

County Profile

Columbus County (NC)

August 2021

Demographics

Population & Growth

2019 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
Jul2019 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

56,068
58,098
56,247

% Annual Growth

(0.4%)
0.6%
(0.3%)

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

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+

42
13,267
3,397
6,849
6,516
7,453
7,650
10,936

% Pop by Age

23.7%
6.1%
12.2%
11.6%
13.3%
13.7%
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

2019-20 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

8,322
989
32.2%
326
1,941
32,699
5,442

Pop Age 25+

83.0%
13.8%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	22,489	
2010 Census Total Households	26,042	
2019 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	26,332	0.3%
2019 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	21,580	82.0%
2019 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	4,752	18.0%
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	
2019 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$39,531	7.2%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$27,329	
2019 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$33,743	
2019 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	11,654	22.3%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2020 Annual
Jun2021 Prelim., 2020 Employment	21,311	20,662
Jun2021 Prelim., 2020 Unemployment	1,411	1,839
Jun2021 Prelim., 2020 Unemployment Rate	6.2%	8.2%
2021Q1YTD, 2020 Announced Job Creation	7	10
2021Q1YTD, 2020 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$0.8	\$0.8

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q1 Employment	2020 Employment	2021Q1 Avg Weekly Wage	2020 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	15,034	14,936	\$726	\$738
Total Government	3,230	3,281	\$802	\$825
Total Private Industry	11,804	11,655	\$705	\$714
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	212	180	\$715	\$815
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	52	50	\$1,990	\$1,889
Construction	482	478	\$826	\$850
Manufacturing	1,835	1,831	\$1,230	\$1,174
Wholesale Trade	384	400	\$663	\$670
Retail Trade	1,897	1,955	\$508	\$519
Transportation and Warehousing	457	446	\$845	\$928
Information	69	63	\$535	\$666
Finance and Insurance	693	440	\$907	\$891
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	160	162	\$714	\$774
Professional and Technical Services	600	619	\$641	\$692
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	20	303	\$837	\$751
Administrative and Waste Services	1,268	1,037	\$491	\$533
Educational Services	1,336	1,389	\$730	\$787
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,430	2,398	\$688	\$721
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	38	38	\$505	\$517
Accommodation and Food Services	1,115	1,166	\$285	\$277
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	271	269	\$558	\$586
Public Administration	1,713	1,714	\$852	\$843
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	3
2021Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,013
2021Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	30
2019 Est Self Employed	884

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$508.7
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	358
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,421,036
2020Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8050
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$427.4
2021 Tier designation	1

Childcare

2021Q2 Licensed Child Care Facilities	32
2021Q2 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,200

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	64
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	11.4
2019 RNs/10,000 population	70.9
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	1.6
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	11.4

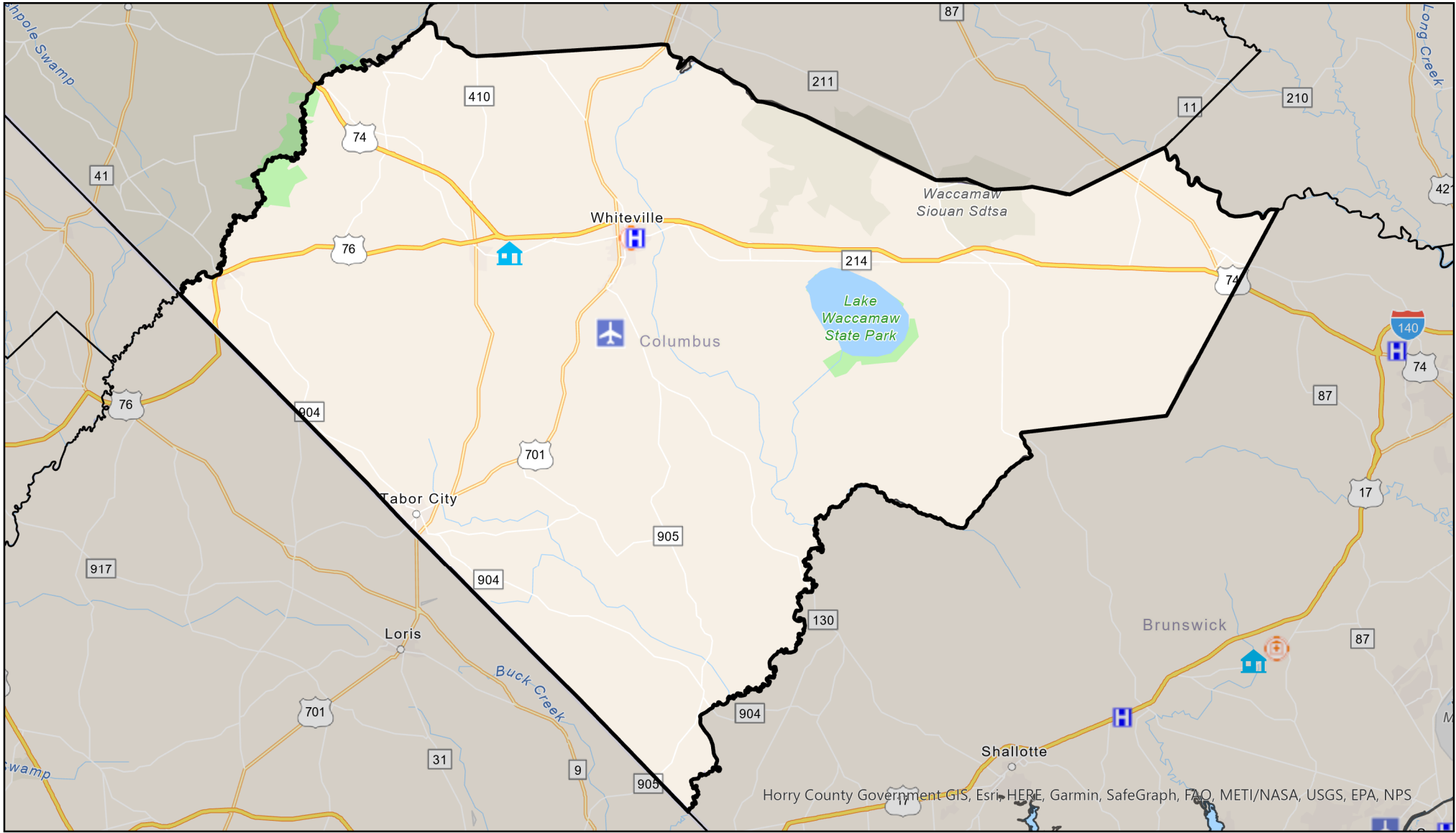
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
Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. A period means the data is not available. SAT scores use the 1600 scoring system and represent county systems. Unemployment data is now the latest month which is preliminary and is 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: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

Columbus County, North Carolina



-  Commercial Airports
-  General Aviation
-  NC Ports

-  Hospitals
-  Public Health Departments
-  Community Colleges

-  Public Universities
-  Independent Colleges and Universities
-  Military Installations

Legend



8 Miles

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