



The Wadesboro Burger King drive-through is currently out of order. This photo of the demolition was taken on Tuesday, January 7.

More New investment Coming To The 74 Strip

Ansonians with a hankering for flame-broiled burgers will have to put those cravings on hold until summer, as the Burger King on the 74 Strip in Wadesboro closed last week for a complete rebuild. The old store was demolished on Monday, January 6, and the debris will be removed and the site prepped for a brand new structure over the next several days. The new store is expected to be up and running in time for beach season and the increased traffic volume it brings.

Burger King is the fifth national chain restaurant on the 74 Strip to remodel or rebuild in the past 30 months, joining McDonald's, KFC, Bojangles and Wendys. All together, these companies are estimated to have invested more than \$7 million in their properties since 2017. And, the remaining 64 counties in North Carolina did not have any fair housing complaints filed in 2018.

Disability, Race Discrimination Continue to Top Claims of Housing Discrimination in North Carolina

Discrimination based on disability and race continued to account for the vast majority of housing discrimination complaints filed in North Carolina in 2018, according to a new report released by Legal Aid of North Carolina's Fair Housing Project.

The report, State of Fair Housing in North Carolina (2019), found that in 2018, a total of 154 fair housing complaints were filed statewide with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Nearly two-thirds of these (100 complaints, making up 65% of those filed) were filed in just five counties: Mecklenburg (32), Guilford (26), Forsyth (18), Durham (14), and Wake (10). In 31 other counties, there were between 1 and 9 complaints filed, while the remaining 64 counties in North Carolina did not have any fair housing complaints filed in 2018.

The most common bases for the most complaints filed in 2018 were disability (92 complaints or 60%), race (44 or 29%), familial status (21 or 14%), sex (21 or 14%), retaliation (11 or 7%), national origin (10 or 7%), religion (5 or 3%), and color (4 or 3%).

Between 2000 and 2018, a total of 3,457 fair housing complaints were filed in North Carolina, or an average of 182 per year. The most common basis of discrimination alleged in complaints during this period was racial discrimination (1,441, or 42%), followed by disability (1,278, or 37%), national origin (632, or 18%), familial status (491, or 14%), and sex (427, or 12%).

Although race discrimination was the most common basis of discrimination alleged in complaints from 2009-2013, during the past five years, 2014-2018, complaints alleging disability discrimination comprised 53% of complaints during 2014-2018, while 31% alleged race discrimination.

The five counties with the most complaints filed between 2000 and 2018 were Mecklenburg (603 complaints), Durham (505), Guilford (340), Wake (286), and Forsyth (218). Overall, an average of 36 complaints were filed per 100,000 people in North Carolina during the period 2000-2018. The five counties with the most complaints filed on a per capita basis were: Durham (187 complaints per 100,000 people), Orange (102), Buncombe (87), Guilford (70), and Mecklenburg (66).

In addition to examining fair housing complaint data, the report includes a summary of the protection and enforcement provisions of the fair housing laws and an examination of North Carolina's population demographics, with a focus on characteristics that are protected by our fair housing laws. Visit FairHousingNC.org to read the full report.

About Legal Aid of North Carolina Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. Our Fair Housing Project works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through education, outreach, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement. Since its founding in 2011, the Project has helped obtain over \$6.6 million in relief for victims of discrimination. The Project is supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing Initiatives Program. Learn more at LegalAidNC.org and FairHousingNC.org.

North Carolinians seeking information about their rights under the federal Fair Housing Act or who believe they are a victim of housing discrimination can call the Project's statewide toll-free helpline at 1-855-797-FAIR (3247).

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Aware? Or Beware!

This is a release from Mary Lynn Railton at the Anson County Health Department: We are created male and female, sexual creations, created by the act of sexual intercourse.

Sexual health and behavior is part of every person's life. Our behavioral choices are based upon our knowledge, our environment, our belief system and our culture. Risky sexual behavior results in unplanned pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), including HIV.

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The Health Department's Family Planning Program is dedicated to providing education and resources for the promotion of healthy attitudes and behaviors. Our Mission Statement is "To protect our environment, prevent the spread of diseases and promote the health and wellbeing of all the citizens of Anson County."

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