

County Profile

Burke County (NC)

May 2022

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2019 Est Population	89,968	0.3%
2020 Census Total Population	87,570	(0.4%)
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate	87,349	(4.7%)

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	52,136	57.4%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	38,776	42.7%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2019 Est Median Age	44	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	19,525	21.6%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	5,223	5.8%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	10,578	11.8%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	10,507	11.7%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	12,934	14.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	13,498	15.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	17,703	19.7%

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

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	22.3
Workers Not Working at Home	37,003
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	10.7%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	17.2%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	21.3%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	17.9%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	7.0%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	11.5%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	4.6%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	5.0%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	4.7%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	38,355
Work at Home	3.5%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	86.0%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	8.4%
Public Transportation	0.4%
Walked	0.7%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	1.1%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

24,317
13,769
268

Residents

63.4%
35.9%
0.7%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	11,642	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	1,130	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	13.3%	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	456	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	2,624	
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	53,242	81.6%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	10,721	16.4%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	39,525	(0.3%)
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	35,140	88.9%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	4,385	11.1%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$120,700	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$648	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	25,993	73.9%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	9,163	26.1%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	2.2%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	6.3%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$55,817	
2020 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$48,729	1.8%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$27,317	
2020 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$38,946	
2020 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	16,166	18.4%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2021 Annual
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Employment	38,971	37,019
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment	1,286	2,869
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment Rate	3.2%	7.2%
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Announced Job Creation	307	307
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$32.8	\$32.8

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q4 Employment	2021 Employment	2021Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2021 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	28,878	28,502	\$906	\$774
Total Government	6,781	6,763	\$945	\$868
Total Private Industry	22,097	21,739	\$893	\$744
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting
Mining
Utilities	57	.	\$1,548	.
Construction	678	638	\$1,314	\$859
Manufacturing	6,970	6,798	\$997	\$885
Wholesale Trade	496	424	\$1,417	\$1,056
Retail Trade	2,990	2,936	\$598	\$514
Transportation and Warehousing	270	312	\$1,188	\$939
Information	81	70	\$1,039	\$995
Finance and Insurance	315	344	\$1,285	\$1,120
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	148	138	\$761	\$681
Professional and Technical Services	407	358	\$1,111	\$981
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	54	54	\$1,430	\$1,398
Administrative and Waste Services	2,090	1,902	\$636	\$516
Educational Services	2,174	2,051	\$856	\$766
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,551	7,103	\$1,150	\$938
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	173	105	\$595	\$442
Accommodation and Food Services	2,509	2,369	\$380	\$303
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	520	491	\$723	\$646
Public Administration	2,285	2,250	\$893	\$802
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0



Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2021Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,499
2021Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	114
2019 Est Self Employed	2,585

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$646.0
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	510
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,266,703
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6950
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$975.7
2021 Tier designation	1

Childcare

2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	46
2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,762

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	213
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	23.2
2020 RNs/10,000 population	108.6
2020 Dentists/10,000 population	3.4
2020 Pharmacists/10,000 population	8.7

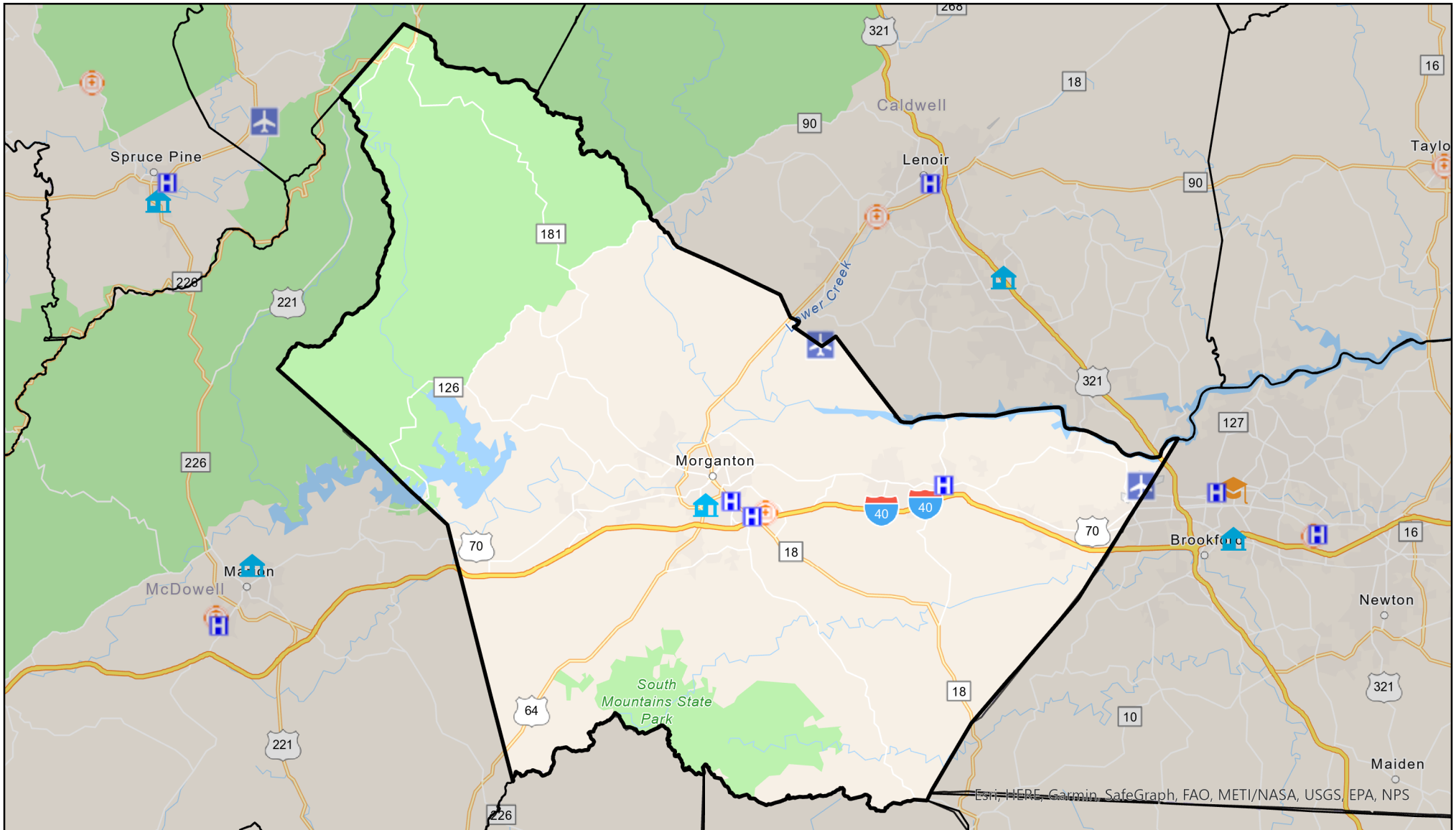
Sources:

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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/>.

Burke County, North Carolina



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6.5 Miles