

TABLE 33. STATE SALES AND USE TAX: GROSS RETAIL SALES REPORTED BY COUNTY

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County	1988-1989	1989-1990	1990-1991	1991-1992	1992-1993	1993-1994	1994-1995	1995-1996	Year-over-year % change						
	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	[\$1,000s]	90/89	91/90	92/91	93/92	94/93	95/94	96/95
Alamance.....	1,045,413	1,067,660	1,000,548	1,011,485	1,070,864	1,163,728	1,253,479	1,377,551	2.1%	-6.3%	1.1%	5.9%	8.7%	7.7%	9.9%
Alexander.....	110,227	107,063	114,793	119,380	123,953	121,904	130,061	145,028	-2.9%	7.2%	4.0%	3.8%	-1.7%	6.7%	11.5%
Alleghany.....	47,547	46,127	47,683	46,168	47,246	49,268	56,432	56,605	-3.0%	3.4%	-3.2%	2.3%	4.3%	14.5%	0.3%
Anson.....	106,363	110,563	105,359	106,002	105,916	111,255	114,608	121,670	3.9%	-4.7%	0.6%	-0.1%	5.0%	3.0%	6.2%
Ashe.....	128,551	127,932	120,244	119,571	125,510	139,993	143,564	150,835	-0.5%	-6.0%	-0.6%	5.0%	11.5%	2.6%	5.1%
Avery.....	108,940	107,369	106,489	108,705	114,694	130,389	139,403	152,313	-1.4%	-0.8%	2.1%	5.5%	13.7%	6.9%	9.3%
Beaufort.....	344,279	333,998	327,764	320,662	342,602	364,489	377,785	396,506	-3.0%	-1.9%	-2.2%	6.8%	6.4%	3.6%	5.0%
Bertie.....	66,165	62,792	65,774	63,499	66,904	72,101	69,774	72,622	-5.1%	4.7%	-3.5%	5.4%	7.8%	-3.2%	4.1%
Bladen.....	162,057	164,355	167,042	163,611	179,082	186,973	199,148	208,863	1.4%	1.6%	-2.1%	9.5%	4.4%	6.5%	4.9%
Brunswick.....	326,305	339,802	353,491	367,797	402,067	457,592	504,798	560,328	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	9.3%	13.8%	10.3%	11.0%
Buncombe.....	1,811,436	1,830,494	1,823,433	1,880,765	2,025,115	2,311,741	2,529,695	2,738,660	1.1%	-0.4%	3.1%	7.7%	14.2%	9.4%	8.3%
Burke.....	452,859	441,007	433,728	453,605	487,079	519,369	569,807	608,037	-2.6%	-1.7%	4.6%	7.4%	6.6%	9.7%	6.7%
Cabarrus.....	691,074	691,732	699,834	727,966	772,914	883,790	987,801	1,075,812	0.1%	1.2%	4.0%	6.2%	14.3%	11.8%	8.9%
Caldwell.....	468,298	456,532	432,789	441,291	473,076	520,800	559,687	591,287	-2.5%	-5.2%	2.0%	7.2%	10.1%	7.5%	5.6%
Camden.....	14,948	14,102	15,036	13,725	16,182	16,962	17,738	18,600	-5.7%	6.6%	-8.7%	17.9%	4.8%	4.6%	1.8%
Carteret.....	470,951	457,743	461,755	479,076	514,777	573,294	630,435	662,010	-2.8%	0.9%	3.8%	7.5%	11.4%	10.0%	5.0%
Caswell.....	36,559	36,837	38,533	38,113	38,336	41,864	46,263	51,496	0.8%	4.6%	-1.1%	0.6%	9.2%	10.5%	11.3%
Catawba.....	1,400,197	1,362,681	1,301,265	1,355,617	1,467,124	1,663,873	1,830,623	1,936,810	-2.7%	-4.5%	4.2%	8.2%	13.4%	10.0%	5.8%
Chatham.....	192,957	186,055	199,404	230,662	243,362	259,683	284,349	318,366	-3.6%	7.2%	15.7%	5.5%	6.7%	9.5%	12.0%
Cherokee.....	145,500	136,725	132,411	136,894	151,708	175,485	220,135	244,115	-6.0%	-3.2%	3.4%	10.8%	15.7%	25.4%	10.9%
Chowan.....	81,651	86,089	80,792	81,670	84,321	92,838	102,515	99,137	5.4%	-6.2%	1.1%	3.2%	10.1%	10.4%	-3.3%
Clay.....	33,543	25,841	26,207	30,889	35,595	37,510	40,184	40,003	-23.0%	1.4%	17.9%	15.2%	5.4%	7.1%	-0.4%
Cleveland.....	720,539	692,297	675,163	692,310	720,002	809,593	894,118	935,986	-3.9%	-2.5%	2.5%	4.0%	12.4%	10.4%	4.7%
Columbus.....	321,763	327,577	324,035	324,672	345,075	357,708	380,022	418,723	1.8%	-1.1%	0.2%	6.3%	3.7%	6.2%	10.2%
Craven.....	546,661	558,266	554,103	578,196	606,122	666,413	699,939	729,092	2.1%	-0.7%	4.3%	4.8%	9.9%	5.0%	4.2%
Cumberland.....	1,910,964	1,890,482	1,797,922	1,975,382	2,159,904	2,344,069	2,514,060	2,670,468	-1.1%	-4.9%	9.9%	9.3%	8.5%	7.3%	6.2%
Currituck.....	96,583	88,729	81,693	90,426	102,242	117,774	139,514	147,785	-8.1%	-7.9%	10.7%	13.1%	15.2%	18.5%	5.9%
Dare.....	432,156	456,290	463,833	473,837	508,862	580,368	643,334	676,520	5.6%	1.7%	2.2%	7.4%	14.1%	10.8%	5.2%
Davidson.....	793,333	786,047	828,621	865,136	948,887	946,763	1,009,522	1,066,520	-0.9%	5.4%	4.4%	9.7%	-0.2%	6.6%	5.6%
Davie.....	171,889	177,333	171,071	176,983	184,959	184,449	197,061	205,696	3.2%	-3.5%	3.5%	4.5%	-0.3%	6.8%	4.4%
Duplin.....	215,535	210,363	209,330	222,735	230,765	239,318	260,942	333,200	-2.4%	-0.5%	6.4%	3.6%	3.7%	9.0%	27.7%
Durham.....	1,658,079	1,663,216	1,695,664	1,744,493	1,918,310	2,112,720	2,373,627	2,580,145	0.3%	2.0%	2.9%	10.0%	10.1%	12.3%	8.7%
Edgecombe.....	363,164	345,005	397,366	395,337	361,391	330,362	366,846	399,938	-5.0%	15.2%	-0.5%	-8.6%	-8.6%	11.0%	9.0%
Forsyth.....	3,415,145	3,299,817	3,214,643	3,415,059	3,664,056	3,957,672	4,421,978	4,719,601	-3.4%	-2.6%	6.2%	7.3%	8.0%	11.7%	6.7%
Franklin.....	151,671	155,132	146,565	145,239	158,620	175,690	198,069	212,080	2.3%	-5.5%	-0.9%	9.2%	10.8%	12.7%	7.1%
Gaston.....	1,442,002	1,377,115	1,344,040	1,374,262	1,457,042	1,576,886	1,752,540	1,881,257	-4.5%	-2.4%	2.2%	6.0%	8.2%	11.1%	7.3%
Gates.....	35,038	35,309	35,171	38,636	41,592	43,685	47,131	47,272	0.8%	-0.4%	9.9%	7.7%	5.0%	7.9%	0.3%
Graham.....	29,529	28,422	27,750	30,148	34,743	34,623	33,301	35,280	-3.7%	-2.4%	8.6%	15.2%	-0.3%	-3.8%	5.9%
Granville.....	175,746	178,625	190,907	197,024	213,441	224,106	235,844	251,814	1.6%	6.9%	3.2%	8.3%	5.0%	5.2%	6.8%
Greene.....	61,562	52,276	46,349	45,932	49,228	50,621	55,440	61,412	-15.1%	-11.3%	-0.9%	7.2%	2.8%	9.5%	10.8%
Guilford.....	5,260,901	5,216,685	5,102,864	5,274,010	5,707,616	6,407,038	7,144,204	7,515,663	-0.8%	-2.2%	3.4%	8.2%	12.3%	11.5%	5.2%
Halifax.....	390,951	393,466	401,899	407,715	416,024	426,148	465,299	499,857	0.6%	2.1%	1.4%	2.0%	2.4%	9.2%	7.4%
Harnett.....	379,629	362,384	355,744	376,030	413,245	437,981	461,113	489,882	-4.5%	-1.8%	5.7%	9.9%	6.0%	5.3%	6.2%
Haywood.....	421,152	380,012	377,003	402,546	419,214	450,348	475,365	517,175	-9.8%	-0.8%	6.8%	4.1%	7.4%	5.6%	8.8%
Henderson.....	649,697	597,083	556,295	603,684	608,916	664,921	705,633	737,578	-8.1%	-6.8%	8.5%	0.9%	9.2%	6.1%	4.5%
Hertford.....	198,123	204,101	195,621	188,348	186,800	205,933	214,226	240,316	3.0%	-4.2%	-3.7%	-0.8%	10.2%	4.0%	12.2%
Hoke.....	62,159	62,275	63,469	66,454	72,104	79,418	87,001	89,373	0.2%	1.9%	4.7%	8.5%	10.1%	9.5%	2.7%
Hyde.....	28,147	29,659	29,198	28,595	29,100	32,260	32,723	34,567	5.4%	-1.6%	-2.1%	1.8%	10.9%	1.4%	5.6%
Iredell.....	860,603	872,971	862,385	902,975	966,656	1,111,791	1,242,027	1,365,508	1.4%	-1.2%	4.7%	7.1%	15.0%	11.7%	9.9%
Jackson.....	158,493	180,837	184,952	198,740	208,399	169,120	188,712	206,421	14.1%	2.3%	7.5%	4.9%	-18.8%	11.6%	9.4%

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Johnston.....	642,758	622,751	588,301	644,835	684,749	772,255	812,653	917,623	-3.1%	-5.5%	9.6%	6.2%	12.8%	5.2%	12.9%
Jones.....	35,462	38,009	38,989	39,445	42,531	41,849	35,214	26,738	7.2%	2.6%	1.2%	7.8%	-1.6%	-15.9%	-24.1%
Lee.....	461,997	428,333	393,037	427,893	470,198	502,893	562,285	574,287	-7.3%	-8.2%	8.9%	9.9%	7.0%	11.8%	2.1%
Lenoir.....	518,133	498,573	507,180	527,962	558,724	628,639	688,163	744,207	-3.8%	1.7%	4.1%	5.8%	12.5%	9.5%	8.1%
Lincoln.....	274,253	286,356	270,556	274,371	289,548	321,598	344,790	387,373	4.4%	-5.5%	1.4%	5.5%	11.1%	7.2%	12.4%
Macon.....	192,257	200,369	205,810	217,333	229,489	246,606	270,025	290,246	4.2%	2.7%	5.6%	5.6%	7.5%	9.5%	7.5%
Madison.....	48,227	49,970	50,971	53,087	54,062	59,504	59,962	59,978	3.6%	2.0%	4.2%	1.8%	10.1%	0.8%	0.0%
Martin.....	159,204	157,937	162,168	172,761	181,268	184,670	201,817	217,133	-0.8%	2.7%	6.5%	4.9%	1.9%	9.3%	7.6%
McDowell.....	209,039	202,626	198,356	209,590	225,557	244,215	264,055	285,441	-3.1%	-2.1%	5.7%	7.6%	8.3%	8.1%	8.1%
Mecklenburg....	8,865,298	8,845,616	8,584,648	8,515,428	9,315,495	10,386,860	11,357,291	12,796,551	-0.2%	-3.0%	-0.8%	9.4%	11.5%	9.3%	12.7%
Mitchell.....	111,749	104,411	103,382	98,252	101,124	108,477	106,624	111,293	-6.6%	-1.0%	-5.0%	2.9%	7.3%	-1.7%	4.4%
Montgomery.....	138,985	134,355	126,264	119,321	143,633	164,546	175,917	181,766	-3.3%	-6.0%	-5.5%	20.4%	14.6%	6.9%	3.3%
Moore.....	515,778	484,000	464,969	506,784	557,703	609,214	673,652	706,360	-6.2%	-3.9%	9.0%	10.0%	9.2%	10.6%	4.9%
Nash.....	891,903	891,124	866,500	900,485	963,878	1,036,442	1,140,571	1,282,557	-0.1%	-2.8%	3.9%	7.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.4%
New Hanover....	1,581,041	1,596,553	1,631,853	1,672,888	1,742,043	1,949,193	2,196,565	2,401,271	1.0%	2.2%	2.5%	4.1%	11.9%	12.7%	9.3%
Northampton....	55,992	55,982	54,347	53,468	54,092	56,887	63,434	64,651	0.0%	-2.9%	-1.6%	1.2%	5.2%	11.5%	1.9%
Onslow.....	659,661	640,676	624,251	680,165	705,545	763,771	829,665	906,618	-2.9%	-2.6%	9.0%	3.7%	8.3%	8.6%	9.3%
Orange.....	647,727	640,662	640,743	638,895	698,037	770,782	846,809	867,152	-1.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	9.3%	10.4%	9.9%	2.4%
Pamlico.....	43,792	42,404	43,819	43,242	47,519	50,197	51,684	56,901	-3.2%	3.3%	-1.3%	9.9%	5.6%	3.0%	10.1%
Pasquotank.....	302,444	292,752	279,392	291,470	300,964	316,031	336,712	354,880	-3.2%	-4.6%	4.3%	3.3%	5.0%	6.5%	5.4%
Pender.....	100,568	101,288	105,320	111,527	125,676	147,820	156,243	170,079	0.7%	4.0%	5.9%	12.7%	17.6%	5.7%	8.9%
Perquimans.....	36,298	31,604	30,435	30,367	30,967	35,980	40,558	43,104	-12.9%	-3.7%	-0.2%	2.0%	16.2%	12.7%	6.3%
Person.....	181,196	178,379	179,171	186,044	196,958	225,002	240,862	255,524	-1.6%	0.4%	3.8%	5.9%	14.2%	7.0%	6.1%
Pitt.....	990,693	960,024	886,750	924,524	987,563	1,155,921	1,294,650	1,420,060	-3.1%	-7.6%	4.3%	6.8%	17.0%	12.0%	9.7%
Polk.....	55,444	58,196	58,671	60,761	64,130	72,867	82,205	86,285	5.0%	0.8%	3.6%	5.5%	13.6%	12.8%	5.0%
Randolph.....	622,227	616,560	622,547	665,693	708,077	780,576	811,082	863,709	-0.9%	1.0%	6.9%	6.4%	10.2%	3.9%	6.5%
Richmond.....	300,654	291,217	268,341	272,538	301,151	310,172	334,058	346,640	-3.1%	-7.9%	1.6%	10.5%	3.0%	7.7%	3.8%
Robeson.....	672,612	657,603	631,243	656,486	708,419	765,605	830,430	882,062	-2.2%	-4.0%	4.0%	7.9%	8.1%	8.5%	6.2%
Rockingham.....	500,481	490,283	470,349	483,457	518,099	541,890	573,544	597,975	-2.0%	-4.1%	2.8%	7.2%	4.6%	5.8%	4.3%
Rowan.....	777,705	772,561	718,172	747,299	766,818	787,989	841,719	884,521	-0.7%	-7.0%	4.1%	2.6%	2.8%	6.8%	5.1%
Rutherford.....	508,704	489,955	472,776	478,049	463,041	487,351	475,536	472,179	-3.7%	-3.5%	1.1%	-3.1%	5.3%	-2.4%	-0.7%
Sampson.....	286,827	273,523	260,389	292,202	318,940	365,397	397,945	414,463	-4.6%	-4.8%	12.2%	9.2%	14.6%	8.9%	4.2%
Scotland.....	228,947	237,042	230,674	236,086	249,653	262,175	282,938	303,205	3.5%	-2.7%	2.3%	5.7%	5.0%	7.9%	7.2%
Stanly.....	399,169	396,025	383,614	380,467	400,419	438,899	481,751	490,929	-0.8%	-3.1%	-0.8%	5.2%	9.6%	9.8%	1.9%
Stokes.....	118,781	118,944	119,084	119,883	124,734	131,854	148,633	149,099	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	4.0%	5.7%	12.7%	0.3%
Surry.....	596,438	602,759	590,776	595,020	637,470	697,623	722,385	754,760	1.1%	-2.0%	0.7%	7.1%	9.4%	3.5%	4.5%
Swain.....	61,481	56,280	52,974	52,003	51,561	55,631	60,243	64,483	-8.5%	-5.9%	-1.8%	-0.8%	7.9%	8.3%	7.0%
Transylvania.....	142,887	138,427	130,295	141,692	160,978	174,901	184,329	207,930	-3.1%	-5.9%	8.7%	13.6%	8.6%	5.4%	12.8%
Tyrrell.....	15,367	18,112	17,764	15,004	16,638	18,587	18,634	20,336	17.9%	-1.9%	-15.5%	10.9%	11.7%	0.3%	9.1%
Union.....	672,573	699,105	646,475	675,161	758,924	778,787	867,530	991,135	3.9%	-7.5%	4.4%	12.4%	2.6%	11.4%	14.2%
Vance.....	309,901	301,545	294,213	289,047	327,549	357,387	375,096	417,894	-2.7%	-2.4%	-1.8%	13.3%	9.1%	5.0%	11.4%
Wake.....	5,361,895	5,251,140	5,182,233	5,287,644	5,968,509	6,663,017	7,649,497	8,440,787	-2.1%	-1.3%	2.0%	12.9%	11.6%	14.8%	10.3%
Warren.....	58,382	58,613	56,796	53,832	51,923	56,808	59,963	61,644	0.4%	-3.1%	-5.2%	-3.5%	9.4%	5.6%	2.8%
Washington.....	84,000	75,848	74,170	81,548	84,574	90,607	89,554	92,045	-9.7%	-2.2%	9.9%	3.7%	7.1%	-1.2%	2.8%
Watauga.....	343,298	352,244	353,498	370,294	392,775	434,118	464,453	524,196	2.6%	0.4%	4.8%	6.1%	10.5%	7.0%	12.9%
Wayne.....	837,518	840,779	848,777	842,424	886,989	985,194	1,064,187	1,060,402	0.4%	1.0%	-0.7%	5.3%	11.1%	8.0%	-0.4%
Wilkes.....	387,953	393,621	395,793	404,297	412,135	469,840	494,254	505,455	1.5%	0.6%	2.1%	1.9%	14.0%	5.2%	2.5%
Wilson.....	757,685	739,415	670,843	662,108	672,468	720,266	769,135	843,964	-2.4%	-9.3%	-1.3%	1.6%	7.1%	6.8%	9.7%
Yadkin.....	144,553	141,811	134,037	140,153	141,503	151,716	165,517	172,545	-1.9%	-5.5%	4.6%	1.0%	7.2%	9.1%	4.2%
Yancey.....	68,013	64,962	65,968	76,570	77,565	83,340	87,570	89,771	-4.5%	1.5%	16.1%	1.3%	7.4%	5.1%	2.5%
Unallocated.....	3,955,368	4,254,402	4,862,977	5,170,559	5,630,136	5,935,042	7,462,220	11,797,414	7.6%	14.3%	6.3%	8.9%	5.4%	25.7%	58.1%
Statewide totals	65,130,350	64,691,006	64,038,693	66,122,475	71,224,237	78,029,668	86,592,403	97,352,867	-0.7%	-1.0%	3.3%	7.7%	9.6%	11.0%	12.4%

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Alamance.....	1,377,551	1,492,400	1,535,421	1,609,891	1,620,578	1,712,542	1,628,027	1,599,676	8.3%	2.9%	4.9%	0.7%	5.7%	-4.9%	-1.7%
Alexander.....	145,028	155,214	163,335	176,204	175,231	201,236	199,897	214,625	7.0%	5.2%	7.9%	-0.6%	14.8%	-0.7%	7.4%
Alleghany.....	56,605	60,537	64,861	68,919	69,659	70,339	64,728	68,793	6.9%	7.1%	6.3%	1.1%	1.0%	-8.0%	6.3%
Anson.....	121,670	131,597	134,308	131,085	143,147	150,374	152,263	158,091	8.2%	2.1%	-2.4%	9.2%	5.0%	1.3%	3.8%
Ashe.....	150,835	171,394	184,067	173,806	170,268	184,810	227,249	227,636	13.6%	7.4%	-5.6%	-2.0%	8.5%	23.0%	0.2%
Avery.....	152,313	170,942	181,330	178,969	181,329	195,216	189,411	193,009	12.2%	6.1%	-1.3%	1.3%	7.7%	-3.0%	1.9%
Beaufort.....	396,506	427,570	417,990	447,962	459,962	464,156	474,159	514,154	7.8%	-2.2%	7.2%	2.7%	0.9%	2.2%	8.4%
Bertie.....	72,622	73,077	70,787	73,082	76,625	76,700	72,119	75,823	0.6%	-3.1%	3.2%	4.8%	0.1%	-6.0%	5.1%
Bladen.....	208,863	218,330	234,635	251,541	255,746	265,112	267,435	297,147	4.5%	7.5%	7.2%	1.7%	3.7%	0.9%	11.1%
Brunswick.....	560,328	622,389	681,491	729,195	779,889	826,683	882,559	953,953	11.1%	9.5%	7.0%	7.0%	6.0%	6.8%	8.1%
Buncombe.....	2,738,660	2,898,788	3,081,052	3,211,541	3,244,934	3,385,178	3,431,309	3,429,967	5.8%	6.3%	4.2%	1.0%	4.3%	1.4%	0.0%
Burke.....	608,037	643,082	677,341	696,509	704,203	769,605	727,377	720,954	5.8%	5.3%	2.8%	1.1%	9.3%	-5.5%	-0.9%
Cabarrus.....	1,075,812	1,169,359	1,287,733	1,459,804	1,747,743	1,903,125	2,035,626	2,181,850	8.7%	10.1%	13.4%	19.7%	8.9%	7.0%	7.2%
Caldwell.....	591,287	614,079	626,774	665,936	690,378	703,610	651,553	661,407	3.9%	2.1%	6.2%	3.7%	1.9%	-7.4%	1.5%
Camden.....	18,060	21,365	20,818	21,676	23,433	27,648	26,784	45,929	18.3%	-2.6%	4.1%	8.1%	18.0%	-3.1%	71.5%
Carteret.....	662,010	709,586	743,756	766,640	778,265	784,225	812,703	883,303	7.2%	4.8%	3.1%	1.5%	0.8%	3.6%	8.7%
Caswell.....	51,496	57,287	60,975	64,985	68,147	72,386	60,830	69,246	11.2%	6.4%	6.6%	4.9%	6.2%	-16.0%	13.8%
Catawba.....	1,936,810	2,063,389	2,165,884	2,279,471	2,319,595	2,453,110	2,299,791	2,349,653	6.5%	5.0%	5.2%	1.8%	5.8%	-6.3%	2.2%
Chatham.....	318,366	356,621	341,704	367,416	358,915	387,676	384,114	377,080	12.0%	-4.2%	7.5%	-2.3%	8.0%	-0.9%	-1.8%
Cherokee.....	244,115	266,723	302,025	326,713	342,396	343,083	349,041	378,915	9.3%	13.2%	8.2%	4.8%	0.2%	1.7%	8.6%
Chowan.....	99,137	105,939	108,890	107,004	110,226	117,844	116,085	116,854	6.9%	2.8%	-1.7%	3.0%	6.9%	-1.5%	0.7%
Clay.....	40,003	45,866	45,565	65,021	74,536	83,199	100,300	114,527	14.7%	-0.7%	42.7%	14.6%	11.6%	20.6%	14.2%
Cleveland.....	935,986	1,026,730	1,105,270	1,102,928	1,101,193	1,038,790	960,671	955,158	9.7%	7.6%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-5.7%	-7.5%	-0.6%
Columbus.....	418,723	453,271	455,158	471,744	461,471	460,561	443,735	457,420	8.3%	0.4%	3.6%	-2.2%	-0.2%	-3.7%	3.1%
Craven.....	729,092	779,300	804,973	839,600	887,336	930,509	900,390	976,058	6.9%	3.3%	4.3%	5.7%	4.9%	-3.2%	8.4%
Cumberland.....	2,670,468	2,856,078	2,852,575	2,909,513	3,018,719	3,023,363	2,974,131	3,017,710	7.0%	-0.1%	2.0%	3.8%	0.2%	-1.6%	1.5%
Currituck.....	147,785	164,118	181,040	197,588	235,342	264,097	257,153	278,447	11.1%	10.3%	9.1%	19.1%	12.2%	-2.6%	8.3%
Dare.....	676,520	715,815	800,062	869,838	929,860	1,029,650	1,119,273	1,229,180	5.8%	11.8%	8.7%	6.9%	10.7%	8.7%	9.8%
Davidson.....	1,066,520	1,151,388	1,265,289	1,331,327	1,323,658	1,304,522	1,252,384	1,279,069	8.0%	9.9%	5.2%	-0.6%	-1.4%	-4.0%	2.1%
Davie.....	205,696	226,378	240,489	268,890	276,983	302,239	264,670	264,526	10.1%	6.2%	11.8%	3.0%	9.1%	-12.4%	-0.1%
Duplin.....	333,200	466,786	330,493	302,213	317,643	320,310	339,195	333,228	40.1%	-29.2%	-8.6%	5.1%	0.8%	5.9%	-1.8%
Durham.....	2,580,145	2,725,364	2,969,822	3,167,577	3,455,668	3,688,799	4,057,352	4,597,853	5.6%	9.0%	6.7%	9.1%	6.7%	10.0%	13.3%
Edgecombe.....	399,938	462,524	463,539	447,493	439,816	414,918	388,141	395,838	15.6%	0.2%	-3.5%	-1.7%	-5.7%	-6.5%	2.0%
Forsyth.....	4,719,601	5,050,244	5,286,343	5,299,606	5,315,588	5,494,698	5,487,579	5,690,504	7.0%	4.7%	0.3%	0.3%	3.4%	-0.1%	3.7%
Franklin.....	212,080	234,632	258,263	299,302	301,263	290,829	294,106	295,218	10.6%	10.1%	15.9%	0.7%	-3.5%	1.1%	0.4%
Gaston.....	1,881,257	1,934,128	2,009,809	2,076,328	2,090,693	2,158,528	2,041,756	2,157,602	2.8%	3.9%	3.3%	0.7%	3.2%	-5.4%	5.7%
Gates.....	47,272	50,811	51,278	48,895	43,555	38,388	36,801	38,114	7.5%	0.9%	-4.6%	-10.9%	-11.9%	-4.1%	3.6%
Graham.....	35,280	36,298	37,055	37,340	35,481	39,776	40,679	44,455	2.9%	2.1%	0.8%	-5.0%	12.1%	2.3%	9.3%
Granville.....	251,814	282,826	291,606	331,636	331,052	348,125	354,378	376,442	12.3%	3.1%	13.7%	-0.2%	5.2%	1.8%	6.2%
Greene.....	61,412	76,973	59,018	58,003	56,734	57,631	50,110	52,294	25.3%	-23.3%	-1.7%	-2.2%	1.6%	-13.1%	4.4%
Guilford.....	7,515,663	7,937,678	8,628,148	9,271,941	9,243,741	9,371,295	8,545,992	8,493,801	5.6%	8.7%	7.5%	-0.3%	1.4%	-8.8%	-0.6%
Halifax.....	499,857	527,559	514,217	503,870	502,095	503,259	510,255	585,993	5.5%	-2.5%	-2.0%	-0.4%	0.2%	1.4%	14.8%
Harnett.....	489,882	526,804	508,613	526,701	546,428	567,328	549,335	598,200	7.5%	-3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	-3.2%	8.9%
Haywood.....	517,175	565,693	612,036	655,735	622,025	614,882	620,573	645,580	9.4%	8.2%	7.1%	-5.1%	-1.1%	0.9%	4.0%
Henderson.....	737,578	854,905	892,452	877,376	932,309	978,504	1,011,573	1,141,059	15.9%	4.4%	-1.7%	6.3%	5.0%	3.4%	12.8%
Hertford.....	240,316	240,295	248,460	251,884	292,567	304,290	253,346	262,377	0.0%	3.4%	1.4%	16.2%	4.0%	-16.7%	3.6%
Hoke.....	89,373	93,831	86,661	89,959	89,322	86,881	95,603	111,022	5.0%	-7.6%	3.8%	-0.7%	-2.7%	10.0%	16.1%
Hyde.....	34,567	35,468	40,529	42,399	42,734	48,843	51,139	49,882	2.6%	14.3%	4.6%	0.8%	14.3%	4.7%	-2.5%
Iredell.....	1,365,508	1,492,322	1,650,093	1,766,993	1,710,150	1,759,104	1,677,426	1,821,225	9.3%	10.6%	7.1%	-3.2%	2.9%	-4.6%	8.6%
Jackson.....	206,421	248,406	266,270	273,638	303,301	319,532	320,017	338,855	20.3%	7.2%	2.8%	10.8%	5.4%	0.2%	5.9%

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Johnston.....	917,623	1,030,242	1,106,176	1,186,297	1,234,633	1,305,467	1,247,372	1,312,537	12.3%	7.4%	7.2%	4.1%	5.7%	-4.5%	5.2%
Jones.....	26,738	28,255	31,061	30,805	32,140	33,810	32,534	34,155	5.7%	9.9%	-0.8%	4.3%	5.2%	-3.8%	5.0%
Lee.....	574,287	651,221	683,177	722,227	737,116	717,726	664,529	679,955	13.4%	4.9%	5.7%	2.1%	-2.6%	-7.4%	2.3%
Lenoir.....	744,207	790,546	775,348	781,517	770,936	779,131	839,117	862,766	6.2%	-1.9%	0.8%	-1.4%	1.1%	7.7%	2.8%
Lincoln.....	387,373	427,871	476,652	513,840	552,566	548,780	553,686	580,582	10.5%	11.4%	7.8%	7.5%	-0.7%	0.9%	4.9%
Macon.....	290,246	308,573	339,733	356,135	390,105	415,766	421,660	445,300	6.3%	10.1%	4.8%	9.5%	6.6%	1.4%	5.6%
Madison.....	59,978	67,308	63,378	66,949	67,597	80,388	87,326	97,457	12.2%	-5.8%	5.6%	1.0%	18.9%	8.6%	11.6%
Martin.....	217,133	217,164	203,990	205,955	189,615	193,348	223,488	194,464	0.0%	-6.1%	1.0%	-7.9%	2.0%	15.6%	-13.0%
McDowell.....	285,441	334,952	352,545	395,789	402,555	379,427	366,510	382,685	17.3%	5.3%	12.3%	1.7%	-5.7%	-3.4%	4.4%
Mecklenburg....	12,796,551	14,852,942	15,474,469	16,757,604	16,807,018	16,483,706	15,372,033	15,568,250	16.1%	4.2%	8.3%	0.3%	-1.9%	-6.7%	1.3%
Mitchell.....	111,293	124,902	120,392	119,990	142,463	171,517	169,176	174,988	12.2%	-3.6%	-0.3%	18.7%	20.4%	-1.4%	3.4%
Montgomery.....	181,766	196,367	195,400	218,721	239,949	265,740	272,476	253,421	8.0%	-0.5%	11.9%	9.7%	10.7%	2.5%	-7.0%
Moore.....	706,360	795,673	858,742	915,578	942,642	969,169	968,038	972,647	12.6%	7.9%	6.6%	3.0%	2.8%	-0.1%	0.5%
Nash.....	1,282,557	1,425,316	1,429,888	1,375,821	1,394,730	1,426,101	1,336,504	1,335,532	11.1%	0.3%	-3.8%	1.4%	2.2%	-6.3%	-0.1%
New Hanover....	2,401,271	2,762,887	2,795,146	3,013,925	3,118,861	3,313,441	3,183,187	3,239,363	15.1%	1.2%	7.8%	3.5%	6.2%	-3.9%	1.8%
Northampton....	64,651	67,083	60,876	66,361	63,905	68,776	63,213	52,521	3.8%	-9.3%	9.0%	-3.7%	7.6%	-8.1%	-16.9%
Onslow.....	906,618	1,026,603	1,030,573	1,051,341	1,055,500	1,073,255	1,101,168	1,190,439	13.2%	0.4%	2.0%	0.4%	1.7%	2.6%	8.1%
Orange.....	867,152	931,514	977,264	1,067,357	1,088,702	1,215,465	1,256,005	1,353,834	7.4%	4.9%	9.2%	2.0%	11.6%	3.3%	7.8%
Pamlico.....	56,901	62,396	65,362	65,685	63,728	65,301	62,723	59,828	9.7%	4.8%	0.5%	-3.0%	2.5%	-3.9%	-4.6%
Pasquotank....	354,880	394,964	415,170	436,366	462,764	488,703	474,038	488,633	11.3%	5.1%	5.1%	6.0%	5.6%	-3.0%	3.1%
Pender.....	170,079	208,116	231,216	242,216	238,436	237,452	246,350	263,565	22.4%	11.1%	4.8%	-1.6%	-0.4%	3.7%	7.0%
Perquimans.....	43,104	45,332	43,315	39,953	37,941	38,928	40,408	48,039	5.2%	-4.4%	-7.8%	-5.0%	2.6%	3.8%	18.9%
Person.....	255,524	287,503	296,922	300,698	311,172	333,125	333,840	342,494	12.5%	3.3%	1.3%	3.5%	7.1%	0.2%	2.6%
Pitt.....	1,420,060	1,592,361	1,740,916	1,864,247	1,944,493	1,977,292	1,855,754	1,914,226	12.1%	9.3%	7.1%	4.3%	1.7%	-6.1%	3.2%
Polk.....	86,285	91,310	94,845	99,923	100,871	113,638	113,513	108,878	5.8%	3.9%	5.4%	0.9%	12.7%	-0.1%	-4.1%
Randolph.....	863,709	906,154	961,899	1,041,955	1,044,671	1,059,867	1,039,610	1,029,001	4.9%	6.2%	8.3%	0.3%	1.5%	-1.9%	-1.0%
Richmond.....	346,640	381,906	384,310	386,679	385,737	390,475	369,883	355,463	10.2%	0.6%	0.6%	-0.2%	1.2%	-5.3%	-3.9%
Robeson.....	882,062	900,460	912,217	910,796	883,763	895,939	867,397	878,320	2.1%	1.3%	-0.2%	-3.0%	1.4%	-3.2%	1.3%
Rockingham.....	597,975	642,615	704,811	766,027	733,568	739,590	699,748	663,118	7.5%	9.7%	8.7%	-4.2%	0.8%	-5.4%	-5.2%
Rowan.....	884,521	968,459	1,056,147	1,077,265	1,092,306	1,081,784	1,081,266	1,115,349	9.5%	9.1%	2.0%	1.4%	-1.0%	0.0%	3.2%
Rutherford.....	472,179	485,052	483,081	492,286	488,498	526,427	504,945	508,751	2.7%	-0.4%	1.9%	-0.8%	7.8%	-4.1%	0.8%
Sampson.....	414,463	482,633	497,056	463,830	468,882	495,746	529,632	513,422	16.4%	3.0%	-6.7%	1.1%	5.7%	6.8%	-3.1%
Scotland.....	303,205	324,109	331,413	339,896	298,835	299,675	287,783	323,605	6.9%	2.3%	2.6%	-12.1%	0.3%	-4.0%	12.4%
Stanly.....	490,929	517,133	548,028	591,763	626,456	624,247	623,469	619,978	5.3%	6.0%	8.0%	5.9%	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Stokes.....	149,099	159,069	161,158	159,629	164,863	172,571	174,994	211,817	6.7%	1.3%	-0.9%	3.3%	4.7%	1.4%	21.0%
Surry.....	754,760	830,504	859,532	886,362	924,288	976,509	906,735	905,054	10.0%	3.5%	3.1%	4.3%	5.6%	-7.1%	-0.2%
Swain.....	64,483	67,839	68,447	77,924	105,290	117,440	83,849	79,023	5.2%	0.9%	13.8%	35.1%	11.5%	-28.6%	-5.8%
Transylvania....	207,930	217,180	225,368	243,577	248,357	257,285	248,973	263,949	4.4%	3.8%	8.1%	2.0%	3.6%	-3.2%	6.0%
Tyrrell.....	20,336	18,710	19,284	21,383	17,693	19,205	18,584	17,550	-8.0%	3.1%	10.9%	-17.3%	8.5%	-3.2%	-5.6%
Union.....	991,135	1,101,801	1,113,199	1,207,718	1,287,192	1,368,711	1,403,190	1,425,656	11.2%	1.0%	8.5%	6.6%	6.3%	2.5%	1.6%
Vance.....	417,894	460,598	480,512	490,774	511,372	525,607	516,582	512,734	10.2%	4.3%	2.1%	4.2%	2.8%	-1.7%	-0.7%
Wake.....	8,440,787	9,669,936	10,318,840	11,535,942	11,613,684	12,546,177	12,017,561	12,401,836	14.6%	6.7%	11.8%	0.7%	8.0%	-4.2%	3.2%
Warren.....	61,644	65,701	69,236	70,875	72,946	77,163	74,343	78,784	6.6%	5.4%	2.4%	2.9%	5.8%	-3.7%	6.0%
Washington.....	92,045	92,795	89,600	86,387	86,217	92,537	96,534	93,043	0.8%	-3.4%	-3.6%	-0.2%	7.3%	4.3%	-3.6%
Watauga.....	524,196	567,525	626,189	671,514	682,605	702,419	651,853	670,772	8.3%	10.3%	7.2%	1.7%	2.9%	-7.2%	2.9%
Wayne.....	1,060,402	1,115,542	1,141,734	1,152,733	1,154,274	1,124,616	1,118,253	1,136,987	5.2%	2.3%	1.0%	0.1%	-2.6%	-0.6%	1.7%
Wilkes.....	505,455	519,815	555,374	602,590	687,540	712,249	707,871	716,349	2.8%	6.8%	8.5%	14.1%	3.6%	-0.6%	1.2%
Wilson.....	843,964	903,786	952,802	974,088	1,011,119	1,018,014	987,394	1,061,728	7.1%	5.4%	2.2%	3.8%	0.7%	-3.0%	7.5%
Yadkin.....	172,545	200,617	216,190	211,539	208,769	206,623	211,815	224,267	16.3%	7.8%	-2.2%	-1.3%	-1.0%	2.5%	5.9%
Yancey.....	89,771	96,968	106,777	107,865	103,807	104,157	105,792	99,284	8.0%	10.1%	1.0%	-3.8%	0.3%	1.6%	-6.2%
Unallocated.....	11,797,414	17,947,485	17,976,146	21,592,951	21,898,558	22,408,363	20,592,478	22,700,009	52.1%	0.2%	20.1%	1.4%	2.3%	-8.1%	10.2%
Statewide totals	97,352,867	112,057,953	116,762,211	126,253,339	128,493,660	132,176,353	127,256,302	132,682,106	15.1%	4.2%	8.1%	1.8%	2.9%	-3.7%	4.3%

TABLE 33 . - Continued

Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

n/a not applicable

Amounts shown are taxable and nontaxable sales reported on sales and use tax returns filed during the period July 1 through June 30 of a given year by monthly and semimonthly merchants. Gross retail sales derived from utility services are not tabulated by county and are not included.

Beginning midway during the 2001-02 fiscal year, taxable sales computed from use tax generated from the general State rate are included in gross retail sales amounts. Prior to 2001-02, taxable sales were not computed on reported use tax and are not included in gross retail sales amounts.

Figure 33.1
Gross Retail Sales in North Carolina 1988-89 Through 2002-03

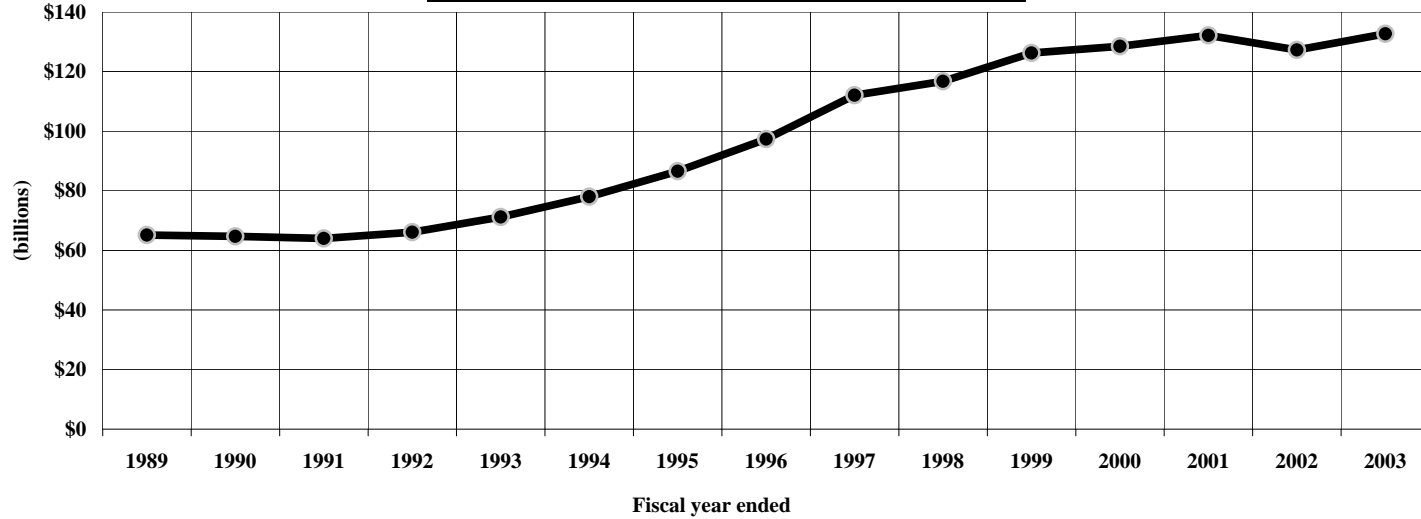


Figure 33.2
Gross Retail Sales in North Carolina: % Change from Preceding Year

