

County Profile

Wilkes County (NC)

January 2018

Demographics

Population & Growth

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

Population

68,946
69,340
69,663

% Annual Growth

(0.2%)
0.1%

Urban/Rural Representation

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

18,867
50,473

Urban/Rural Percent

27.2%
72.8%

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+

44
16,172
3,989
6,767
8,741
10,073
9,823
13,381

% Pop by Age

23.4%
5.8%
9.8%
12.7%
14.6%
14.2%
19.4%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2015 Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 24.6
Workers Not Working at Home 25,980
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.3%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 15.6%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 18.4%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 16.5%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 7.2%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 8.9%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 5.2%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 7.1%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 7.8%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 23,980
Work at Home 2.1%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 84.6%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 11.6%
Public Transportation 0.1%
Walked 0.9%
Other Transportation 0.6%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

19,402
6,366
212

Residents

74.7%
24.5%
0.8%

Education

2016-17 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2017 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2017 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

9,617
1,083
20.3%
845
7,042
36,611
6,255

Pop Age 25+

75.0%
12.8%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2015 Est Total Housing Units	33,017	(0.0%)
2010 Census Total Housing	28,360	
2010 Census Total Households	33,065	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	23,655	83.4%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	4,705	16.6%
2015 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$114,800	
2015 Est Median Gross Rent	\$587	
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing	20,385	74.3%
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing	7,037	25.7%
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	2.1%	
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	9.8%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2015 Est Median Family Income	\$43,360	0.7%
2015 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$40,647	21.7%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$23,239	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$33,482	
2015 Est Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level, Last 12 months	15,791	23.3%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2016 Annual
Nov 2017 Prelim., 2016 Employment	29,731	28,833
Nov 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	1,341	1,452
Nov 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.8%
2017Q3 YTD, 2016 Announced Job Creation	.	75
2017Q3 YTD, 2016 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	\$14.0

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2017Q2 Employment	2016 Annual Employment	2017Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2016 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	22,717	21,824	\$668	\$659
Total Government	4,220	4,217	\$705	\$703
Total Private Industry	18,498	17,607	\$660	\$648
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	0	0	.	.
Mining	0	0	.	.
Utilities	37	38	\$1,037	\$1,206
Construction	661	640	\$681	\$708
Manufacturing	4,922	4,453	\$719	\$702
Wholesale Trade	802	772	\$1,002	\$978
Retail Trade	2,857	2,814	\$458	\$478
Transportation and Warehousing	444	430	\$877	\$843
Information	222	201	\$974	\$930
Finance and Insurance	322	319	\$1,266	\$1,032
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	233	225	\$700	\$749
Professional and Technical Services	14	13	\$923	\$983
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	0	0	.	.
Administrative and Waste Services	849	543	\$477	\$515
Educational Services	0	0	.	.
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	0	.	.
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	254	207	\$180	\$209
Accommodation and Food Services	1,881	1,948	\$263	\$272
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	389	383	\$503	\$468
Public Administration	1,258	1,283	\$732	\$715
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2017Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	6
2017Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,227
2017Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	60
2015 Est Self Employed	1,984

Local Retail Business

2017 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$1,128.4
2017 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	469
2017 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,405,954
2017Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	22

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6700
FY2016-17 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$598.6
2017 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2017Q4 Licensed Child Care Facilities	44
2017Q4 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,153

Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	49
Annual Snowfall, inches	7
Average Annual Temperature, F	56
Average Annual High Temperature, F	68
Average Annual Low Temperature, F	44

Healthcare Providers

2016 Number of Physicians	70
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	10.0
2016 RNs per 10,000 population	67.3
2016 Dentists per 10,000 population	1.9
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	4.7

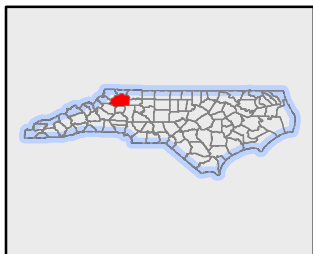
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Notes:

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>.

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

