

## North Carolina Ranks 14th In Birth Rate And Fourth In Death Rate During 1953

New Mexico leads the states in average number of births per 1,000 population with 33.0. Massachusetts ranks last with a birth rate of 20.6 per 1,000 population. It was necessary to use 1950 data for Massachusetts since no more recent data were available. The birth rate for the United States averages 24.46 per 1,000 inhabitants.

During the year 1953, 114,729 live births were reported in North Carolina. Using the census estimate of population for 1953, North Carolina's birth rate averages 27.14 per 1,000 inhabitants. North Carolina ranks 14th in birth rate for last year. This is perhaps the lowest rank that the state has ever had. However, the birth rate is 2.6 points above the national average. States that now rank ahead of North Carolina are principally far western states, and four southern states. It is also interesting to note that while the birth rate for North Carolina reached an almost high of 30.4 in 1947, it dropped to 26.2 by 1950, and had risen again to 27.4 in 1953. The fact that our birth rate would remain near the immediate post-war years, both for the state and for the nation is five to seven points higher than the average for the years just prior to the second World War. Birth rates appear to have settled down on a level somewhat higher than ten to fifteen years ago.

**Death Rates**  
Utah continues to rank best in deaths per 1,000 population, with a low rate of 7.19 per 1,000 inhabitants. New Hampshire frequently has the highest death rate and maintains this position in 1953 with 11.92 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants. The average for the United States was 9.55 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants. The states rank somewhat in the same order in birth and death rates when births are calculated from high to low and deaths from low to high. This is due to the fact that the states with high birth rates tend to have youthful population, and states with youthful population naturally have low death rates. In New Hampshire, for instance, the average age of population is high, while in Utah it is low.

North Carolina had 32,278 deaths reported in 1953, which gives us a rate of 7.63 deaths per 1,000 population. This rate is only 0.44 higher than that of the best ranking state. Again our low rate in North Carolina is due primarily to the youthful age of our population, since approximately one-half of the people in North Carolina are 25 years of age or under. The highest birth rate in North Carolina was in 1921, or two years following the first World War, and another high rate was 30.4 in 1947, two years following the close of the second World War. There was a general decline in birth rates from 1914 to early 1930. The rate remained fairly stationary for some fifteen years, and then reached a high point

for recent years, of 30.4 in 1947. There has been some decline since 1947 but the rates are on a general level somewhat higher than before the second World War. The 114,729 live births in North Carolina in 1953 probably sets a record for total births. Data for 1951 and 1952 are not at hand.

There are two main observations in the trend in death rates in North Carolina from 1914 through 1953 for every third year. The most important one is that there has been a steady downward trend in the death rate, notwithstanding the fact that North Carolina's population has aged somewhat during the period. In other words, the age of the population three or four decades ago was around twenty or twenty-one years and is now twenty-five years. The death rate was rather stationary, between eleven and twelve, for a number of years except for the influenza epidemic in 1918. The 1953 death rate of 7.63 perhaps sets an all time low for North Carolina. Data for 1951 and 1952 are not at hand. The total number of deaths was 32,298 which is not many more than occurred around 1915 and 1916, and is fewer than the average from 1914 to 1935. The population of North Carolina has increased from around 2,300,000 in 1914 to 4,228,000 in 1953. In other words an increase of two million inhabitants has not resulted in any increase in the total number of deaths. Obviously this cannot continue, but that is the way it stands at the present time. As North Carolina's population ages, as it certainly will do, the number of deaths will most certainly increase, and it is difficult to see how the death rate can long remain at the present low rate.

### Capsule Facts On '53 Traffic Accidents

A study of last year's fatal traffic accidents in North Carolina shows that of the 1,118 persons killed, the victims were classified as follows:

Age Group	Fatalities
0-4	55
5-9	51
10-14	46
15-19	114
20-24	169
25-34	209
35-44	174
45-54	97
55-64	70
65-74	74
Over 75	39
Not stated	20

Motor Vehicles Department records indicate that 914 of the victims were males.

Nurture your mind with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes. —Benjamin Disraeli

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### Egg Dishes By MARTHA STILLEY Virginia Electric & Power Co. Home Economist

Eggs are one of our most versatile foods. They lend themselves to numberless combinations and fit in so beautifully whatever the meal. Let's try some new twists on egg cookery.

**De Luxe Baked Egg Sandwiches**  
4 hamburger buns  
4 slices tomatoes, 1/4-inch thick  
Salt and pepper  
4 eggs  
1/3 cup grated natural sharp American cheese  
1/4 cup light cream  
3 tablespoons chopped scallions  
Cut thin slice from top of each bun; with fork, remove most of crumbs, leaving shell about 1/2-inch thick. In bottom of each shell, place tomato slice; sprinkle with salt and pepper; break egg over it. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then with cheese, cream, and scallions. Arrange in shallow baking pan. Bake 20 to 30 minutes, or until eggs are of desired firmness, in moderate oven 375 degrees F. Yields 4 servings.

**Egg Cutlets**  
4 tablespoons shortening  
6 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon celery salt  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley  
3 tablespoons chopped pimiento  
1 tablespoon minced onion  
8 hard cooked eggs, chopped  
1 egg slightly beaten  
1 tablespoon water  
Fine bread crumbs  
Melt shortening, stir in next 5 ingredients and blend well. Gradually add milk and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add parsley, pimiento,

12 cutlets.

### Fluffy Snow Pudding

1 env. unflavored gelatine  
1/4 cup cold water  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
Pinch salt  
1 cup hot water  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
2 or 3 egg whites  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
Unsweetened chocolate

In medium bowl, soften gelatine in cold water. Add 1/4 cup sugar, salt, hot water; stir until gelatine dissolves. Add lemon juice and rind; set bowl in refrigerator until small amount of gelatine mounds when dropped from spoon. Meanwhile, make Golden Custard Sauce (below). When gelatine mounds, beat egg whites until they form moist peaks when beater is raised; then gradually beat in 1/3 cup sugar. Heap whites on gelatine; with hand or electric beater, beat until well blended. Spoon into 4 or 5 custard cups. Refrigerate until firm. Unmold into dessert dishes; spoon on Golden Custard Sauce; sprinkle with grated chocolate. Makes 4 or 5 servings.

### Golden Custard Sauce

2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
Pinch of salt

1 cup milk

2 egg yolks  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup milk

Scald 1 cup milk in sauce pan over low heat. Beat egg yolks in bowl, add sugar, flour, salt and 1/4 cup milk, blend well stir gradually into hot milk. Continue cooking over low heat, stirring constantly until sauce coats spoon. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Pour into bowl. Cover and chill.

### Two Edenton Boys Graduate At State

Two Edenton boys were among the 737 candidates for degrees at commencement exercises held at North Carolina State College in Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

Charles Lee Overman received a master's degree in agricultural engineering and John Matthews Harney received a bachelor's degree in textiles.

Appearing at a graduation service his first time as head of the college, Dr. Carey H. Bostian, chancellor, conferred the degrees during a formal ceremony in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, the college's largest building.



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