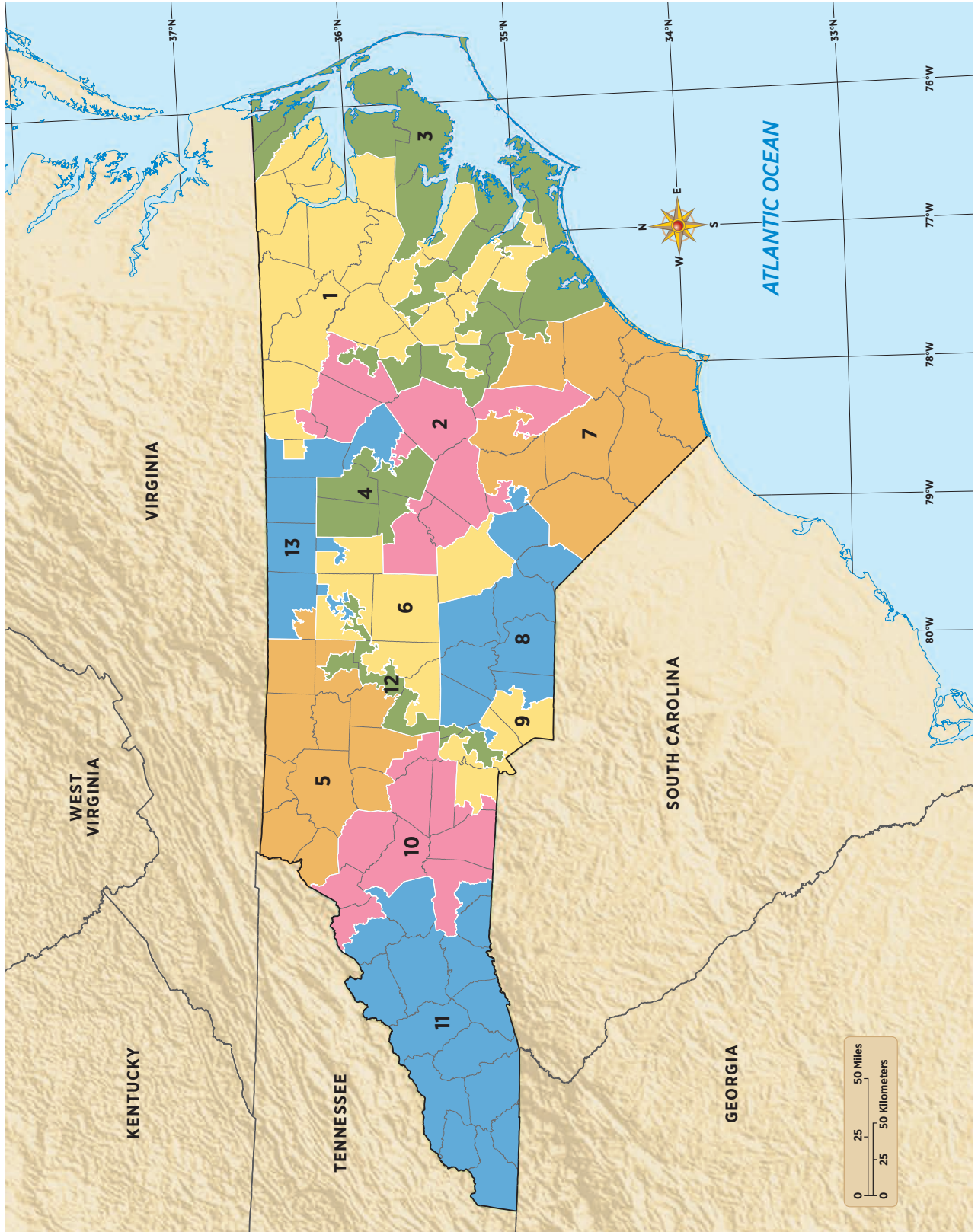


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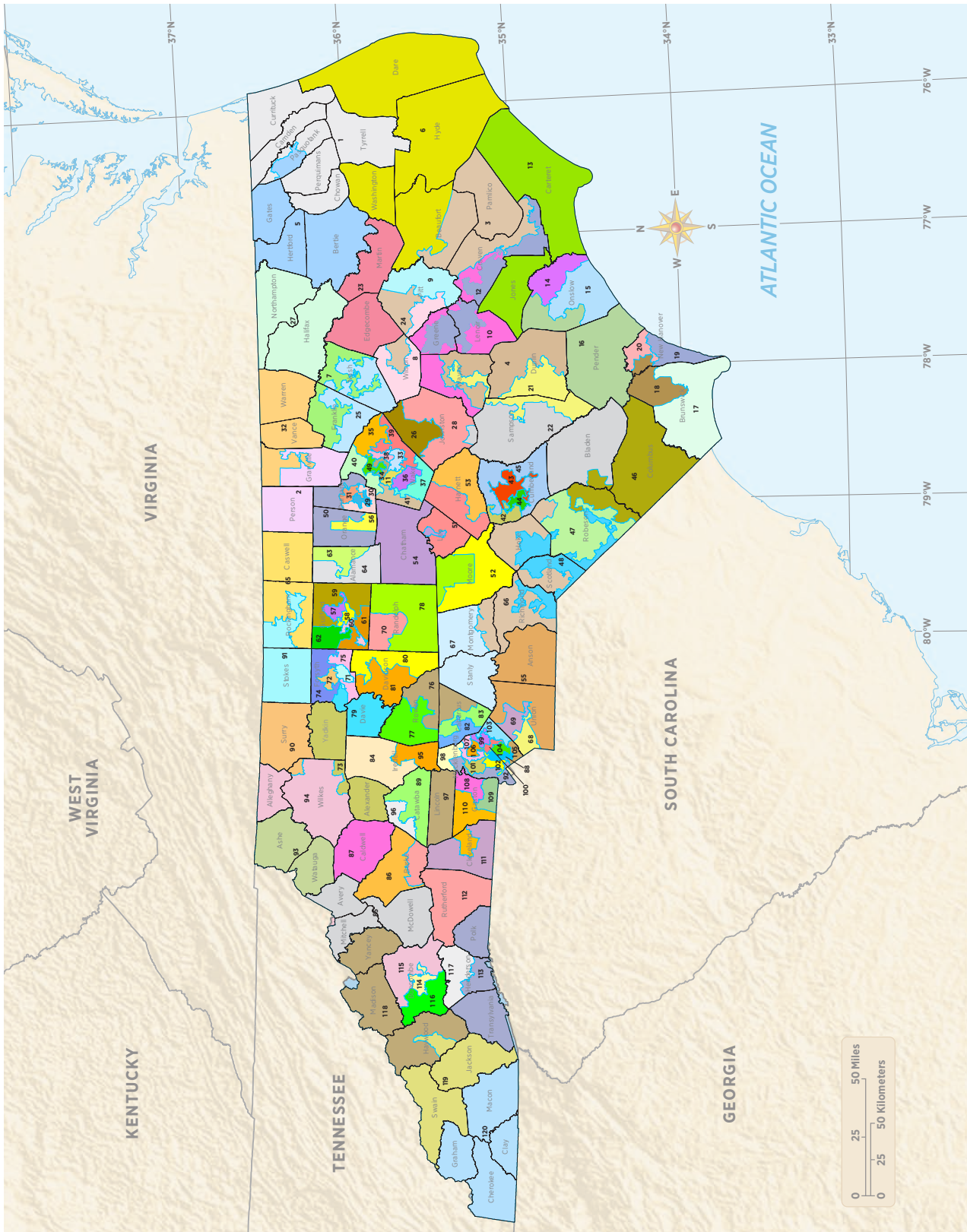
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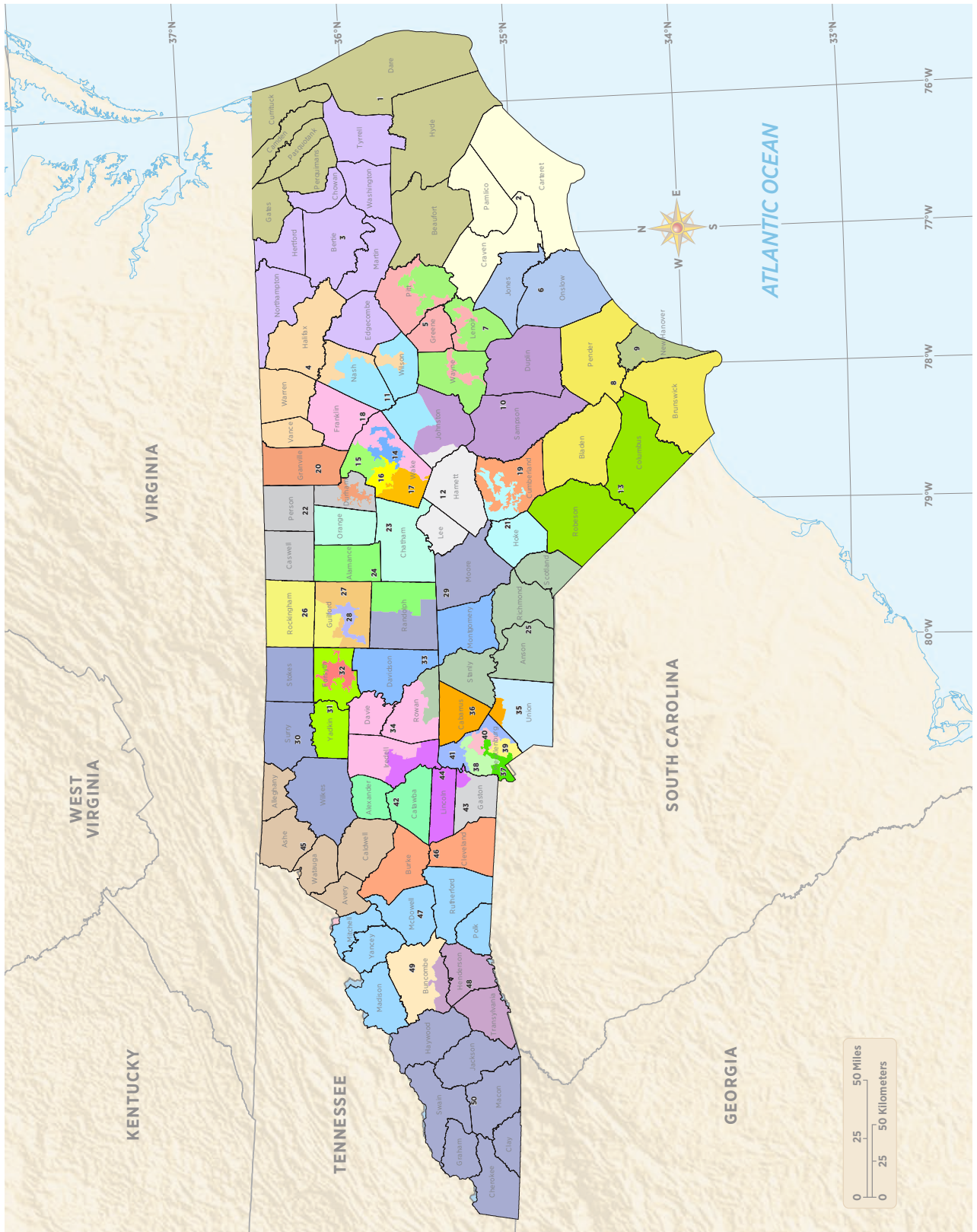
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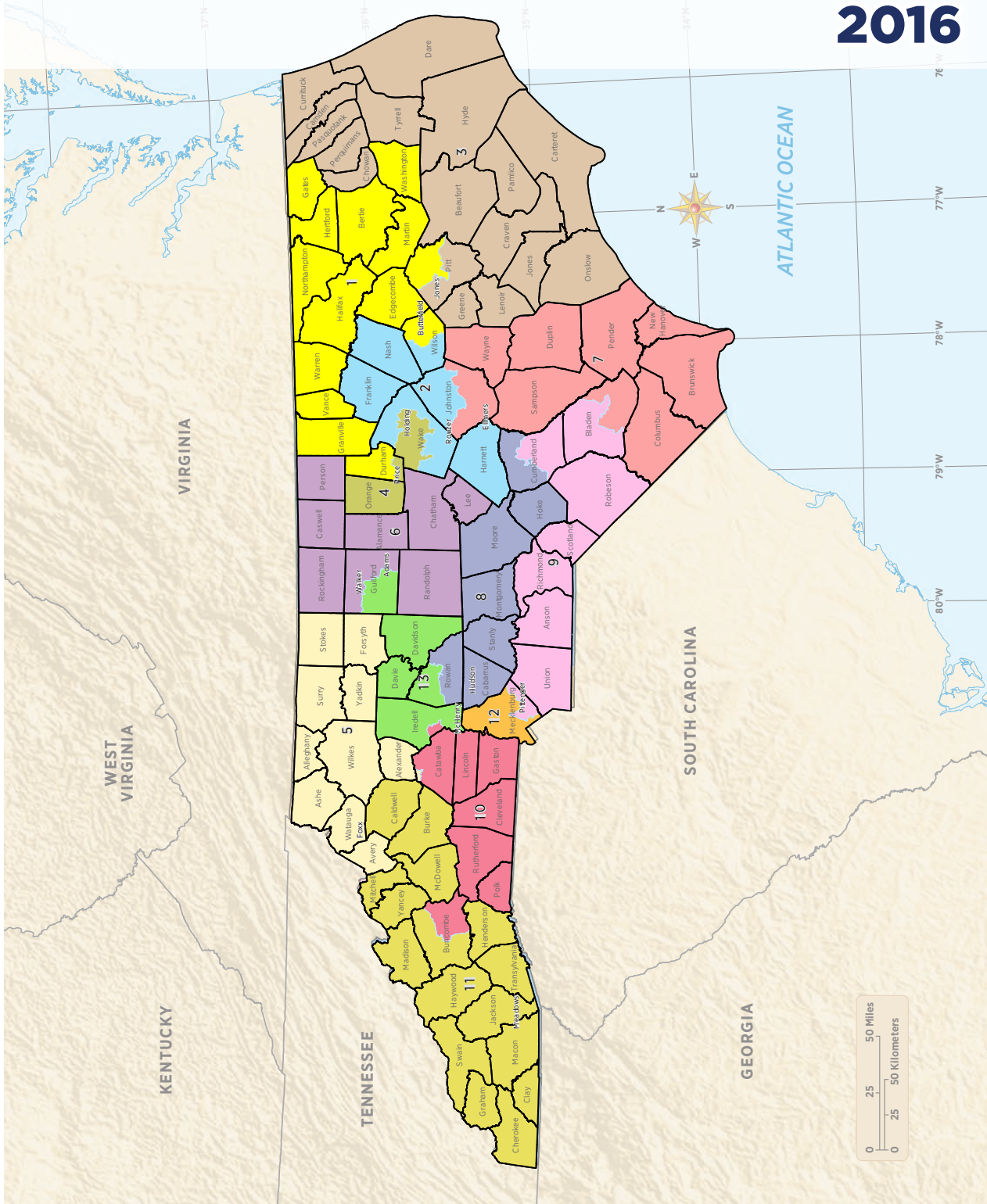
North Carolina Senate Districts



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U.S. House of Representatives Districts

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abolition the movement to do away with slavery (8)

amendment an addition or change to a constitution or other document (3)

antebellum era the time in nineteenth-century America before the Civil War began in 1861 (7)

Antifederalists those who opposed the new government established by the U.S. Constitution (6)

appropriate to set aside a sum of money for a specific purpose (5)

archaeologist a scientist who studies and interprets artifacts of past human life (4)

armistice an agreement to stop fighting; the end of World War I (11)

Articles of Confederation the country's first constitution (6)

artisan a skilled craftsperson (7)

assembly line an arrangement of workers, machines, and equipment in which the product passes from operation to operation until completed (12)

atlatl a carved stick that had a base at right angles to the shaft, used to throw a spear with more force and speed (4)

auction a sale to the highest bidder (11)

B

backcountry the land that was “back” of the land near the coast (5)

bald a mountain area, usually above 6,000 feet in elevation, where few trees grow (1)

barrier island one of a long chain of sand spits found off the North Carolina coast (1)

bicameral having two houses (like a legislature) (3)

bill a proposed law (3)

Bill of Rights the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which protect our basic rights (3)

biological resource a natural resource that is a plant or animal and is renewable (2)

biotechnology the use of living organisms to make or modify products (15)

Black Codes a series of laws passed during Reconstruction that recognized some rights of the freedmen but also denied freedmen many rights that whites took for granted (9)

blockade runner a low-lying steamship painted gray to match the ocean and fool pursuers; it would be able to slip through the naval blockade (9)

bond a document that serves as proof of a debt and that requires the payment of the debt plus interest (2)

boycott to refuse to participate in something or buy something until certain conditions are met (5)

bright leaf tobacco tobacco cured by controlled heat, which turned the leaf yellow; flue-cured tobacco (10)

buffalo a man in the Tidewater who hid in the swamps to avoid fighting for the Confederacy (9)

busing the practice of taking children on buses to schools outside their neighborhood to achieve racial balance (13)

bypass a road that goes around a city to avoid downtown congestion (13)

C

canal a man-made water channel (7)

cape a large portion of land extending into an ocean or other large body of water (1)

capital resource a tool used in the production of goods and services (2)

Carolina bays elongated depressions in the ground found in the Coastal Plain (1)

carpetbagger a man who came from the North to North Carolina or other southern states to gain power and fortune after the Civil War (9)

ceremonial center an area built by Mississippians that allowed them to come together for religious worship, recreation, and fellowship (4)

certificate of deposit (CD) a bank certificate that earns interest for a specific period of time (2)

charter a type of document issued by a monarch (4)

city council the governing body of North Carolina's cities (3)

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) a New Deal program in which young men lived in camps and performed public works projects; they were fed and housed and given money to share with their families back home (12)

civil rights the rights of citizens (13)

Civil Rights Act of 1964 legislation that made it illegal for any government office or place of business that served the public to practice segregation (13)

clan an extended family of people with a common ancestor (4)

climate long-term atmospheric conditions (1)

clubbing combining surplus crops into one large load and trusting friends and neighbors to take them to market (7)

Coastal Plain region that part of North Carolina that lies between the Tidewater and the Piedmont (1)

Cold War the hostilities between the United States and the Soviet Union after World War II; it was "cold" because it was fought mainly with words and diplomacy (13)

collateral something pledged to guarantee the repayment of a loan (10)

collective bargaining the ability of a union to speak for all the workers in negotiations with an employer (12)

colony a group of people who settle in a distant land but are still under the rule of their native land (4)

Columbian Exchange the exchange of plants, animals, foods, people, diseases, and ideas between the Old World and New World (4)

command economy an economy in which the government directs the system and tries to control how producers answer the four basic economic questions (2)

Committees of Safety organizations set up in counties once the Revolutionary War started to keep order and provide government (6)

common school a school where even the most "common" family could send children to learn "the rudiments of education" (7)

community college system state schools that provide the first two years of college education; were originally "industrial schools" established by counties (13)

commute to go to and from work (13)

compromise an agreement where each side gives up something and gets something it wants (6)

Compromise of 1850 an agreement that allowed California to enter the Union as a free state, instituted a stronger fugitive slave law, and ended slave trading in the District of Columbia but allowed DC residents to keep the slaves they already had (8)

compulsory education a requirement that every child attend school until a specific age, unless there was a family situation that required the child to work (11)

Confederate States of America a government formed by the southern states that seceded from the Union in the early 1860s (9)

Confiscation Act a law passed by the new state saying that those who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the new state could have their property taken away (6)

conjurer a "medicine man," who was supposedly able to cast spells (4)

conscript to force to join the military; to draft (9)

consensus general agreement (3)

consolidated high school a centrally located school for grades nine through twelve; usually combined several smaller schools into one larger school that had more teachers and offered more courses (13)

constituent a person in a legislator's district (3)

consumer a person who satisfies a need or want by buying a good or service (2)

Consumer Price Index (CPI) an economic indicator that measures prices (2)

Council of State nine state officials who are elected directly by the people to perform specific tasks (3)

county commission the key body for county government (3)

county seat the municipality where the county's courthouse and government are located (3)

cove a valley where streams cut out swaths wide enough for farming (1)

credit the ability to buy something now and pay for it later or over a period of time (2)

crossroads hamlets small towns that provided goods and services to nearby farmers (1)

Culpeper's Rebellion a political struggle over control of the Albemarle that arose after the Lords Proprietors tried to enforce the Navigation Acts (5)

cultural renewal an effort to find out the best things about the past and continue to use them (14)

culture the beliefs, traditions, music, art, and social institutions of a group of people who share common experiences (4)

curriculum courses offered at an educational institution (7)

customs duty a fee paid when a good was shipped out of a port (5)

D

Declaration of Independence the 1776 document issued by the Continental Congress by which the colonies declared their independence from Great Britain (3)

Declaration of Rights a list included with the first state constitution that set out the rights and protections of citizens (6)

demand the quantity of a good or service consumers are willing to buy (2)

democracy control of a group or country by its members (3)

Democratic Party political party strengthened by Andrew Jackson in the 1830s; it supported less interference by government (7)

depression a serious downturn in economic activity; sales of goods and prices fall, manufacturing decreases, businesses close, banks fail, and people lose their jobs (12)

dialect a variation in the pronunciation of words (4)

discrimination ill treatment, usually based on race, gender, class, or some other category instead of who a person is (13)

disfranchisement the loss of the right to vote (11)

E

economist a person who studies the economy (2)

economy how people manage material resources in a community or other organized body, like a single household, city, state, nation, or the world (2)

ecosystem all the living organisms in an area and how they interact with one another (15)

Edenton Tea Party a meeting in 1774 in which 51 women from the Albemarle Sound, led by Penelope Barker, promised they would drink no more British tea or use other imported materials (6)

elastic clause a clause in Article I of the U.S. Constitution that empowers Congress to make all laws “necessary and proper” for carrying out the expressed powers granted in the Constitution (3)

Electoral College the body that chooses the president and vice president (3)

elevation height above sea level (1)

emancipation the legal freeing of a slave by a master (7)

embargo a government order that limits trade in some way (8)

enumerated powers those powers specifically given to Congress in the Constitution (3)

equalization the funding of schools in poorer counties at a greater rate than in richer counties (11)

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would forbid discrimination against someone because of gender; the amendment failed to be ratified (14)

estuary a place where fresh water and salt water meet (1)

evolution the theory that man developed from earlier, simpler life forms (12)

expedition a journey for a specific purpose (4)

expenses the spending of some or all income for needs and wants (2)

extortion charging illegal fees (5)

exurbs the outlying areas ringing the growing cities (15)

F

Fall Line an imaginary line that divides the Piedmont from the Coastal Plain; it extends from near Roanoke Rapids southwest past Raleigh and Fayetteville (1)

farmer cooperative store a store that bought supplies, such as fertilizer, in bulk, which lowered the cost to the farmers (10)

Farmers' Alliance an organization to help farmers, founded in the late 1800s (10)

Federalists those in favor of the new government established by the U.S. Constitution (6)

felony a serious crime such as murder that is punishable by death or a significant prison term and loss of some privileges of citizenship (3)

Founding Fathers the leaders who planned how the government of the United States would be organized (3)

franchise a business granted a special right to sell a product or service in a certain area (14)

free black a black person who was not a slave (7)

freedmen newly freed slaves (9)

Freedmen's Bureau a federal agency set up by Congress in 1865 to provide food, clothing, shelter, and education for the former slaves (9)

freedom riders whites and blacks who, together, rode public buses and attempted to integrate bus stations along their route (13)

free soil the belief that the national government had the right to keep slavery from spreading into new territories (8)

French and Indian War war fought in North America from 1754 to 1763 between France and Great Britain over which European kingdom would control North America (5)

furnishing merchant a storekeeper who let farmers buy fertilizer, seed, tools, and other supplies to make a crop (10)

Fusionists members of the Populist and Republican parties who cooperated to elect statewide officials in the late 1890s (10)

G

Gadsden Purchase a purchase by the United States in 1853 of the southern part of New Mexico for \$10 million; it fixed the southern U.S. border (8)

General Assembly the name of North Carolina's legislature today (3); the lawmaking body made up of representatives from the various necks (5)

geography the study of the physical features of Earth and its atmosphere and how these affect human activities (1)

girdling the process of stripping bark from around the trunk of a tree; which killed the tree in time (5)

globalization the development of an increasingly worldwide economy marked by free trade and reliance on cheaper foreign labor (2)

global warming the gradual rise of temperatures on Earth (14)

goods tangible items such as food, clothing, houses, and furniture (2)

graded school a school that required students to pass certain tests before proceeding to the next step, or grade (10)

grandfather clause a rule that provided an exception to the literacy requirement for voting; it stated that any man whose father or grandfather had voted before 1867 could vote anyway, because that family had always done so (11)

Granville District land given to Lord Granville as his share of the colony (5)

Great Migration the movement of blacks from across the South to the northern cities (11)

Great Recession the sharp downturn in economic activity between 2008 and 2013, which is considered the largest downturn since the Great Depression (2)

gristmill a place to grind grain into flour (5)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) the total value of the final goods and services produced in the United States in a certain time period, usually a year (2)

Gulf Stream the ocean current that runs northward along the North Carolina coast; it carries warm water from the Gulf of Mexico across the Atlantic (1)

H

Halifax Resolves a document issued by the Provincial Congress that authorized the delegates to the Continental Congress to join other colonies in seeking independence (6)

headwaters springs from which rivers arise (1)

historic preservation an effort to save and restore landmark buildings, those structures that help tell local histories (14)

Home Guard older men of a county who were charged with defending their neighborhoods during the Civil War (9)

human resource a person who produces goods or services (2)

humidity a measure of the amount of moisture in the air (1)

hurricane a tropical storm that brings high winds and heavy rains (1)

hydroelectricity water-powered electricity (11)

immunity resistance to disease (4)

impeach to file charges against a public official for wrongdoing while in office (9)

implied powers those powers given to Congress in the elastic clause (3)

impresment the British strategy in the early 1800s of kidnapping American sailors and pressing them into service for the British navy (8)

income money that an individual acquires (2)

Indian Removal Act a law, passed by Congress in 1830, that called for all Native Americans to be moved to the western territories (8)

inflation a continual increase in the price of goods and services (2)

inlet a break in the barrier islands that allows seawater to come in and out with the tides (1)

integration the process of bringing different groups (races) into society as equals (13)

interest money paid for the use of money (2)

internal improvements expenditures for transportation, such as railroads and canals (7)

interstate banking the ability of banks to have branches in other states (14)

interstate highway system a multilane, limited-access system of roads set up by the federal government in 1956 to connect all parts of the nation (13)

investment money spent on something with the goal of making a profit (2)

J

Jim Crow laws segregation laws that separated the races, particularly in public places like city parks and graded schools; named after an old minstrel show that made blacks look foolish and dependent (11)

judicial review the authority of the U.S. Supreme Court to determine the constitutionality of laws passed by Congress and state legislatures, and actions taken by the executive branch (3)

juror a citizen selected for jury duty (3)

K

Kansas-Nebraska Act legislation of 1854 to organize new territories of Kansas and Nebraska, with popular sovereignty available in the territories (8)

Kirk-Holden War Governor Holden's use of the state militia (under the command of Colonel George Kirk) to stop the Klan from taking over key places in the state (9)

Ku Klux Klan an organization that developed into a secret, racist organization whose purpose was to return political and social control to native whites (9)

L

Literary Fund a fund established by the legislature in 1825 whose revenues could be used to help build schools (7)

literate able to read and write (7)

Live at Home Program Governor Gardner's program where farm families used seeds bought by local governments to grow more food and raise the necessities they usually bought at the store (12)

lobbyist a person paid to represent an interest group and present the views of their organization to lawmakers (3)

Lord Proprietor one of eight English aristocrats to whom King Charles II gave a charter for the Carolina colony (5)

Lost Colony name given to the missing Roanoke residents from the White colony (4)

M

manifest destiny the idea that the United States had been "chosen" to control all the land between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (8)

market economy an economy in which decisions are made at an individual, rather than a government, level (2)

martial law the use of military forces to keep order (9)

matrilineal refers to a society where the family line is traced through the mother ("matri") (4)

Mecklenburg Resolves a series of statements made by Mecklenburg's Committee of Safety that recommended that North Carolina declare itself independent (6)

metropolitan an area that has a concentration of people, jobs, services, and entertainment; refers to a city and surrounding suburbs and smaller cities (14)

militia a group of citizen soldiers (5)

millennium the thousand years when each year would start with 2 (15)

mill village a cluster of housing, usually on the edge of town, where the company owned the houses and provided stores and schools (1)

mineral resource a nonrenewable natural substance found inside Earth that is formed by slow geological processes (2)

minimum wage the least amount an employer can pay a worker for a certain number of hours (12)

Missouri Compromise an 1820 agreement that brought Missouri into the Union as a slave state and Maine as a free state and allowed slavery south of a line drawn westward from the southern border of Missouri and forbade slavery north of the line (8)

monadnock a geological condition where a point of land stands out because all around it the land has been eroded (1)

monarchy a form of government ruled by a king or queen, who is in place for life and selected based on ancestry (3)

money supply the amount of currency and coin available for each person (10)

monopoly exclusive control, as of an industry (10)

moonshine illegally made alcohol; so-called because it was made at night to hide the smoke (12)

Moral Monday movement opponents of the Tea Party movement who protested in the state legislative building to disrupt proceedings and call attention to their grievances (15)

Mountains region that part of North Carolina that lies between the Piedmont region and the state of Tennessee (1)

municipality a city with its own government (3)

mutual fund a collection of stocks and bonds in which many investors pool their money and buy shares (2)

N

NASCAR an acronym for the National Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing (1)

natural resource something that comes from Earth or nature and is useful to humans (2)

naval blockade the use of a fleet of ships to prevent supply ships from reaching ports (9)

naval stores pitch, turpentine, and tar, which were needed to seal wooden ships and keep them from leaking on oceangoing voyages (5)

Navigation Acts laws passed in the 1660s that listed which colonial goods would be subject to customs duties (5)

neck a peninsula located only in the northeastern corner of North Carolina (5)

needs goods required for survival (2)

New Deal measures passed by Congress during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's terms that were intended to help the economy recover from the Great Depression by regulating how much factories and farms could operate and how much they could make (12)

normal school a teacher-training institution (10)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) an agreement among Canada, the United States, and Mexico that made trade among the three countries much easier (15)

North Carolina Colonization Society an organization that worked to pay the ship passage back to Africa for free blacks who wished to move there (9)

North Carolina Fund a fund established by the state in 1963 that was intended to help rural black farm families of the east and inhabitants of mountain coves become self supporting (13)

North Carolina Manumission Society an organization founded in 1816 by Quakers in the Uwharries, which raised money to buy slaves from their masters (9)

no-till farming a type of agriculture where planting is done through the residue of previous plantings and weeds (2)

nullification the idea of voiding and not following national laws within a state (8)

O

organic farming agriculture where no industrially produced fertilizers or pesticides are used (15)

outlier a man from the Uwharries who hid rather than fight for the Confederacy (9)

overdraft writing a check for more than is in the checking account; “bouncing a check” (2)

Overmountain Men westerners who crossed the Blue Ridge and trapped the Tories at the Battle of Kings Mountain (6)

P

paradox a situation where initial appearances are misleading to people (11)

pardon an act of forgiving someone for their actions (6)

parity the amount of money needed to make a minimum profit (12)

Peace Movement the proposal by William Holden to seek a separate peace with the North in the Civil War (9)

pemmican a long-lasting and nourishing food made by grinding together meat, nuts, and grease (4)

Piedmont region that part of North Carolina that lies between the Coastal Plain and the Mountains (1)

plank road a road made out of planks laid out like a deck across the roadbed (7)

plantation a farm large enough to be strictly organized to produce both enough food for subsistence and surplus staple crops that could make money for the owners (7)

pocosin “a swamp on a hill”; a swamp made up of peat that fills with water when the water level is high (1)

political action committee (PAC) a group that tries to keep the public informed and tries to influence legislators to favor its position (3)

popular sovereignty rule by the people through their votes (3)

Populist Party a political party formed in the 1890s that supported the interests of farmers; the People’s Party (10)

prairie land with more open grassland than woods (5)

precipitation rain, snow, sleet, and hail (1)

price gouging charging a higher price than is “fair” (9)

Proclamation of 1763 a ruling forbidding settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains; intended to stop conflicts between the Native Americans and the settlers (6)

producer a person or group of people who use resources to make goods or provide services (2)

profit the amount left over after costs are subtracted from the price (2)

progress industrial development (11)

prohibition a policy making it illegal to make, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages (11)

protective tariff a tariff that added a tax to manufactured goods imported from other countries; this would encourage Americans to buy goods made in the United States (8)

Provincial Congress a legislative body established in 1774 to govern the colony when Governor Martin disbanded the Assembly (6)

Q

quarters the area where slave housing was located (7)

quit-rent an old form of payment that had existed for centuries in Europe; an annual land tax paid to the Proprietors (5)

R

ratify to approve (3)

rationing limiting the amount of any item that can be bought (12)

recession an economic slowdown (7)

Reconstruction the steps taken to restore the southern states to the Union and rebuild the South (9)

referendum a vote of the people on a particular issue (11)

refugee a person fleeing danger or persecution (5)

region a specific area where the lay of the land and the habits of the people are much the same (1)

Regulator a backcountry resident who protested the corruption of backcountry officials (5)

relief money and goods given to people in special need (12)

repossess to take back the ownership of something (2)

republic a country in which citizens rule by voting for their leaders (3)

republicanism a representative form of leadership in which different parts have separate functions (3)

republican simplicity the belief that citizens in a republic should live as simply and independently as possible and depend on themselves, their family, and their neighbors—in that order—for their needs (7)

ridge law legislation aimed at curbing development in the mountains that stated no building could mar the basic shape of the top of a mountain (14)

Rip Van Winkle state North Carolina's nickname in the early 1800s, called that because the state supposedly fell asleep and made little social and economic progress (7)

royal colony a colony governed directly by the king (5)

rural free delivery (RFD) a system of routes for the delivery of mail directly to previously unserved rural areas (11)

S

savanna an area where tall grass mixes with scattered longleaf and other types of pine (1)

scarcity a situation that exists when people and societies try to satisfy unlimited wants with limited resources (2)

secede to withdraw from the Union (8)

secession the action taken if a state decided to leave the Union (9)

secret ballot a method of voting where a voter makes a decision in a private voting booth (12)

sectionalism intense concern for local interests and customs (1)

segregate to separate by race (9)

separate-but-equal concept the concept established in the 1896 U.S. Supreme Court *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision that states could require separate facilities for African Americans if those facilities were equal to those used by whites (13)

service industry companies that provide help (a service) rather than make a product (13)

services work or activities people perform, often for a fee (2)

sharecropping an arrangement where a landowner and a renter split the proceeds from selling the crop raised on the rented land (9)

sheriff the chief law enforcement agent of the county (3)

shopping center a group of stores lined up next to a parking lot (13)

shotgun house a house whose narrow end faced the street with two or three rooms aligned backward with no hallway; so-called because, if all doors were open, a shotgun blast would go through the house without touching anything (11)

sit-in a protest where people enter a public facility and refuse to leave until their demands are heard (13)

slave code rules that defined the social, economic, and physical place of slaves in North Carolina and other states (7)

Social Security Act legislation passed in 1935 to provide workers with a retirement pension and to help them when they were laid off from work (12)

society an orderly community that has some way of making and enforcing laws (3)

sound an inland body of mixed water found throughout much of the Tidewater region (1)

Stamp Act an act of Parliament passed in 1765 that required that tax stamps be used on all kinds of documents (6)

staple crop a crop that made money for the farmer; primarily tobacco and cotton, sometimes also corn, wheat, or rice (7)

states' rights the political position that the states could assert their independence when they believed the federal government was doing something wrong (7)

stock ownership shares in a company (2)

stock market a place where the stock of corporations is bought and sold (12)

stretch-out situation that occurred when mill owners made workers tend more machines than they could properly handle; so-called because workers often had to stretch to reach everything (12)

strike an action where workers refuse to work, usually as a protest over some grievances (11)

subprime loan a loan that is often unlikely to be paid back (15)

subsidy a grant of money (14)

subsistence farming growing what is needed to feed one's family and livestock, then selling the surplus, often to neighbors (7)

suburb a neighborhood at the edge of a community, where houses were put in ordered lines and resembled each other in style (11)

suffrage the right to vote (7)

supply the quantity of a good or service available for sale (2)

T

tax an amount paid by citizens to their governments to support governments and the services they provide (3)

Tea Party movement a national protest group that called for a reduced role of government at all levels in the lives of citizens (15)

Tidewater region that part of North Carolina that lies along the Atlantic Ocean (1)

tobacco allotment a specific amount of land on which to grow tobacco (12)

tobacco price support a minimum price for a tobacco crop; if the market price fell below the minimum price, farmers could store the tobacco, take out a parity loan, and repay the loan when the market price rose above the minimum price (12)

tobacco towns towns where activities focused around the raising of tobacco (1)

toll a payment for something, such as grinding grain or using a road (5)

Tories those who sided with the British during the Revolutionary period (6)

tornado a funnel-shaped storm whose rotating winds can reach over 200 miles per hour (1)

traditional economy an economy that depends on agriculture and bartering, in which economic decisions are often based on customs, beliefs, or habits (2)

Trail of Tears the name given to the journey of the Cherokee and other tribes who were forced from their homes and made to move west to Indian Territory (7)

transition the beginning of important and long-lasting change (10)

U

underemployment the situation when people are employed at less than full-time jobs or at jobs that do not match their training or meet their economic needs (15)

Underground Railroad the informal system of routes and safe houses that helped slaves, mainly from the border states, escape to the North (8)

unemployment the situation in which a person does not have a job but has been actively looking for work in the previous four weeks and is available for work (2)

Unionist leaders who wanted to stay in the Union (9)

United States Constitution the document, written in 1787 and ratified in 1788, that set up our nation's current framework for government (3)

universal education the idea that every child, white and black, should have access to better schools (11)

universal manhood suffrage the ability of all men over the age of 21 to vote regardless of color or economic status (9)

urban renewal the replacement of run-down city buildings; usually applied to poor neighborhoods on the edges of downtowns (14)

urban sprawl unplanned, uncoordinated spread of a city (urban area) (14)

V

veto to deny passage of legislation (3)

Voting Rights Act of 1965 legislation that provided for federal enforcement of voting rights that had been set out in the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution (13)

W

wants goods and services that are not necessary for survival but are desired by people (2)

War of 1812 a war in which the United States fought the British to ensure that Americans could settle the West and be safe from interference on the high seas (7)

weather short-term atmospheric conditions (1)

westerlies winds from the west that bring warmer air in the winter and cooler air in the summer (1)

wetland an area where soil is soaked or flooded with water (1)

Whig Party political party founded in the 1830s to oppose President Andrew Jackson; it supported more government involvement, internal improvements, and education (7)

Whigs those who favored independence from Great Britain (6)

white supremacy the belief that the white race is superior to any other race (10)

XYZ

yeoman farmer a farmer who tilled the land he or some family member owned (7)

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