

## NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AT A GLANCE

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<b>People Served:</b>	North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives serve more than 2.5 million people in 93 counties.
<b>Geographic Area:</b>	North Carolina's electric cooperatives deliver energy in 93 of 100 North Carolina counties. More than 97,000 miles of power lines are maintained by North Carolina's electric cooperatives.
<b>2009 Revenues:</b>	A collective \$2.6 billion for the state's electric cooperatives and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), the power supplier they collectively own.
<b>Recent Historic Growth:</b>	The amount of electricity delivered by the state's electric cooperatives has grown by an annual average of 2.8 percent during the past 10 years.
<b>Projected Annual Growth:</b>	An average of 1.6 percent from 2011 through 2020.
<b>Assets:</b>	More than \$5.1 billion collectively for the state's electric cooperatives and NCEMC.
<b>Established:</b>	The state's first electric cooperative was established in 1936, Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation in Tarboro.
<b>Cooperative Structure:</b>	North Carolina's electric cooperatives are private, independent and not-for-profit entities. Customers own the cooperative and elect a board of directors.
<b>Customer Base:</b>	Approximately 99 percent of electric cooperative customers are residential and small businesses.
<b>Employment:</b>	North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively employ more than 2,300 skilled people.
<b>Economic Development:</b>	North Carolina's electric cooperatives can provide favorable financing to support economic development projects through a \$20 million development fund and partnership with USDA Rural Development programs.
<b>Web Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com">www.ncelectriccooperatives.com</a>

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