

**County Profile**

**Columbus County (NC)**

**August 2017**

**Demographics**

**Population & Growth**

2015 Est Population  
2010 Census Total Population  
July 2015 Certified Population Estimate (NC only)

**Population**

57,230  
58,098  
57,206

**% Annual Growth**

( 0.5%)  
0.1%

**Urban/Rural Representation**

2010 Census Total Population: Urban  
2010 Census Total Population: Rural

11,274  
46,824

**Urban/Rural Percent**

19.4%  
80.6%

**Estimated Population by Age**

2015 Est Median Age  
2015 Est Total Pop 0-19  
2015 Est Total Pop 20-24  
2015 Est Total Pop 25-34  
2015 Est Total Pop 35-44  
2015 Est Total Pop 45-54  
2015 Est Total Pop 55-64  
2015 Est Total Pop 65+

42  
14,234  
3,668  
6,481  
7,198  
8,047  
7,771  
9,831

**% Pop by Age**

24.8%  
6.4%  
11.3%  
12.6%  
14.1%  
13.6%  
17.2%

**Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2015 Est**

**Percent of Workers, By Travel Time**

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 24.1  
Workers Not Working at Home 20,445  
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 12.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 17.0%  
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 13.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 18.0%  
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 4.5%  
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 17.0%  
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 4.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 6.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 6.1%

**Workers, By Transportation**

Worker Transp, Base 20,445  
Work at Home 1.9%  
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 87.9%  
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 8.7%  
Public Transportation 0.2%  
Walked 0.8%  
Other Transportation 0.5%

**Place of Work**

Worked in State/County of Residence  
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence  
Worked Outside State of Residence

**Commuters**

14,323  
4,469  
1,653

**Residents**

70.1%  
21.9%  
8.1%

**Education**

2015-16 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment  
2016 Average SAT score (2400 scale)  
2016 Percent of Graduates taking SAT  
2014-15 Higher Education Completions  
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment  
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate  
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

9,020  
1,280  
42.8%  
266  
4,060  
31,307  
4,748

**Pop Age 25+**

79.6%  
12.1%

## Housing

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Total</b>
2015 Est Total Housing Units	25,912	( 0.1%)
2010 Census Total Housing	22,489	
2010 Census Total Households	26,042	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	18,936	84.2%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	3,553	15.8%
2015 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$44	
2015 Est Median Gross Rent	\$596	
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing	15,422	70.1%
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing	6,584	29.9%
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	1.8%	
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	10.5%	

## Income

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Pov</b>
2015 Est Median Family Income	\$44,783	3.2%
2015 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$34,478	0.5%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$25,551	
2015 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$30,262	
2015 Est Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level, Last 12 months	12,768	23.5%

## Employment / Unemployment

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>2016 Annual</b>
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Employment	21,357	21,320
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	1,171	1,458
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	5.2%	6.4%
2017Q1 YTD, 2016 Announced Job Creation	.	19
2017Q1 YTD, 2016 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	\$0.3

## Employment / Wages by Industry

	<b>2016Q4 Employment</b>	<b>2016 Annual Employment</b>	<b>2016Q4 Avg Weekly Wage</b>	<b>2016 Avg Weekly Wage</b>
Total All Industries	15,558	15,518	\$675	\$653
Total Government	3,656	3,561	\$737	\$691
Total Private Industry	11,902	11,957	\$656	\$641
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	505	393	\$425	\$502
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	0	0	.	.
Construction	439	431	\$704	\$657
Manufacturing	1,985	1,959	\$1,032	\$1,145
Wholesale Trade	377	381	\$708	\$665
Retail Trade	2,057	2,064	\$498	\$459
Transportation and Warehousing	93	91	\$1,003	\$911
Information	81	84	\$817	\$812
Finance and Insurance	477	475	\$845	\$797
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	184	181	\$794	\$735
Professional and Technical Services	200	237	\$961	\$760
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	264	274	\$662	\$647
Administrative and Waste Services	967	1,024	\$530	\$465
Educational Services	1,419	1,357	\$717	\$673
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,662	2,732	\$648	\$590
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	14	17	\$254	\$243
Accommodation and Food Services	1,107	1,096	\$250	\$251
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	257	263	\$506	\$493
Public Administration	1,745	1,756	\$752	\$687
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

June 2017 Available Industrial Buildings	3
2016Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	983
2016Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	36
2015 Est Self Employed	1,285

### Local Retail Business

2016 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$641.6
2016 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	438
2016 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,464,880
June 2017 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	.

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8050
FY2015-16 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$354.0
2017 Tier designation	1

### Childcare

2017Q2 Licensed Child Care Facilities	39
2017Q2 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,440

### Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	50
Annual Snowfall, inches	2
Average Annual Temperature, F	62
Average Annual High Temperature, F	74
Average Annual Low Temperature, F	50

### Healthcare Providers

2016 Number of Physicians	70
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	12.2
2016 RNs per 10,000 population	73.8
2016 Dentists per 10,000 population	1.7
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	11.8

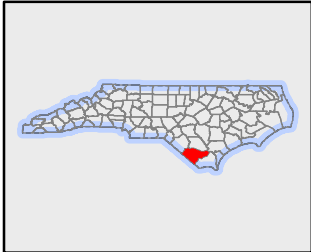
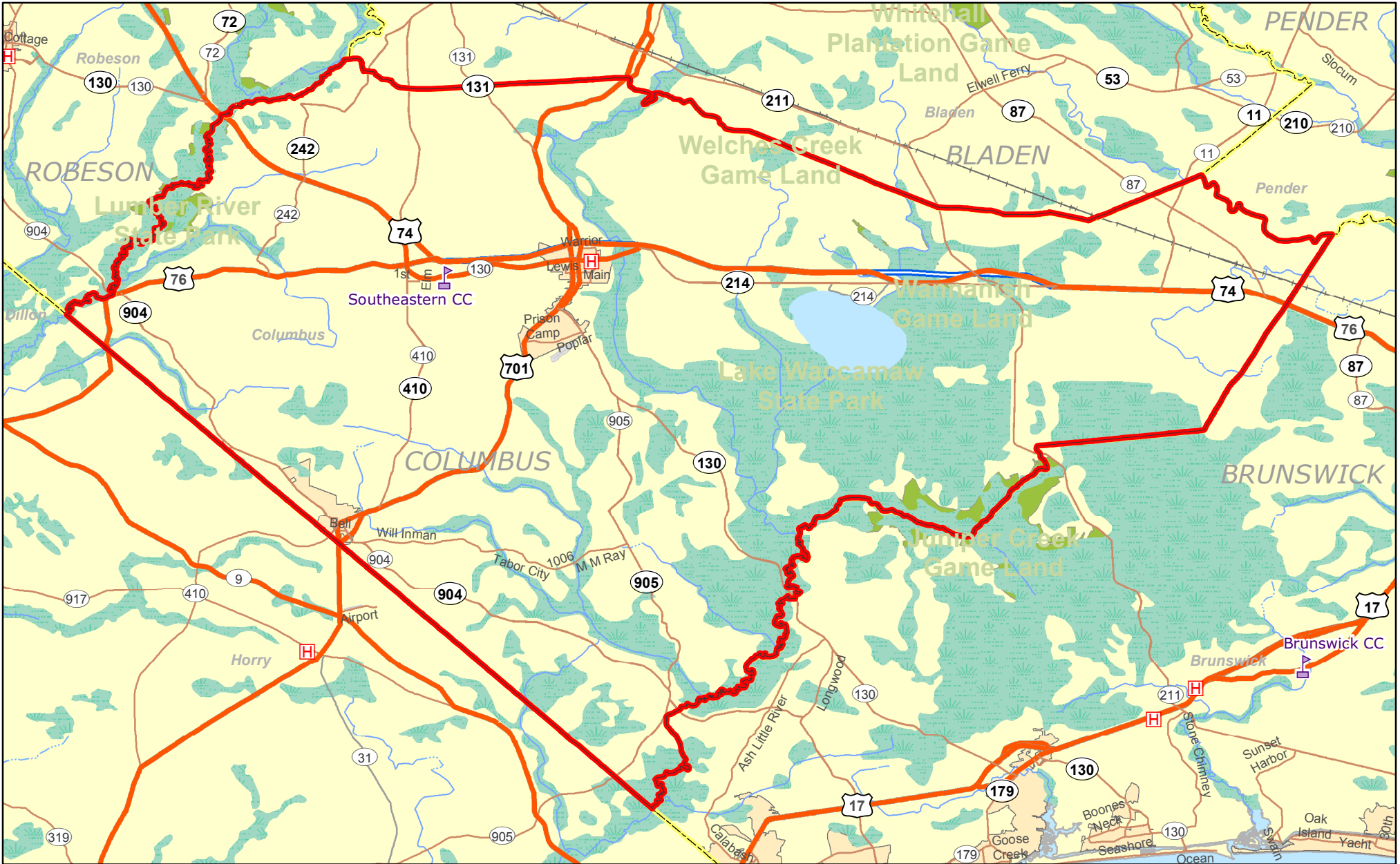
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### Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date this profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system (2400 max) and represent NC county systems. Unemployment data are now showing preliminary month and subject to change. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates (Est) from the 2011-15, 5 year survey. ACS data is as of the end year with \$ inflated to the end year. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

# Columbus County, North Carolina



## Legend

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| Airports by Enplanements |                         | — Interstate    |
| >14                      | 3-14                    | US Highway      |
| < 3 (Million)            | Pub/Pri Univ./Comm Col. | Major Road      |
| Hospital                 | Railroads               | County Boundary |

