



The energy behind public power

UNDERSTANDING ELECTRICITIES

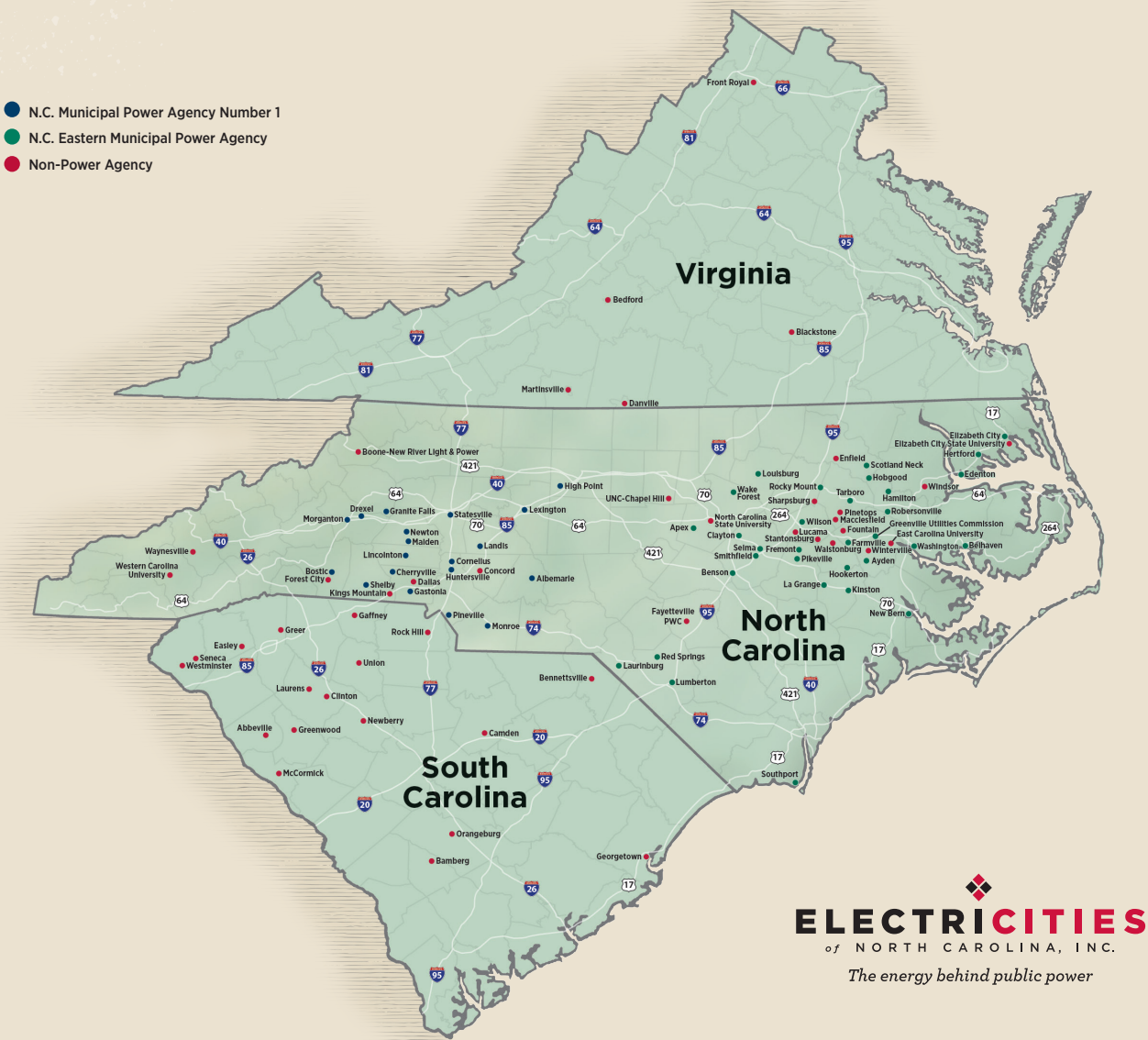
A Focus on People, Not Profit

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ElectriCities delivers value to public power communities

in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia through collective strength, wisdom, and action while promoting a more successful future for our citizens.



WHAT ARE PUBLIC POWER PROVIDERS?

Public power providers—electric utilities—are a division of local government. Like public schools and libraries, they are owned by the community and run by boards of local officials who are accountable to the citizens.

Public power communities set their own retail rates and decide when to invest in their infrastructure. And, while they're not-for-profit, if revenues do exceed expenses, those resources stay in the community and help with other needs.

In public power communities, the utility's employees—the lineworkers, customer service representatives, and other specialists—are local municipal employees. As members of the community, they are dedicated to keeping the lights on for their neighbors.



ABOUT ELECTRICITIES

ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc., the energy behind public power, is a not-for-profit membership organization that provides the expertise and shared services public power providers need to thrive.

SERVICES:

- Wholesale power supply administration
- Legislative & regulatory affairs
- Technology services
- Collaboration & networking
- Sustainability programs
- Electric distribution system operation
- Residential energy services
- Emergency assistance & mutual aid coordination
- Procurement services
- Consulting & process improvement
- Regulatory compliance
- Education programs
- Business & key account services
- Retail rates & billing
- Corporate communications
- Safety programs
- Economic development
- Workforce assistance



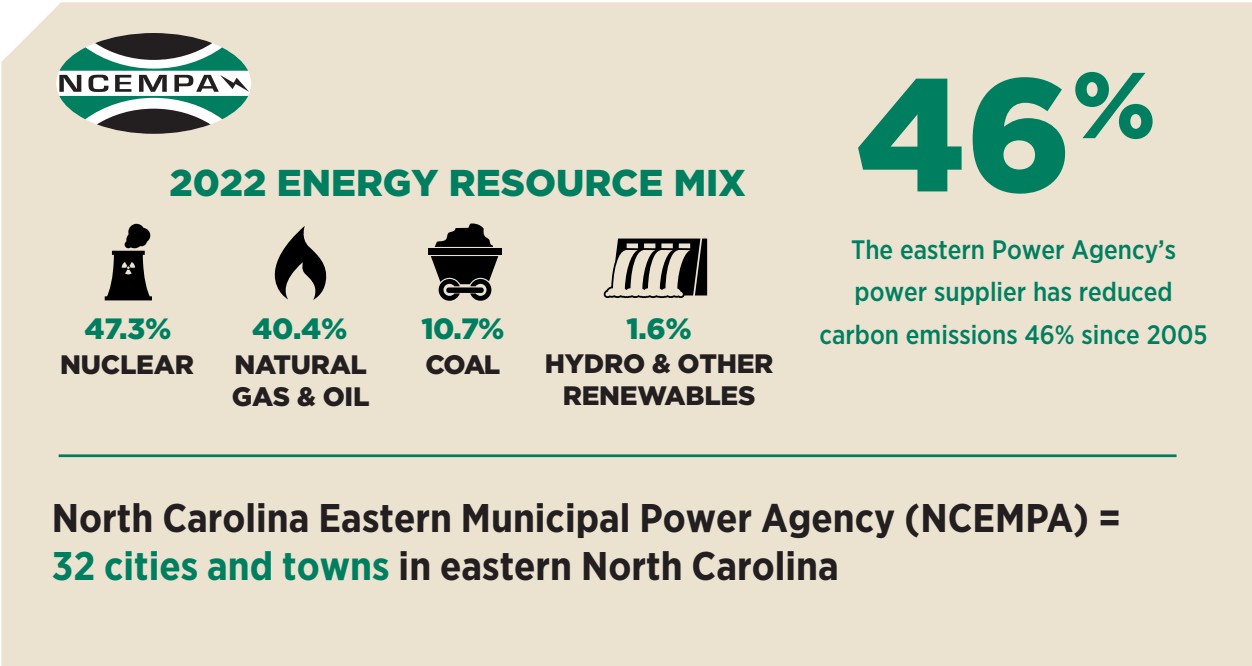
- ElectriCities members are focused on providing safe, reliable, and environmentally sustainable electric power to their customers at the lowest reasonable cost.
- In North Carolina, public power illuminates the homes and workplaces of nearly 1.3 million people.
- The majority of ElectriCities' members are part of either North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (NCMPA1) or North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA). ElectriCities manages the two Power Agencies to meet their members' electric power needs.
- ElectriCities is governed by a board of directors. Board members are elected by the boards of commissioners of the two Power Agencies and the non-Power Agency board.



THE POWER AGENCIES:
N.C. EASTERN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

The eastern Power Agency has a full-requirements contract with Duke Energy Progress, meaning that with some small exceptions, NCEMPA’s resource mix is a representative slice of Duke Energy Progress’ resource mix.

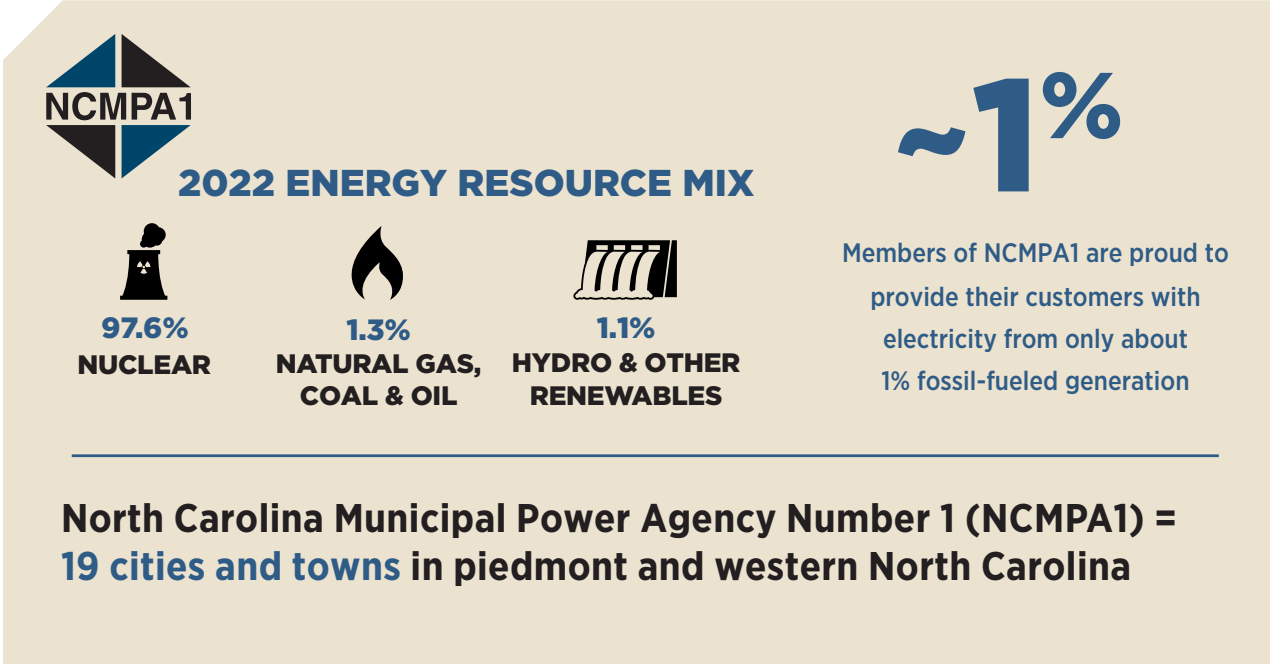
Duke Energy Progress has reduced carbon emissions 46% since 2005.



THE POWER AGENCIES:
N.C. MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY NUMBER 1

The 19 cities and towns that make up NCMPA1 are served primarily by nuclear energy—an emissions-free generation source. As part of the state’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, each community buys a mix of non-nuclear renewable energy certificates as well.

NCMPA1 communities’ power supply is more than 97% nuclear energy.



LOCAL OWNERSHIP MEANS LOCAL CONTROL

Public power providers are locally owned, locally operated, and locally controlled. They don't answer to shareholders or investors—they answer to their community. Local ownership means:

- Increased reliability
- Decisions made in local communities
- Unmatched customer service
- Increased transparency
- Support for local government
- More efficient operations
- Low-cost power
- Support for local priorities, values, and choices of the community
- Local jobs that support local economies



Fayetteville Solar Array



Lexington EV Charge Station

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: LOCAL CONTROL + GLOBAL EXPOSURE

Local control means public power communities have more resources and agility and can prioritize local needs when making economic development decisions.

And, being an ElectriCities member connects cities and towns large and small to the network of public power communities across the state and country, giving them a broad support system and access to more resources aimed at helping them leverage growth opportunities.



Riverbulk Terminal, Edenton, N.C.



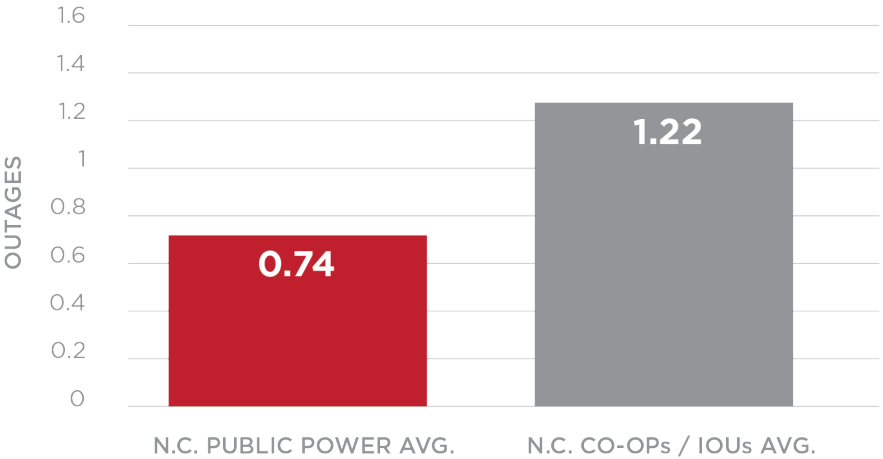
Statesville SmartSite

The ElectriCities economic development team promotes member communities to new and expanding businesses across the United States and beyond.



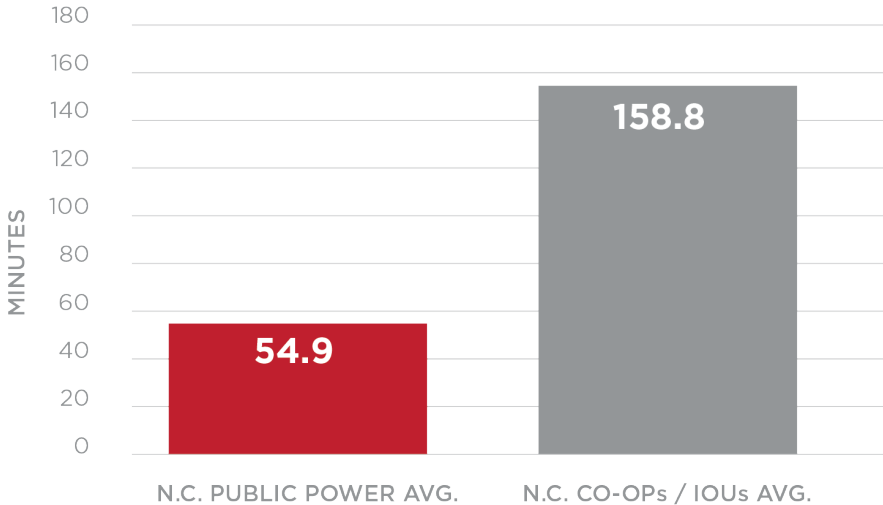
RELIABILITY

Average Number of Customer Outages*
2017-2021



Public power customers in North Carolina experience 39.3% fewer outages than other power providers' customers.

Average Outage Time Per Customer*
2017-2021



And when the power does go out, the outage lasts, on average, only about one-third the time of other providers.

* Based on data reported to the U.S. Energy Information Administration

WHAT RELIABILITY MEANS TO CUSTOMERS

When even the slightest downtime equals real dollars lost, public power customers can rest assured that their locally owned and operated utility keeps the power on 99.98% of the time.

What's more, a city's or town's electric fund is a reliable, integral, and irreplaceable part of its budget. In-kind services the electric department provides, such as installing holiday lights and maintaining ballpark lighting, save the community thousands of dollars. In fact, public power's financial contributions to state and local governments are 20% higher than those of investor-owned utilities.**

***"Public Power Pays Back," American Public Power Association, May 2022. <https://bit.ly/3Ft44me>

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ElectriCities delivers value to:

NCMPA1 MEMBERS

Albemarle, N.C.	Lexington, N.C.
Bostic, N.C.	Lincolnton, N.C.
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Ayden, N.C.	Louisburg, N.C.
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Clayton, N.C.	Pikeville, N.C.
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Farmville, N.C.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
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