



## Wanchese

**Wanchese** is a census-designated place (CDP) in Dare County, North Carolina, United States. The population was 1,527 at the 2000 census.

### **Geography:**

Wanchese is located at  $35^{\circ}50'42''\text{N}$ ,  $75^{\circ}38'22''\text{W}$  ( $35.845046$ ,  $-75.639544$ )<sup>GR1</sup>, and on the southern end of Roanoke Island. Wanchese is known for its fishing industry and the people's southern habits. Even though Manteo and Wanchese are about 4 miles apart, they are very different. Manteo is more a city, and Wanchese is an AWESOME, less populated, independent, town with a proud community. "Wanchesers", are known for going barefoot, fishing, southern pride, and having georgeous, souped-up, noisy trucks... even girls!!!

According to the United States Census Bureau, the CDP has a total area of  $14.2\text{ km}^2$  ( $5.5\text{ mi}^2$ ).  $12.1\text{ km}^2$  ( $4.7\text{ mi}^2$ ) of it is land and  $2.0\text{ km}^2$  ( $0.8\text{ mi}^2$ ) of it ( $14.26\%$ ) is water.

### **Demographics:**

As of the census<sup>GR2</sup> of 2000, there were 1,527 people, 614 households, and 432 families residing in the CDP. The population density was  $125.7/\text{km}^2$  ( $325.8/\text{mi}^2$ ). There were 690 housing units at an average density of  $56.8/\text{km}^2$  ( $147.2/\text{mi}^2$ ). The racial makeup of the CDP was 98.10% White, 0.33% African American, 0.59% Native American, 0.13% Asian, 0.46% from other races, and 0.39% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 1.83% of the population.

There were 614 households out of which 32.7% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 57.8% were married couples living together, 9.8% had a female householder with no husband present, and 29.5% were non-families. 22.6% of all households were made up of individuals and 7.5% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.49 and the average family size was 2.96.

In the CDP the population was spread out with 23.4% under the age of 18, 8.0% from 18 to 24, 32.4% from 25 to 44, 24.1% from 45 to 64, and 12.0% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 37 years. For every 100 females there were 102.8 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 98.8 males.

The median income for a household in the CDP was \$39,250, and the median income for a family was \$43,173. Males had a median income of \$28,958 versus \$21,591 for females. The per capita income for the CDP was \$17,492. About 5.1% of families and 8.1% of the population were below the poverty line, including 10.1% of those under age 18 and 16.3% of those age 65 or over.

### **Recommended attractions:**

**Island House of Wanchese:** Island House of Wanchese B&B is located in the old fishing village of Wanchese on Roanoke Island. It is a small community that is quaint, unique and close to the beautiful Nags

Head beaches, lighthouses, saltwater fishing, boating, state parks and great shopping. Roanoke Island has many interesting attractions of its own ([www.islandhouse-bb.com](http://www.islandhouse-bb.com)).

