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The three landforms of North Carolina make up the three major geographic regions of the state: the **Coastal Plain** [3], the **Piedmont** [4], and the **Mountains** [5]. The Coastal Plain Region is usually divided into two sub regions: the Outer Coastal Plain, commonly referred to as the Tidewater; and the Inner Coastal, which is less impacted by the effects of the ocean as it is located further inward.
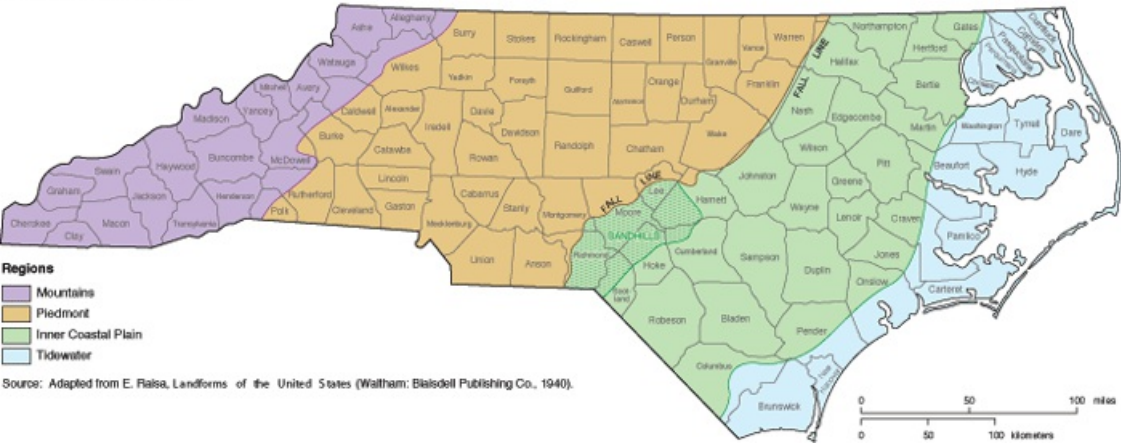
North Carolina regions by county

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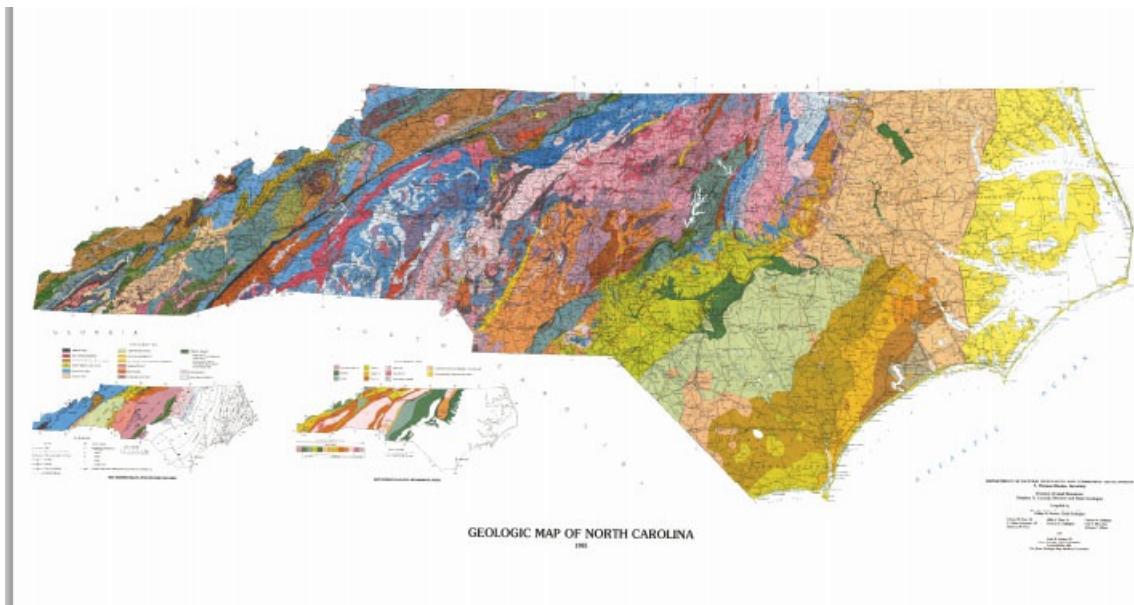### North Carolina physical regions

Physical boundaries that divide the regions   [8]
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