

County Profile

Avery County (NC)

May 2022

Demographics

Population & Growth

2019 Est Population
2020 Census Total Population
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

17,506
17,806
17,807

% Annual Growth

0.0%
0.0%
(1.8%)

Urban/Rural Representation

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

1,996
15,801

Urban/Rural Percent

11.2%
88.8%

Estimated Population by Age

2019 Est Median Age
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64
2019 Est Total Pop 65+

45
3,087
1,095
2,158
2,358
2,494
2,511
3,803

% Pop by Age

17.7%
6.3%
12.3%
13.5%
14.2%
14.3%
21.7%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2019 Census ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 19.9
Workers Not Working at Home 6,123
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 25.8%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 12.6%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 17.2%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 13.6%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 5.1%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 10.6%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 4.9%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 6.5%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 3.7%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 6,370
Work at Home 3.9%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 77.5%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 11.6%
Public Transportation 0.5%
Walked 4.4%
Bicycle 0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 2.2%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

4,669
1,631
70

Residents

73.3%
25.6%
1.1%

Education

2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree

1,861
1,066
18.2%
479
1,911
11,133
2,755

Pop Age 25+

83.6%
20.7%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	13,827	(0.1%)
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	6,860	49.6%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	6,967	50.4%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$144,000	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$777	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	4,930	75.3%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	1,621	24.7%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	3.3%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	23.4%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$49,650	
2020 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$50,800	10.9%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$23,048	
2020 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$39,437	
2020 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	2,398	15.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2021 Annual
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Employment	6,915	6,825
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment	230	462
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment Rate	3.2%	6.3%
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Announced Job Creation	.	.
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	.

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q4 Employment	2021 Employment	2021Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2021 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	6,566	6,413	\$845	\$711
Total Government	1,372	1,399	\$916	\$823
Total Private Industry	5,194	5,014	\$826	\$679
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	101	104	\$909	\$684
Mining
Utilities
Construction	500	481	\$1,078	\$877
Manufacturing	.	76	.	\$657
Wholesale Trade	135	125	\$1,138	\$921
Retail Trade	855	895	\$657	\$515
Transportation and Warehousing	89	96	\$1,120	\$951
Information	26	20	\$891	\$741
Finance and Insurance	81	75	\$1,267	\$1,053
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	124	108	\$1,229	\$880
Professional and Technical Services	64	66	\$1,391	\$933
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Administrative and Waste Services	347	332	\$915	\$761
Educational Services	.	529	.	\$793
Health Care and Social Assistance	774	816	\$881	\$727
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	709	675	\$812	\$681
Accommodation and Food Services	824	706	\$548	\$454
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	341	302	\$710	\$627
Public Administration	891	954	\$937	\$842
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2021Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	607
2021Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	.
2019 Est Self Employed	528

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$140.1
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	143
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$979,506
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5500
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$433.5
2021 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	10
2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	221

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	23
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	12.8
2020 RNs/10,000 population	62.7
2020 Dentists/10,000 population	5.0
2020 Pharmacists/10,000 population	8.9

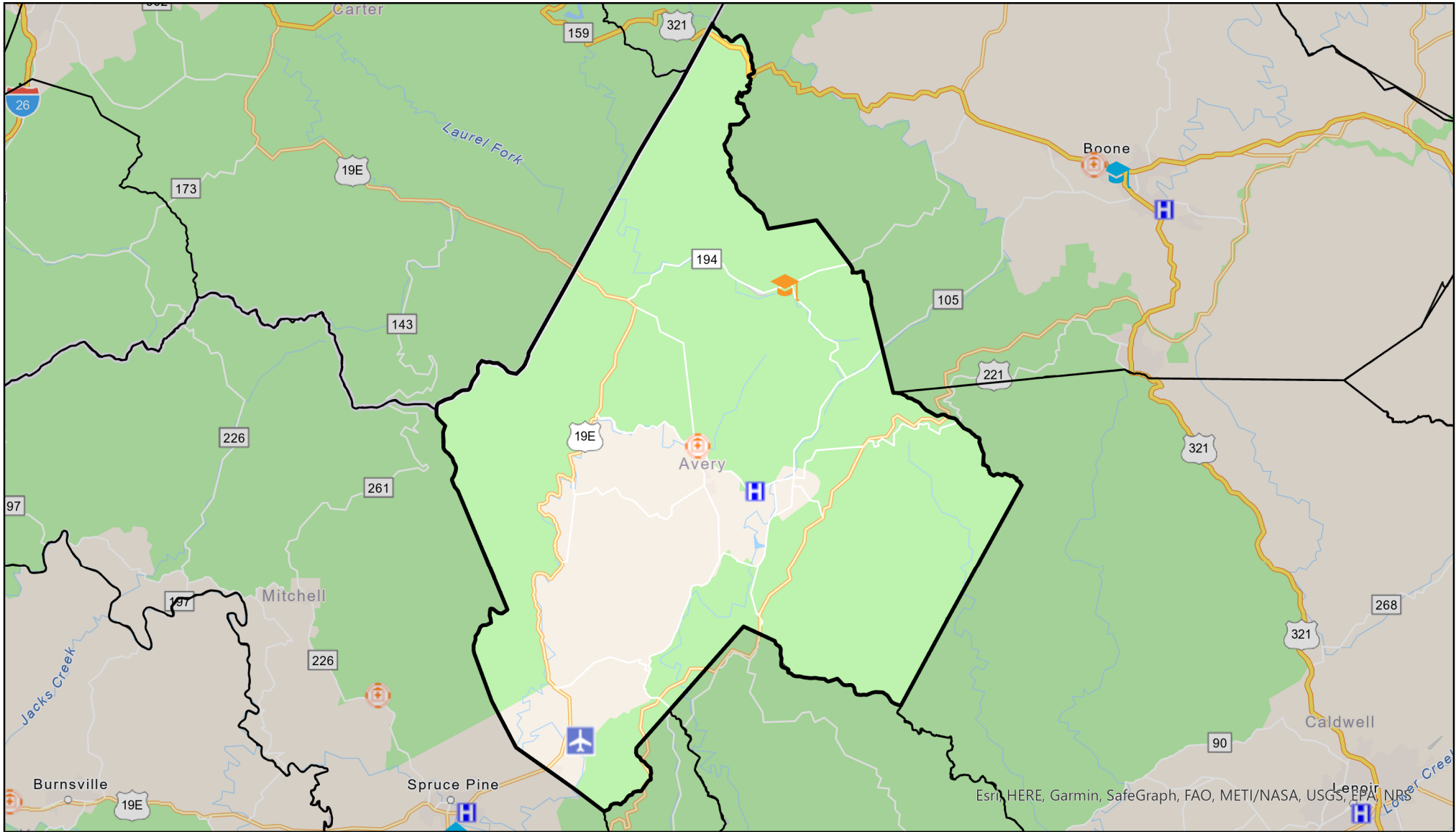
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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. A period means the data is not available. SAT scores use the 1600 scoring system and represent county systems. Unemployment data is now the latest month which is preliminary and is subject to change. US Education IPEDs data for Completions and Enrollment is at least Provisional and updated when Final. Census' American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates, noted 'Est' and are from the 5-year survey; data is as of final year with dollars inflated to final year. Per capita income is a broad measure of income spread over all residents. Worker earnings includes wage income for residents regardless of where they work. Private sector wages are paid by local employers to their employees regardless of where they live. Additional data resources are available at: <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>.

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5.5 Miles

