

County Profile

Avery County (NC)

November 2020

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2018 Est Population	17,501	(0.2%)
2010 Census Total Population	17,797	0.4%
Jul2018 NC Certified Population Estimate	18,057	0.6%

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	1,996	11.2%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	15,801	88.8%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2018 Est Median Age	44	
2018 Est Total Pop 0-19	3,222	18.4%
2018 Est Total Pop 20-24	1,155	6.6%
2018 Est Total Pop 25-34	2,089	11.9%
2018 Est Total Pop 35-44	2,416	13.8%
2018 Est Total Pop 45-54	2,494	14.3%
2018 Est Total Pop 55-64	2,425	13.8%
2018 Est Total Pop 65+	3,700	21.1%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2018 ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	21.5
Workers Not Working at Home	6,341
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	20.2%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	12.8%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	19.7%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	13.5%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	4.0%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	14.9%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	5.7%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	4.7%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	4.6%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	6,578
Work at Home	3.6%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	76.8%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	12.7%
Public Transportation	0.6%
Walked	4.9%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	1.4%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

4,874
1,625
79

Residents

74.1%
24.7%
1.2%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2019-20 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	2,025	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)	1,066	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	18.2%	
2018-19 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)	506	
2018-19 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)	2,470	
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	10,799	82.3%
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	2,701	20.6%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	6,664	
2010 Census Total Households	13,890	
2018 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	14,166	0.4%
2018 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	6,587	46.5%
2018 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	7,579	53.5%
2018 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$150,600	
2018 Est Median Gross Rent	\$765	
2018 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	4,918	74.7%
2018 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	1,669	25.3%
2018 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	4.9%	
2018 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	25.7%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2018 Est Median Family Income	\$48,229	
2018 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$41,701	2.5%
2018 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$21,173	
2018 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$36,574	
2018 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	2,542	16.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2019 Annual
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Employment	7,621	7,221
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment	413	281
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment Rate	5.1%	3.7%
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Announced Job Creation	.	.
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	.

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2020Q1 Employment	2019 Employment	2020Q1 Avg Weekly Wage	2019 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	6,363	6,681	\$651	\$652
Total Government	1,447	1,459	\$756	\$767
Total Private Industry	4,916	5,222	\$621	\$619
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	95	95	\$657	\$682
Mining
Utilities
Construction	487	435	\$785	\$833
Manufacturing	72	82	\$669	\$966
Wholesale Trade	122	117	\$813	\$876
Retail Trade	878	877	\$468	\$461
Transportation and Warehousing	.	83	.	\$902
Information	19	21	\$714	\$753
Finance and Insurance	75	71	\$1,003	\$938
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	122	117	\$725	\$665
Professional and Technical Services	67	85	\$883	\$767
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Administrative and Waste Services	219	322	\$738	\$698
Educational Services	.	565	.	\$756
Health Care and Social Assistance	844	900	\$707	\$659
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	692	756	\$596	\$591
Accommodation and Food Services	666	766	\$391	\$431
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	335	368	\$542	\$514
Public Administration	952	971	\$789	\$798
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2020Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	581
2020Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	11
2018 Est Self Employed	519

Local Retail Business

2019 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$0.2
2019 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	146
2019 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,246,623
2020Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2020-21 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5500
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$326.6
2020 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	10
2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	230

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	23
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	12.8
2019 RNs/10,000 population	68.3
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	6.1
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	11.6

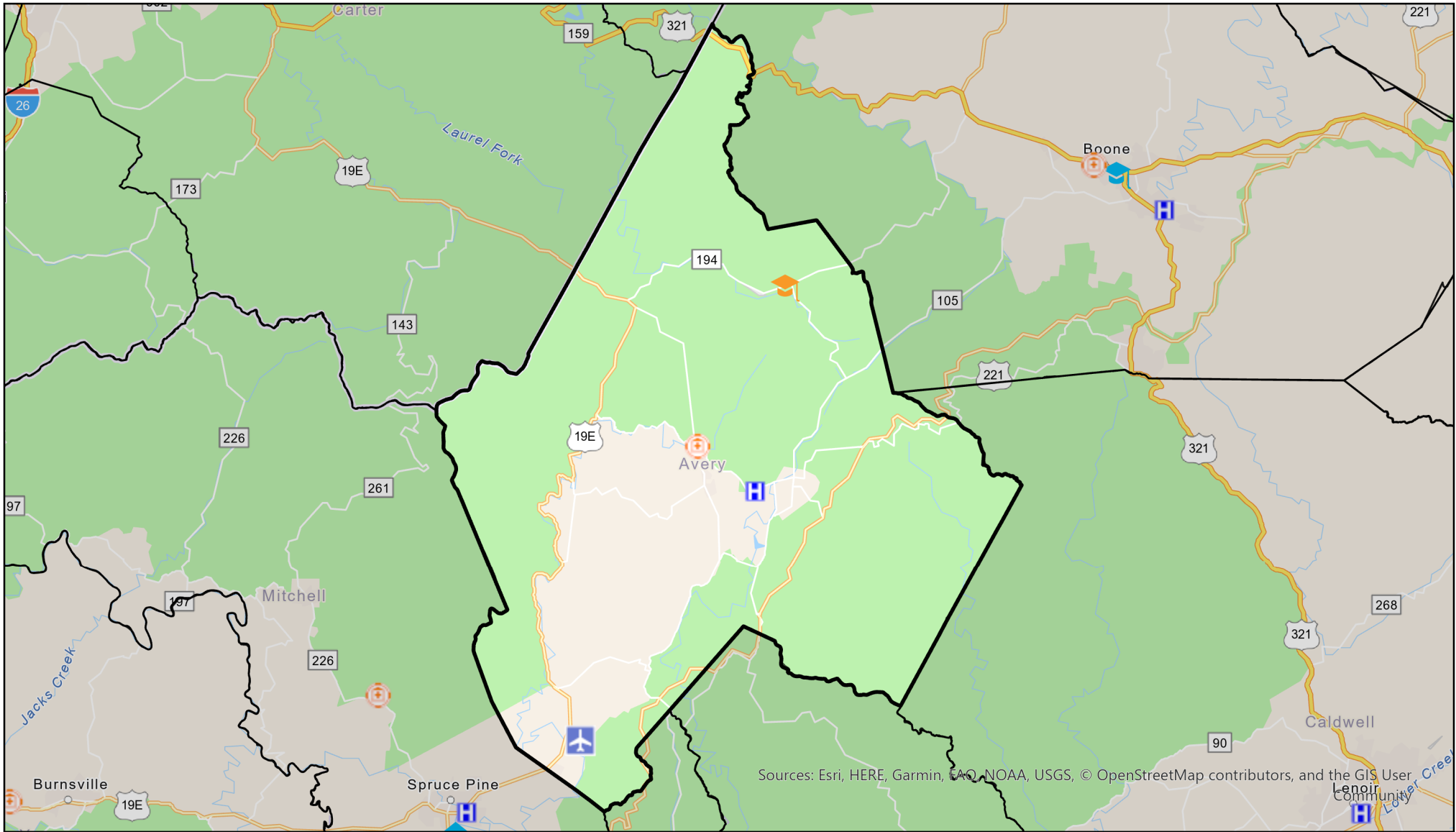
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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new 1600 scoring system started in 2016 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. 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, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.










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Legend

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|  | Commercial Airports |  | Hospitals |  | Public Universities |
|  | General Aviation |  | Public Health Departments |  | Independent Colleges and Universities |
|  | NC Ports |  | Community Colleges |  | Military Installations |



5.5 Miles