

County Profile

Wilkes County (NC)

April 2017

Demographics

Population & Growth

2019 Proj Total Population	71,717	0.3%
2014 Proj Total Population	70,620	
2010 Census Total Population	69,340	0.6%
July 2015 Certified Population Estimate (NC only)	69,663	

Population

Annual Growth

Urban/Rural Representation

2010 Census Total Population: Urban	18,867	27.2%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	50,473	72.8%

Urban/Rural Percent

Estimated Population by Age

2019 Proj Median Age	45	
2014 Proj Median Age	44	
2014 Proj Total Pop 0-19	16,456	23.3%
2014 Proj Total Pop 20-29	7,526	10.7%
2014 Proj Total Pop 30-39	7,997	11.3%
2014 Proj Total Pop 40-49	9,660	13.7%
2014 Proj Total Pop 50-59	10,882	15.4%
2014 Proj Total Pop 60+	18,099	25.6%

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Pop by Age

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	25,980
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	19,402	74.7%
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	6,366	24.5%
Worked Outside State of Residence	212	0.8%

Commuters

Residents

Education

2015-16 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	9,736	
2016 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,453	
2016 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	29.1%	
2014-15 Higher Education Completions	845	
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment	7,042	
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	36,611	75.0%
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree	6,255	12.8%

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Pop Age 25+

75.0%
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Housing

		% Growth or % of Total
2019 Proj Total Housing	34,732	2.2%
2014 Proj Total Housing	33,996	
2010 Census Total Housing	28,360	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	23,655	83.4%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	4,705	16.6%
2015 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$131	
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%	
2010 Census Total Households	33,065	

Income

		% Growth or % of Total
2015 Est Median Family Income	\$43,360	6.9%
2019 Proj Median Household Income	\$40,126	14.6%
2014 Proj Median Household Income	\$35,029	2.4%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$23,239	
2019 Proj Per Capita Income	\$21,506	2.0%
2014 Proj Per Capita Income	\$19,492	11.3%
2015 Est Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level, Last 12 months	15,791	23.30%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2015 Annual
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Employment	28,925	27,917
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Unemployment	1,591	1,697
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.7%
2016Q4 YTD, 2016 Announced Job Creation	75	75
2016Q4 YTD, 2016 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$14.0	\$14.0

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2016Q3 Employment	2015 Annual Employment	2016Q3 Avg Weekly Wage	2015 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	21,697	21,214	\$671	\$654
Total Government	3,937	4,186	\$732	\$707
Total Private Industry	17,760	17,028	\$658	\$641
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	0	0	.	.
Mining	0	0	.	.
Utilities	37	41	\$1,109	\$1,136
Construction	640	576	\$717	\$672
Manufacturing	4,444	4,498	\$724	\$677
Wholesale Trade	790	796	\$917	\$1,016
Retail Trade	2,843	2,557	\$496	\$460
Transportation and Warehousing	418	398	\$881	\$831
Information	201	191	\$999	\$938
Finance and Insurance	317	335	\$944	\$1,015
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	232	200	\$739	\$828
Professional and Technical Services	591	13	\$830	\$950
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	0	0	.	.
Administrative and Waste Services	0	0	.	.
Educational Services	0	120	.	\$341
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	1,775	.	\$592
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	211	44	\$280	\$329
Accommodation and Food Services	1,936	1,902	\$280	\$262
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	387	490	\$484	\$379
Public Administration	1,239	1,227	\$750	\$739
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Businesses

Sept 2016 Available Industrial Buildings	6
2016Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,201
2016Q3 Establishments: Manufacturing	60
2015 Est Self Employed	1,984

Local Retail Business

2016 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$1,251.3
2016 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	516
2016 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,425,026
Sept 2016 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	22

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2016-17 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6700
FY2015-16 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$529.6
2017 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2016Q4 Licensed Child Care Facilities	53
2016Q4 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,211

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

2013 Number of Physicians	72
2013 Physicians per 10,000 population	10.3
2013 RNs per 10,000 population	61.7
2013 Dentists per 10,000 population	2.6
2013 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	5.5

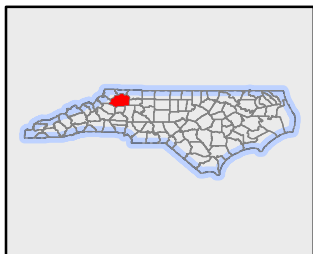
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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system including a writing test for a perfect score of 2400 and represent county systems. Unemployment data are now showing preliminary month and subject to change. ESRI 2014/2019 data are projections and noted as proj. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. 2010 Census data is noted as such. American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates and noted as est and is from the 2011-15, 5 year survey and data is as of the end year with dollars inflated to the end year. For further details or questions, please check the Data Sources Guide at https://edis.commerce.state.nc.us/docs/bibliography/Data_Sources_Guide.pdf or click on it under Resources. Additional data and reports are available at: <http://www.nccommerce.com/lead>.

Wilkes County, North Carolina



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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 | |

