

County Profile

Columbus County (NC)

May 2022

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2019 Est Population	56,068	(0.4%)
2020 Census Total Population	50,623	(1.3%)
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate	50,240	(10.7%)

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	11,274	19.4%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	46,824	80.6%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2019 Est Median Age	42	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	13,267	23.7%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	3,397	6.1%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	6,849	12.2%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	6,516	11.6%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	7,453	13.3%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	7,650	13.7%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	10,936	19.5%

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

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	27.0
Workers Not Working at Home	18,912
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	13.2%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	13.7%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	14.6%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	13.0%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	6.0%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	14.9%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	7.1%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	8.2%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	9.2%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	19,355
Work at Home	2.3%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	85.7%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	10.0%
Public Transportation	0.2%
Walked	1.0%
Bicycle	0.1%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.7%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

12,387
4,606
2,361

Residents

64.0%
23.8%
12.2%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	7,993	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	989	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	32.2%	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	326	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	1,941	
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	32,699	83.0%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	5,442	13.8%



Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	23,433	(1.0%)
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	20,368	86.9%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	3,065	13.1%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$88,900	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$633	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	15,637	72.5%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	5,943	27.5%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	1.5%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	8.4%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$48,655	
2020 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$40,712	3.0%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$27,329	
2020 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$37,112	
2020 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	11,012	21.3%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2021 Annual
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Employment	21,910	20,662
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment	1,141	1,839
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment Rate	4.9%	8.2%
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Announced Job Creation	74	74
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$6.7	\$6.7

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q4 Employment	2021 Employment	2021Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2021 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	15,747	14,936	\$833	\$738
Total Government	3,297	3,281	\$1,015	\$825
Total Private Industry	12,450	11,655	\$785	\$714
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	200	180	\$852	\$815
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	55	50	\$1,683	\$1,889
Construction	451	478	\$982	\$850
Manufacturing	1,905	1,831	\$1,094	\$1,174
Wholesale Trade	366	400	\$851	\$670
Retail Trade	1,954	1,955	\$576	\$519
Transportation and Warehousing	473	446	\$1,158	\$928
Information	57	63	\$672	\$666
Finance and Insurance	598	440	\$982	\$891
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	166	162	\$905	\$774
Professional and Technical Services	825	619	\$675	\$692
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	303	.	\$751
Administrative and Waste Services	1,611	1,037	\$642	\$533
Educational Services	.	1,389	.	\$787
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,439	2,398	\$962	\$721
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	38	38	\$657	\$517
Accommodation and Food Services	1,208	1,166	\$331	\$277
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	284	269	\$769	\$586
Public Administration	1,673	1,714	\$934	\$843
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0



Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2021Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,034
2021Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	30
2019 Est Self Employed	884

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$468.2
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	358
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,307,873
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8050
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$520.4
2021 Tier designation	1

Childcare

2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	31
2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,154

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	64
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	11.4
2020 RNs/10,000 population	70.1
2020 Dentists/10,000 population	1.3
2020 Pharmacists/10,000 population	11.4

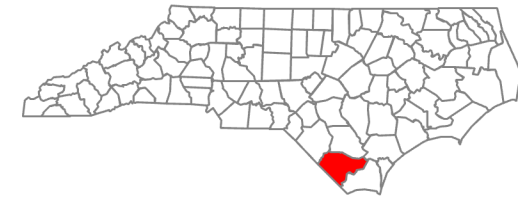
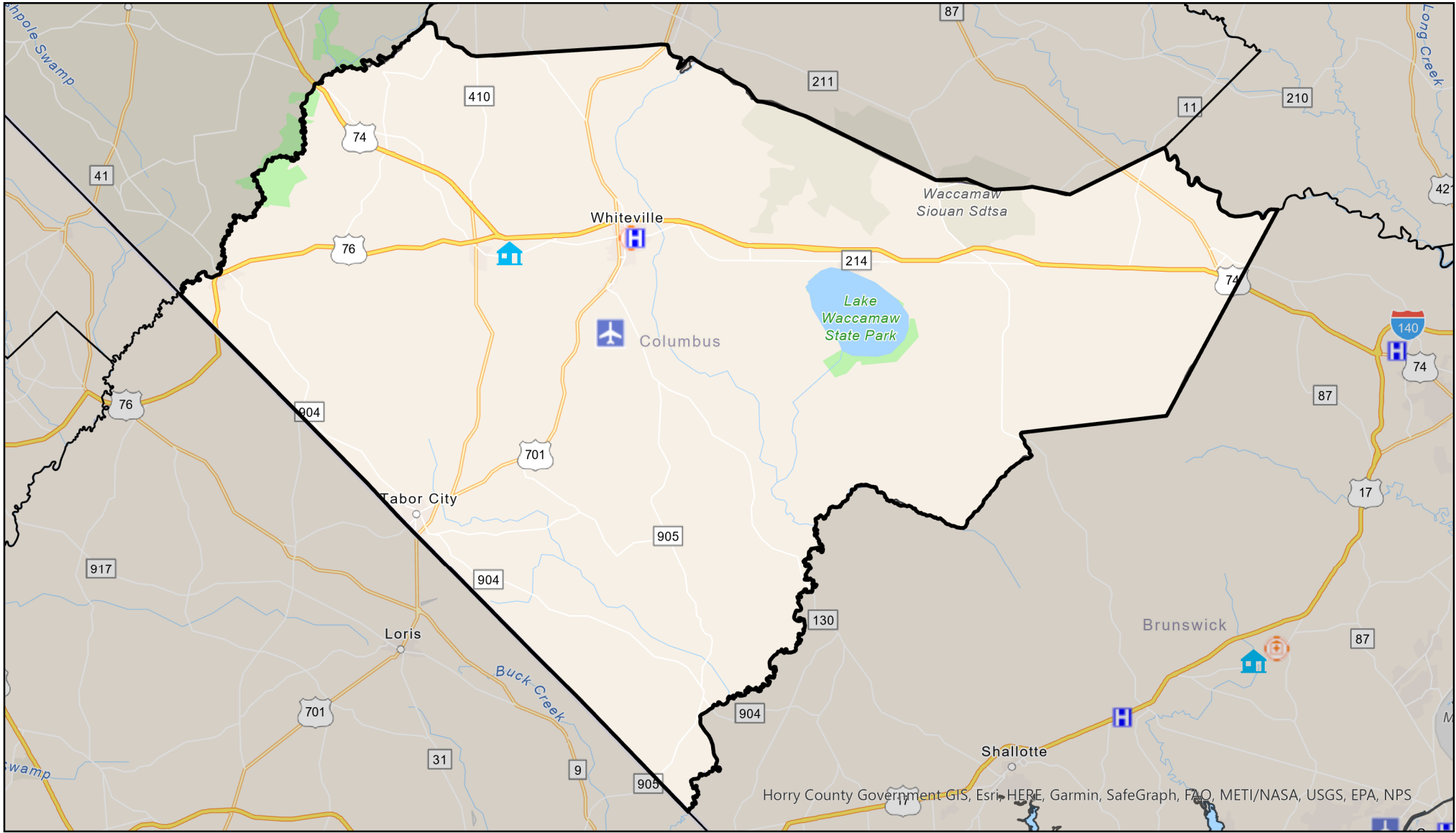
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Notes:

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/>.

Columbus County, North Carolina



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Miles

Horry County Government GIS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS