

**County Profile**

**Polk County (NC)**

**April 2018**

**Demographics**

**Population & Growth**

2016 Est Population  
2010 Census Total Population  
July 2016 NC Certified Population Estimate

**Population**

20,324  
20,510  
21,030

**% Annual Growth**

( 0.0%)  
0.1%

**Urban/Rural Representation**

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

1,585  
18,925

**Urban/Rural Percent**

7.7%  
92.3%

**Estimated Population by Age**

2016 Est Median Age  
2016 Est Total Pop 0-19  
2016 Est Total Pop 20-24  
2016 Est Total Pop 25-34  
2016 Est Total Pop 35-44  
2016 Est Total Pop 45-54  
2016 Est Total Pop 55-64  
2016 Est Total Pop 65+

51  
3,894  
932  
1,769  
1,902  
2,779  
3,457  
5,591

**% Pop by Age**

19.2%  
4.6%  
8.7%  
9.4%  
13.7%  
17.0%  
27.5%

**Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 Est**

**Percent of Workers, By Travel Time**

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 25.8  
Workers Not Working at Home 7,882  
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.1%  
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 17.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 13.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 10.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 4.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 13.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 8.9%  
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 12.9%  
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 5.4%

**Workers, By Transportation**

Worker Transp, Base 8,327  
Work at Home 5.3%  
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 76.7%  
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 12.9%  
Public Transportation 0.7%  
Walked 1.8%  
Bicycle 0.2%  
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 2.4%

**Place of Work**

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

**Commuters**

3,997  
2,407  
1,924

**Residents**

48.0%  
28.9%  
23.1%

**Education**

2016-17 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment 2,154  
2017 Average SAT score (1600 new scale) 1,160  
2017 Percent of Graduates taking SAT 15.8%  
2014-15 Higher Education Completions .  
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment .  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate 13,605  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree 4,927

**Pop Age 25+**

87.8%  
31.8%

## Housing

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Total</b>
2016 Est Total Housing Units	11,497	0.4%
2010 Census Total Housing	8,989	
2010 Census Total Households	11,432	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	6,546	72.8%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	2,443	27.2%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$208,000	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$769	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	6,321	73.0%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	2,341	27.0%
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	3.6%	
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	6.0%	

## Income

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Pov</b>
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$55,564	
2016 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$47,185	3.3%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$25,389	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$42,611	
2015 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty Level (SAIPE)	2,912	14.5%

## Employment / Unemployment

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>2016 Annual</b>
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Employment	8,639	8,468
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	385	413
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.7%
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	.	.
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	.

## Employment / Wages by Industry

	<b>2017Q3 Employment</b>	<b>2016 Annual Employment</b>	<b>2017Q3 Avg Weekly Wage</b>	<b>2016 Avg Weekly Wage</b>
Total All Industries	5,090	5,075	\$599	\$2,303
Total Government	855	926	\$654	\$2,623
Total Private Industry	4,235	4,149	\$588	\$2,231
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	126	134	\$590	\$2,325
Mining	0	.	\$0	.
Utilities	.	.	.	.
Construction	200	434	\$726	\$2,090
Manufacturing	301	308	\$593	\$2,347
Wholesale Trade	114	114	\$1,052	\$3,829
Retail Trade	367	395	\$454	\$1,758
Transportation and Warehousing	.	.	.	.
Information	39	.	\$986	.
Finance and Insurance	97	103	\$1,059	\$4,152
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	40	\$548	\$2,249
Professional and Technical Services	172	170	\$885	\$2,893
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	0	0	\$0	\$0
Administrative and Waste Services	180	188	\$510	\$2,258
Educational Services	.	495	.	\$2,613
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,509	1,475	\$657	\$2,441
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	468	153	\$406	\$1,347
Accommodation and Food Services	477	466	\$300	\$1,129
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	154	131	\$537	\$2,259
Public Administration	397	388	\$560	\$2,404
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

2018Q1 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2017Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	541
2017Q3 Establishments: Manufacturing	21
2016 Est Self Employed	940

### Local Retail Business

2017 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$145.5
2017 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	167
2017 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$871,250
2018Q1 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	13

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5294
FY2016-17 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$133.2
2018 Tier designation	2

### Childcare

2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	6
2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	130

### Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	57
Annual Snowfall, inches	9
Average Annual Temperature, F	59
Average Annual High Temperature, F	69
Average Annual Low Temperature, F	48

### Healthcare Providers

2016 Number of Physicians	29
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	13.8
2016 RNs per 10,000 population	71.6
2016 Dentists per 10,000 population	1.9
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	5.2

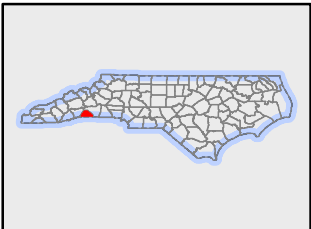
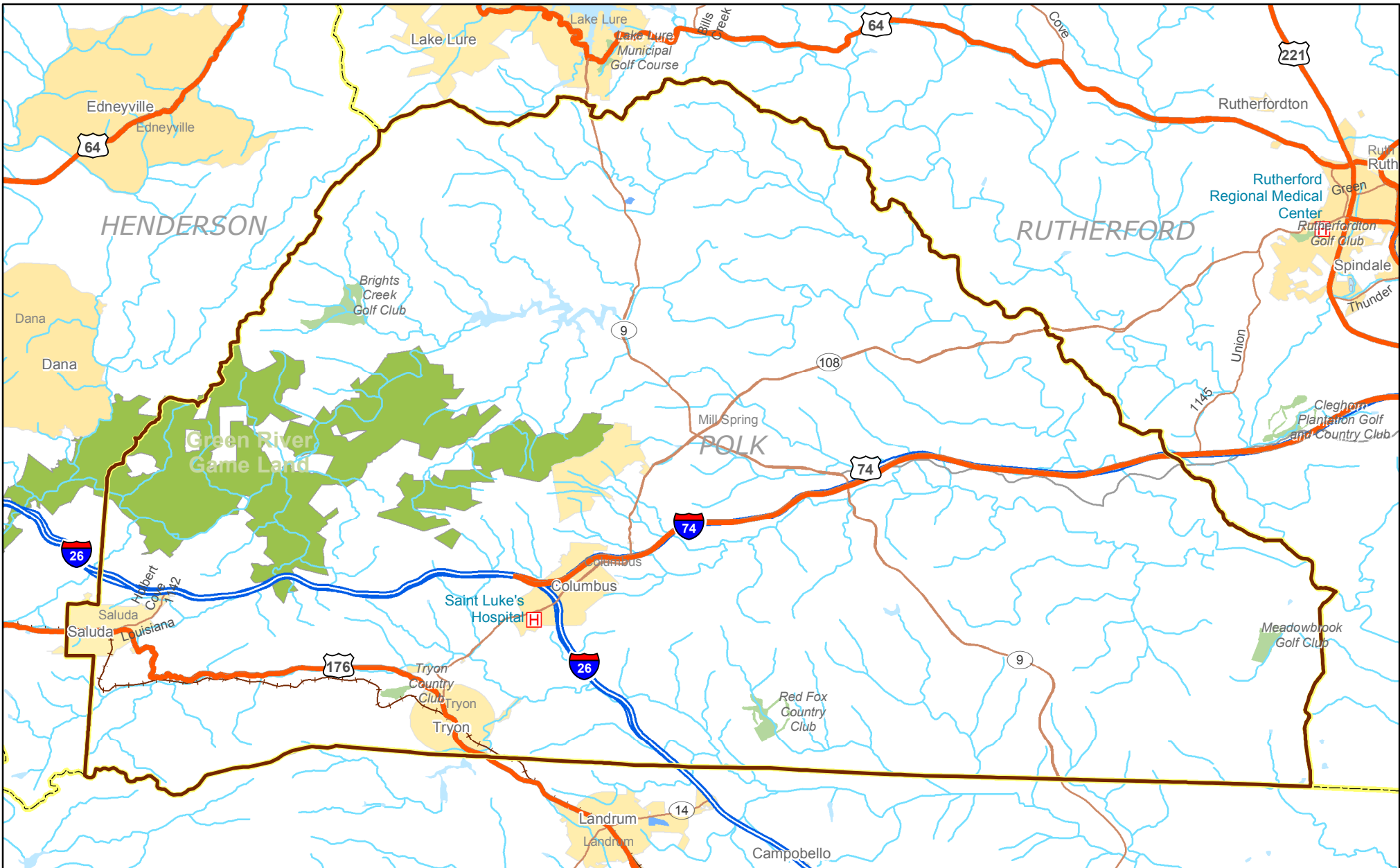
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### Notes:

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. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates (Est) from the 2012-16, 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>.

# Polk County, North Carolina



**Legend**

14,000,001 - 43,130,585	Public University	Interstate
3,000,001 - 14,000,000	Private University	US Route
0 - 3,000,000	NC Community Colleges	NC Route
	Hospital	County Boundary

