



The Outer Banks consists of over a 100-mile string of pristine beaches and narrow barrier islands on the East Coast of the North Carolina. The Outer Banks form approximately the northern half of the state of North Carolina's Atlantic coastline, and wall off the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds from the Atlantic Ocean. The Outer Banks was the site of the Wright brothers' first flight in 1903 in what is now Kill Devil Hills, NC, at the Wright Brothers National Monument. The Outer Banks are also the site where the unsuccessful British colony termed the "Lost Colony" vanished without a trace from Roanoke Island in 1587. The Outer Banks are now a major tourist destination known for temperate weather and wide expanses of beautiful open beachfront.

The northern part of the Outer Banks from Oregon Inlet northward is part of a continuous sand ridge extending well into the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Due to the location of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, there is no road access from Virginia through the ridge. Road access to the northern Outer Banks ends in Corolla, North Carolina with other communities such as Carova only being accessible by four-wheel drive vehicles. North Carolina State Highway 12 links most of the popular Outer Banks communities. Ocracoke Island is only accessible by ferry from the southern tip of Hatteras Island.

With its unique combination of sand, sun and business, the Outer Banks is a beautiful place to call home.

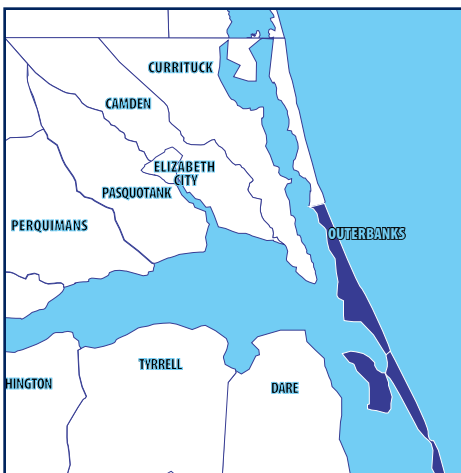




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The Outer Banks at a glance...

Population:	57,000
Area Size:	391 square miles
Median Family Income:	\$58,100
Information:	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce (252) 441-8144
Sales tax:	7%
Property tax:	
Kill Devil Hills	46¢ per \$100
Kitty Hawk	44¢ per \$100
Manteo	47¢ per \$100
Nags Head	40¢ per \$100
Southern Shores	27¢ per \$100
Duck	35¢ per \$100
State income tax:	7% over \$12,751
Automobile tax:	varies according to county
Utilities -	phone numbers for hook ups: (800) 730-0773 One call does it all for: Electric, Cable, Water, Internet, Gas, Telephone, Trash, Newspaper, Satellite, Cellular Phone Service
Education	Dare County Public Schools
School board:	(252) 480-8888
Website:	http://www.dare.k12.nc.us/
Teacher/pupil ratio:	1 to 25
Number of schools:	high: 4 (1 Alternative School). middle: 3, elementary: 5
Shopping:	Hundreds of retail shops including K-Mart and Wal-Mart, as well as numerous shopping centers
Public transport:	none
Travel time:	Norfolk International Airport - 105 minutes
Hospitals:	The Outer Banks Hospital



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