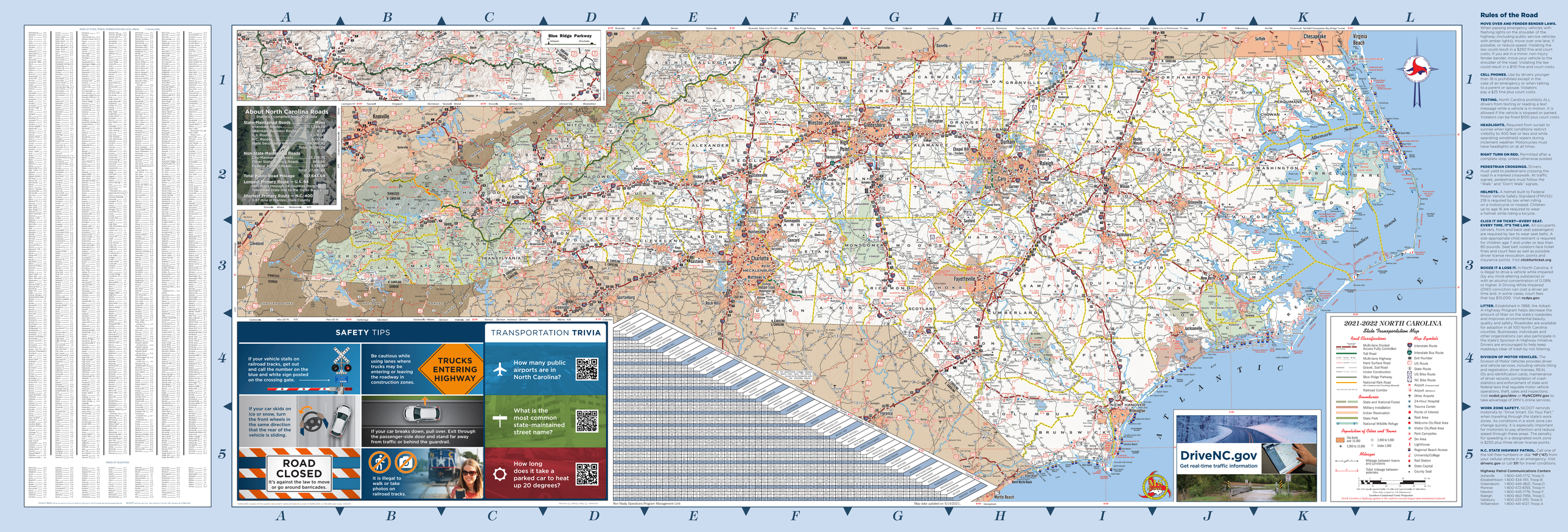
About North Carolina Roads
Statewide Composite Total: 97,786.66
State-Maintained Roads Miles
Interstate Routes 1,134.78
Interstate Business Routes 61.81
U.S. Routes 2,276.60
N.C. Routes 8,127.05
State Secondary Routes 69,090.90
Total: 80,691.24
Non-State-Maintained Roads
City-Maintained Streets 23,276.70
Other State-Owned Roads 3,606.66
Federal Agency Roads 3,211.86
Total: 27,094.36
Total Public Road Mileage 107,643.08
Longest Primary Route – U.S. 64
589 miles through 24 counties from the Tennessee state line to the Outer Banks
Shortest Primary Route – N.C. 400
0.67 mile in Henderson County
SAFETY TIPS
If your vehicle stalls on railroad tracks, get out and call the number on the blue and white sign posted on the crossing gate.
Be cautious while using lanes where trucks may be entering or leaving the roadway in construction zones.
TRUCKS ENTERING HIGHWAY
If your car skids on ice or snow, turn the front wheels in the same direction that the rear of the vehicle is sliding.
If your car breaks down, pull over. Exit through the passenger-side door and stand far away from traffic or behind the guardrail.
ROAD CLOSED
It's against the law to move or go around barricades.
It is illegal to walk or take photos on railroad tracks.
TRANSPORTATION TRIVIA
How many public airports are in North Carolina?
What is the most common state-maintained street name?
How long does it take a parked car to heat up 20 degrees?
Blue Ridge Parkway
Mileposts
Overlook
Rules of the Road
MOVE OVER AND FENDER BENDER LAWS. When passing emergency vehicles with flashing lights on the shoulder of the highway (including public service vehicles with amber lights), move over one lane, if possible, or reduce speed. Violating the law could result in a $250 fine and court costs. If you are in a minor, non-injury fender bender, move your vehicle to the shoulder of the road. Violating the law could result in a $100 fine and court costs.
CELL PHONES. Use by drivers younger than 18 is prohibited except in the case of an emergency or when talking to a parent or spouse. Violators pay a $25 fine plus court costs.
TEXTING. North Carolina prohibits ALL drivers from texting or reading a text message while a vehicle is in motion. It is allowed if the vehicle is stopped or parked. Violators can be fined $100 plus court costs.
HEADLIGHTS. Required from sunset to sunrise when light conditions restrict visibility to 400 feet or less and while operating windshield wipers during inclement weather. Motorcycles must have headlights on at all times.
RIGHT TURN ON RED. Permitted after a complete stop, unless otherwise posted.
PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. Drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing the road in a marked crosswalk. At traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals.
HELMETS. A helmet built to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218 is required by law when riding on a motorcycle or moped. Children up to age 16 are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.
CLICK IT OR TICKET—EVERY SEAT, EVERY TIME, IT'S THE LAW. All occupants (drivers, front and back seat passengers) are required by law to wear seat belts. A size-appropriate child restraint is required for children age 7 and under or less than 80 pounds. Seat belt violators face ticket fines and court fees as well as possible driver license revocation points and insurance points. Visit clickitorticket.org.
BOOZE IT & LOSE IT. In North Carolina, it is illegal to drive a vehicle while impaired (by any mind-altering substance) or with an alcohol concentration of 0.08% or higher. A Driving While Impaired (DWI) conviction can cost a driver jail time and, in some cases, court fees that top $10,000. Visit ncdps.gov.
LITTER. Established in 1988, the Adopt-A-Highway Program helps decrease the amount of litter on the state's roadsides and improves environmental beauty, quality and safety. Roadsides are available for adoption in all 100 North Carolina counties. Businesses, individuals and other organizations can also participate in the state's Sponsor-A-Highway initiative. Drivers are encouraged to help keep roadways clear of trash by not littering.
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. The Division of Motor Vehicles provides driver and vehicle services, including vehicle titling and registration, driver licenses, REAL ID, and identification cards, maintenance of driver records, compilation of crash statistics and enforcement of state and federal laws that regulate motor vehicle operations, theft, sales and inspections. Visit ncdot.gov/dmv or MyNCDMV.gov to take advantage of DMV's online services.
WORK ZONE SAFETY. NCDOT reminds motorists to "Drive Smart. Do Your Part." when traveling through the state's work zones. As conditions in a work zone can change quickly, it is especially important for motorists to pay attention and reduce speed through these areas. The penalty for speeding in a designated work zone is $250 plus driver license points.
N.C. STATE HIGHWAY PATROL. Call one of the toll-free numbers or dial *HP (*47) from your cellular phone in an emergency. Visit drivenc.gov or call 511 for travel conditions.
Highway Patrol Communications Centers
Asheville 1-800-445-1772, Troop G
Elizabethtown 1-800-334-7411, Troop B
Greensboro 1-800-445-8962, Troop D
Monroe 1-800-572-8765, Troop H
Newton 1-800-445-1779, Troop F
Raleigh 1-800-662-7956, Troop C
Salisbury 1-800-233-3351, Troop E
Williamston 1-800-441-6127, Troop A
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Get real-time traffic information
2021-2022 NORTH CAROLINA
State Transportation Map
Road Classifications
Multi-lane Divided Fully Controlled Toll Road
Multi-lane Highway
Hard Surface Road
Gravel, Soil Road
Under Construction
Blue Ridge Parkway
National Park Road (No Commercial Trucking Allowed)
Railroad Corridor
Boundaries
State and National Forest
Military Installation
Indian Reservation
State Park
National Wildlife Refuge
Population of Cities and Towns
City limits over 10,000
5,000 to 10,000
2,000 to 5,000
Under 2,000
Mileages
Mileage between towns and junctions
Total mileage between arrowheads
Map Symbols
Interstate Route
Interstate Bus Route
Exit Number
US Route
State Route
US Bike Route
NC Bike Route
Airport (Commercial)
Airport (Military)
Other Airports
24-Hour Hospital
Trauma Center
Points of Interest
Rest Area
Welcome Ctr./Rest Area
Visitor Ctr./Rest Area
Park Campsites
Ski Area
Lighthouse
Regional Beach Access
University/College
Rail Station
State Capitol
County Seat
One inch equals approximately 13 miles and approximately 21 kilometers.
(The ratio is 1:825,000.)
Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
North Carolina's highway system is the nation's busiest integral state-maintained network.
INDEX OF CITIES, TOWNS, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL AREAS
INDEX OF COUNTIES
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