

# NORTH CAROLINA TROUT FISHING

## *Economic Impact of Trout Fishing in 2022*

# \$1.38 billion

- 370,000 anglers spent 4.6 million days fishing for trout in North Carolina
- 322,000 North Carolinians are trout anglers
- 48,000 anglers traveled to North Carolina to fish for trout
- Trout fishing supports 11,808 jobs

*For every dollar spent  
by trout anglers in N.C.,  
there is a \$1.93 return  
to the state economy*



For more information on trout fishing in North Carolina, please visit [ncwildlife.org/trout](https://ncwildlife.org/trout).

\*Data from the 2022 Socioeconomic Impact of Trout Fishing in North Carolina Survey conducted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

# TROUT FISHING BY THE NUMBERS:

North Carolina Resident Trout Anglers: 321,872

Out-of-State Trout Anglers: 48,096

Total trout fishing trips in North Carolina: 3.4 million

The average angler:

- Took 9 trout fishing trips
- Spent 12.5 days trout fishing



N.C. TROUT ANGLER PURCHASES	
Trip Expenditures	\$588 million
Equipment Expenditures	\$770 million
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1.34 billion</b>

N.C. TROUT ANGLER ECONOMIC IMPACT	
Trip Impact	\$886 million
Equipment Impact	\$528 million
<b>Total Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$1.38 billion</b>

## TOTAL ANGLER TRIP EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURE ITEM	TOTAL SPENT (\$)
Restaurants	\$75,707,639
Convenience Stores	\$28,414,818
Groceries	\$44,541,817
Vehicle and Boat Fuel	\$84,034,012
Vehicle Repair	\$13,400,448
Vehicle Rental	\$11,700,938
Other Transportation	\$6,088,890
Bait	\$17,520,841
Equipment Rentals	\$14,329,676
Special Licenses	\$17,997,682
Access & Launching Fees	\$2,078,537
Guide/Charter Fees	\$50,447,306
Camping Supplies	\$44,223,923
Hotels & Motels	\$84,156,279
Other Lodging	\$73,763,596
Souvenirs & Gifts	\$4,010,353
Other entertainment expenses	\$15,136,637
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,553,393</b>

## TOTAL ANGLER EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURE ITEM	TOTAL SPENT (\$)
Rods & Reels	\$41,061,176
Fishing Tackle	\$30,555,283
Fishing Gear	\$17,558,103
Fly Tying Equipment	\$9,392,217
Electronic Fishing Equipment	\$34,459,587
Clothing	\$26,860,195
Life Jackets, PFDs	\$4,203,645
Books & Magazines	\$3,144,687
Cameras & Binoculars	\$10,258,052
Camping Equipment	\$11,265,510
Adaptive Fishing Gear	\$1,651,202
Other Fishing Purchases	\$6,019,001
Motorized Boat	\$79,283,443
Non-motorized Boat	\$19,341,272
Boat Accessories	\$24,095,317
Boat Storage	\$12,459,654
Camper, RV, ATV, Truck	\$406,266,491
Organization & Club Dues/Contributions	\$7,473,861
Taxidermy	\$9,376,123
Coolers	\$10,744,078
Bug Spray, Sunscreen	\$5,101,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$770,570,566</b>

## Tax Revenue From All Spending

State	\$48,150,716
Federal	\$101,345,570