

Table 2 Work, Farm and School Statistics

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Civilian Labor Force, 2015 (millions) ¹	157.1	4.8	7
Participation Rate ¹	62.7	61.5	34
Males	69.1	67.7	30
Females	56.7	56.0	31
Percent Unemployed ¹	5.3	5.9	9
Males	5.4	5.5	19
Females	5.2	6.3	2
Average Annual Pay, 2015 ²	\$52,942	\$46,530	25
Percent Employed in Manufacturing, 2015 ²	8.7	10.7	13
Average. Hourly Earnings of Manufacturing Production Workers, 2015 ²	\$19.92	\$16.98	47
Number of Farms, 2015 (thousands) ³	2,067	49	15
Average Acreage per Farm, 2015 ³	441	170	39
Average Value Per Farm, Land & Buildings, 2015 ³	\$1,282,872	\$762,245	33
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools ⁴			
Per Capita Expenditures, 2014	\$1,924	\$1,356	46
Average Expenditures per Pupil, 2014	\$12,040	\$8,993	43
Average Salary of Elementary School Teachers, 2014 (thousands)	\$57.6	\$47.8	40
Average Salary of Secondary School Teachers, 2014 (thousands)	\$57.4	\$47.8	40
Mean SAT scores of college-bound seniors 2014–15 ⁵			
Critical Reading	495	498	35
Mathematics	511	504	34
Writing	484	476	41
Public High School Four-year cohort graduation rates, 2014–15 ⁶			
Total, all students	83.2	85.6	21
White students	87.6	88.3	22
Black students	74.6	82.2	5
American Indian/Alaskan Native students	71.6	82.0	9
Asian/Pacific Islander students	90.2	92.0	14
Hispanic students	77.8	80.0	15
Economically Disadvantaged students	76.1	79.6	11
Students with Disabilities	64.6	67.3	23

¹U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment. ²U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages 2015. ³U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Farms and Land in Farms, Final Estimates by State. ⁴U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Census of Governments: Finance — Annual Survey of School System Finances. ⁵U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2015 Digest of Education Statistics, Table 226.40 Mean SAT scores of college-bound seniors. ⁶U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Public High School Four-Year On-Time Graduation Rates.