WILMINGTON, NC AT A GLANCE
COMMUNITY FACT SHEET 2008

Introduction
Wilmington, located in New Hanover County, is a coastal town located in Southeastern North Carolina bordered by the Cape Fear River to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. This fact sheet provides general information about the City of Wilmington.

Government
(Greater Wilmington COC & www.wilmingtonnc.gov)
Incorporated……1739
Form of Government……Council-Manager
Elected body……7 members
Terms of Office……Mayor 2 years, Council 4 years, staggered terms
Election Format……At large

Population
(July 2008, NC State Demographer)
City of Wilmington……101,526
New Hanover County…… 192,235
North Carolina……9,227,016

Population Characteristics
(2008 American Community Survey (ACS), Census)
White……75.7%
Black……18.1%
Other racial group……6.2%
Male……48.2%
Female……51.8%
Median Age……34.9

Land Area……50.4 square miles
Municipal Density……3.15 pop/acre

Average HH Size……2.2 persons
Mean Travel to Work Time……17.1 mins
Median Housing Value……$244,300
Housing Stock……52,945 units
Housing Tenure……52.8% owner-occupied
……47.2% renter-occupied
……14.6% vacant

Tax Rates ($ per $100 of assessed value)
(New Hanover County Tax Department)
City (2008)……$0.33
County (2008)……$0.45
Total……$ 0.78

Educational Attainment, 2008
(NC Department of Public Instruction & 2008 ACS, Census)
Less than 9th grade……3.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma……8.7%
High school graduate (includes GED)……21.9%
Some college, no degree……19.4%
Associate's degree……7.8%
Bachelor's degree……27.8%
Graduate or professional degree……10.6%

NHC '07-'08 Drop-Out Rate……5.40%
NC '07-'08 Drop Out Rate……4.97%

Economic Data, 2008
(2008 ACS, Census & Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Median HH Income……$42,757
Unemployment Rate……3.7%

Vital Statistics, 2008
(NC State Center for Health Statistics)
NHC Births……2,451
NHC Deaths……1,571
NHC Divorce and Annulment Rate (2008)….4.6%

Occupational Data, 2008
(2008 ACS, Census)
Management, professional, and related….36.3%
Service……19.6%
Sales and office……27.3%
Farming, fishing, and forestry……<1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair……9.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving……7.7%

Construction Data, 2008
(New Hanover County Construction Report)
Value of New Construction (in thousands)
New Residential……$74,103
New Non-Residential……$231,370

Reported Part I Crimes, 2008
(FBI Uniform Crime Reports)
Part I Crimes are comprised of the 8 most occurring offenses, broken down into violent crime and property crime, presented as a % of total population affected by crime
Violent Crime……0.77%
Property Crime……5.40%
Total Part I Crime……6.17%

Parks
(City of Wilmington Parks Department)
The City of Wilmington Parks Department maintains approximately 733 acres of neighborhood parks, citywide parks, and greenspaces.

Police Department,
(City of Wilmington Police Department)
Number of Sworn Officers (2008)……262
Number of Service Calls (2008)…….180,665

Wilmington International Airport (ILM)
(www.flyilm.com)
Enplanements (2008)……409,281
Deplanements (2008)……405,221

Hospitals, 2008
(www.nhrmc.org)
New Hanover Regional Medical Center

- Opened in 1967
- 4,412 Employees, 769 Licensed Beds (NHRMC & CFH)
- 438 Average Daily Census (NHRMC & CFH)

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