

**County Profile**

**Columbus County (NC)**

**November 2018**

**Demographics**

**Population & Growth**

2016 Est Population  
2010 Census Total Population  
July 2016 NC Certified Population Estimate

**Population**

57,015  
58,098  
57,182

**% Annual Growth**

( 0.4%)  
0.6%

**Urban/Rural Representation**

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

11,274  
46,824

**Urban/Rural Percent**

19.4%  
80.6%

**Estimated Population by Age**

2016 Est Median Age  
2016 Est Total Pop 0-19  
2016 Est Total Pop 20-24  
2016 Est Total Pop 25-34  
2016 Est Total Pop 35-44  
2016 Est Total Pop 45-54  
2016 Est Total Pop 55-64  
2016 Est Total Pop 65+

42  
13,974  
3,721  
6,683  
6,834  
7,900  
7,752  
10,151

**% Pop by Age**

24.6%  
6.5%  
11.7%  
12.0%  
13.9%  
13.6%  
17.8%

**Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 ACS Est**

**Percent of Workers, By Travel Time**

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 25.8  
Workers Not Working at Home 19,907  
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 11.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 16.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 14.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 16.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 5.2%  
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 15.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 5.2%  
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 7.1%  
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 7.3%

**Workers, By Transportation**

Worker Transp, Base 20,127  
Work at Home 1.1%  
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 87.1%  
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 9.8%  
Public Transportation 0.1%  
Walked 1.0%  
Bicycle 0.0%  
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 0.9%

**Place of Work**

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

**Commuters**

13,525  
4,669  
1,932

**Residents**

67.2%  
23.2%  
9.6%

**Education**

2017-18 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment  
2018 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)  
2018 Percent of Graduates taking SAT  
2015-16 Higher Education Completions (Final)  
2015-16 Higher Education Total Enrollment (Final)  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

8,657  
991  
45.5%  
660  
1,983  
31,731  
4,710

**Pop Age 25+**

80.7%  
12.0%

## Housing

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Total</b>
2016 Est Total Housing Units	25,935	0.1%
2010 Census Total Housing	22,489	
2010 Census Total Households	26,042	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	18,936	84.2%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	3,553	15.8%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$84,800	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$595	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	15,354	69.4%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	6,754	30.6%
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	1.9%	
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	8.8%	

## Income

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Pov</b>
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$47,048	
2016 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$35,290	2.4%
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$26,407	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$31,192	
2016 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty Level (SAIPE)	13,110	24.6%

## Employment / Unemployment

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>2017 Annual</b>
Sep 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	21,267	21,079
Sep 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	892	1,245
Sep 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.6%
2018Q2 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	.	13
2018Q2 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	\$0.4

### Employment / Wages by Industry

	<b>2018Q1 Employment</b>	<b>2017 Annual Employment</b>	<b>2018Q1 Avg Weekly Wage</b>	<b>2017 Avg Weekly Wage</b>
Total All Industries	15,065	15,087	\$681	\$661
Total Government	3,498	3,475	\$721	\$720
Total Private Industry	11,567	11,612	\$669	\$643
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	255	376	\$788	\$567
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	.	.	.	.
Construction	460	443	\$698	\$692
Manufacturing	1,926	1,911	\$1,201	\$1,073
Wholesale Trade	369	366	\$686	\$693
Retail Trade	2,025	2,043	\$437	\$443
Transportation and Warehousing	392	375	\$813	\$878
Information	71	78	\$903	\$792
Finance and Insurance	492	502	\$988	\$822
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	210	191	\$653	\$679
Professional and Technical Services	186	176	\$983	\$1,029
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	245	.	\$687
Administrative and Waste Services	988	925	\$444	\$493
Educational Services	1,652	.	\$668	.
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,628	2,623	\$586	\$611
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	29	.	\$475	.
Accommodation and Food Services	1,121	1,145	\$255	\$265
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	265	276	\$528	\$507
Public Administration	1,692	1,697	\$746	\$729
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

2018Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	3
2018Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,007
2018Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	36
2016 Est Self Employed	977

### Local Retail Business

2018 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$569.9
2018 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	410
2018 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,390,090
2018Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2018-19 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8050
FY2017-18 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$407.7
2018 Tier designation	1

### Childcare

2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	39
2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,371

### Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	50
Annual Snowfall, inches	2
Average Annual Temperature, °F	62
Average Annual High Temperature, °F	74
Average Annual Low Temperature, °F	50

### Healthcare Providers

2017 Number of Physicians	74
2017 Physicians per 10,000 population	13.0
2017 RNs per 10,000 population	76.4
2017 Dentists per 10,000 population	1.6
2017 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	11.4

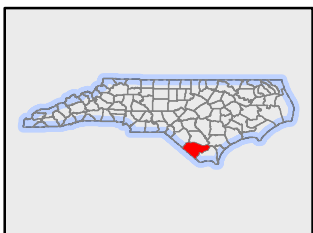
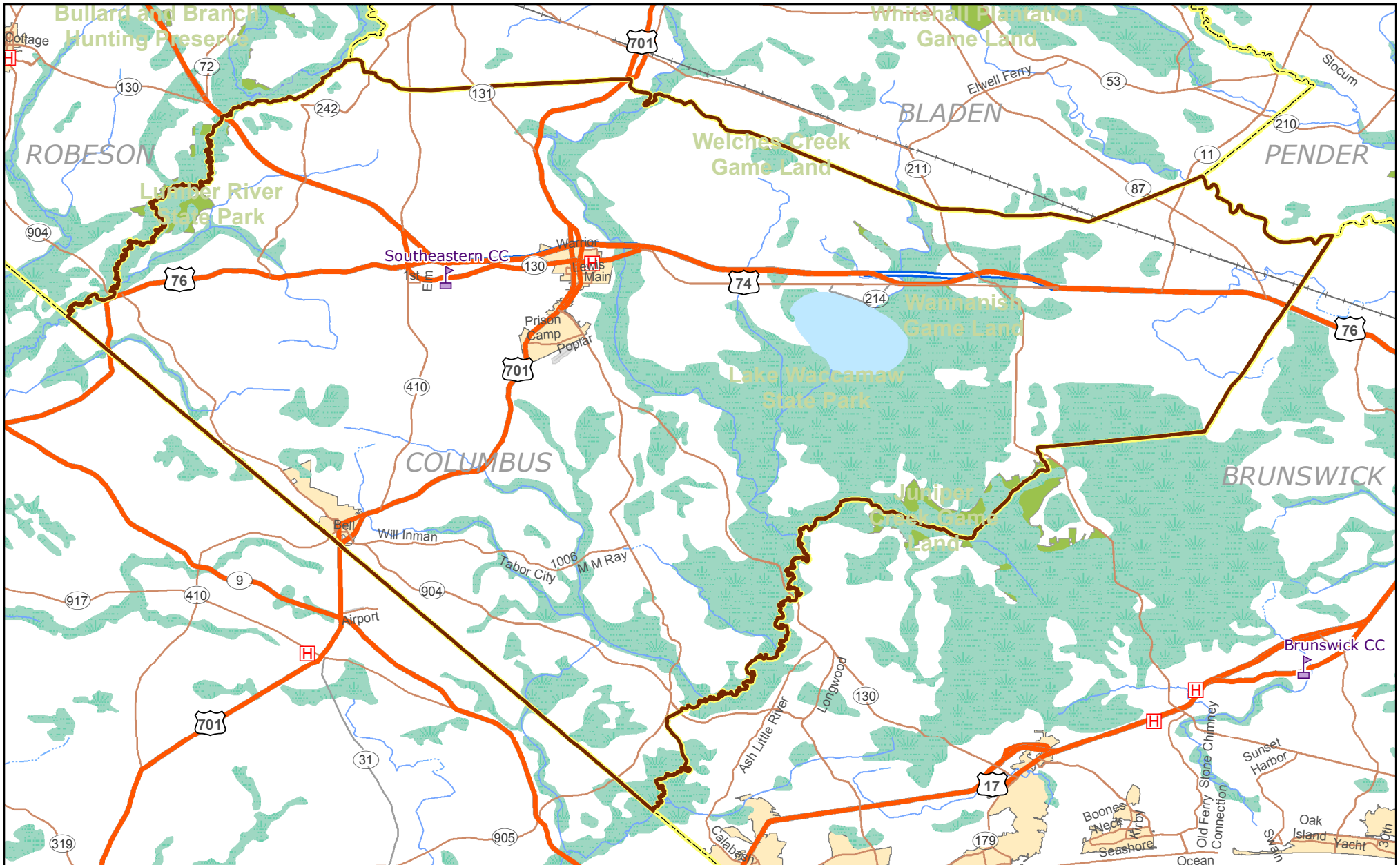
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### Notes:

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 2011-16, 5-year survey; data is as of 2016 with dollars inflated to 2016. Additional data, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

# Columbus County, North Carolina



**Legend**

14,000,001 - 43,130,585	Public University	Interstate
3,000,001 - 14,000,000	Private University	US Route
0 - 3,000,000	NC Community Colleges	NC Route
	Hospital	Major Railroad Lines
		County Boundary

