

County Profile

Polk County (NC)

November 2020

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2018 Est Population	20,458	0.1%
2010 Census Total Population	20,510	1.2%
Jul2018 NC Certified Population Estimate	21,535	1.0%

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	1,585	7.7%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	18,925	92.3%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2018 Est Median Age	52	
2018 Est Total Pop 0-19	3,755	18.4%
2018 Est Total Pop 20-24	900	4.4%
2018 Est Total Pop 25-34	1,761	8.6%
2018 Est Total Pop 35-44	1,922	9.4%
2018 Est Total Pop 45-54	2,598	12.7%
2018 Est Total Pop 55-64	3,506	17.1%
2018 Est Total Pop 65+	6,016	29.4%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2018 ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	27.0
Workers Not Working at Home	7,983
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	12.3%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	14.5%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	13.8%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	9.5%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	6.4%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	15.6%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	9.5%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	13.4%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	5.0%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	8,428
Work at Home	5.3%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	79.7%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	9.9%
Public Transportation	0.6%
Walked	1.6%
Bicycle	0.2%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	2.8%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

4,281
2,132
2,014

Residents

50.8%
25.3%
23.9%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2019-20 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	2,096	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)	1,103	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	25.8%	
2018-19 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)	.	
2018-19 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)	.	
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	14,370	90.9%
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	5,014	31.7%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	8,989	
2010 Census Total Households	11,432	
2018 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	11,674	0.6%
2018 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	9,047	77.5%
2018 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	2,627	22.5%
2018 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$212,300	
2018 Est Median Gross Rent	\$828	
2018 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	6,638	73.4%
2018 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	2,409	26.6%
2018 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	3.2%	
2018 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	5.2%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2018 Est Median Family Income	\$59,392	
2018 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$50,467	10.7%
2018 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$28,150	
2018 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$45,291	
2018 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	2,389	11.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2019 Annual
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Employment	8,436	8,748
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment	500	346
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment Rate	5.6%	3.8%
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	5,071	5,026	\$645	\$641
Total Government	962	917	\$708	\$725
Total Private Industry	4,109	4,109	\$631	\$622
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	114	.	\$626	.
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities
Construction	191	193	\$698	\$666
Manufacturing	340	304	\$696	\$676
Wholesale Trade	87	92	\$1,239	\$1,261
Retail Trade	391	388	\$484	\$488
Transportation and Warehousing	67	62	\$917	\$978
Information	40	41	\$863	\$756
Finance and Insurance	96	93	\$1,279	\$1,135
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	25	.	\$426	.
Professional and Technical Services	173	171	\$922	\$962
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	0	0	\$0	\$0
Administrative and Waste Services	214	177	\$559	\$519
Educational Services
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,594	1,537	\$656	\$654
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	224	331	\$566	\$528
Accommodation and Food Services	476	478	\$294	\$328
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	154	158	\$637	\$621
Public Administration	410	410	\$645	\$660
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2020Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	570
2020Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	23
2018 Est Self Employed	1,026

Local Retail Business

2019 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$0.1
2019 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	114
2019 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,206,395
2020Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	14

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2020-21 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5494
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$160.1
2020 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	5
2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	167

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	28
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	12.9
2019 RNs/10,000 population	71.0
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	2.3
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	5.7

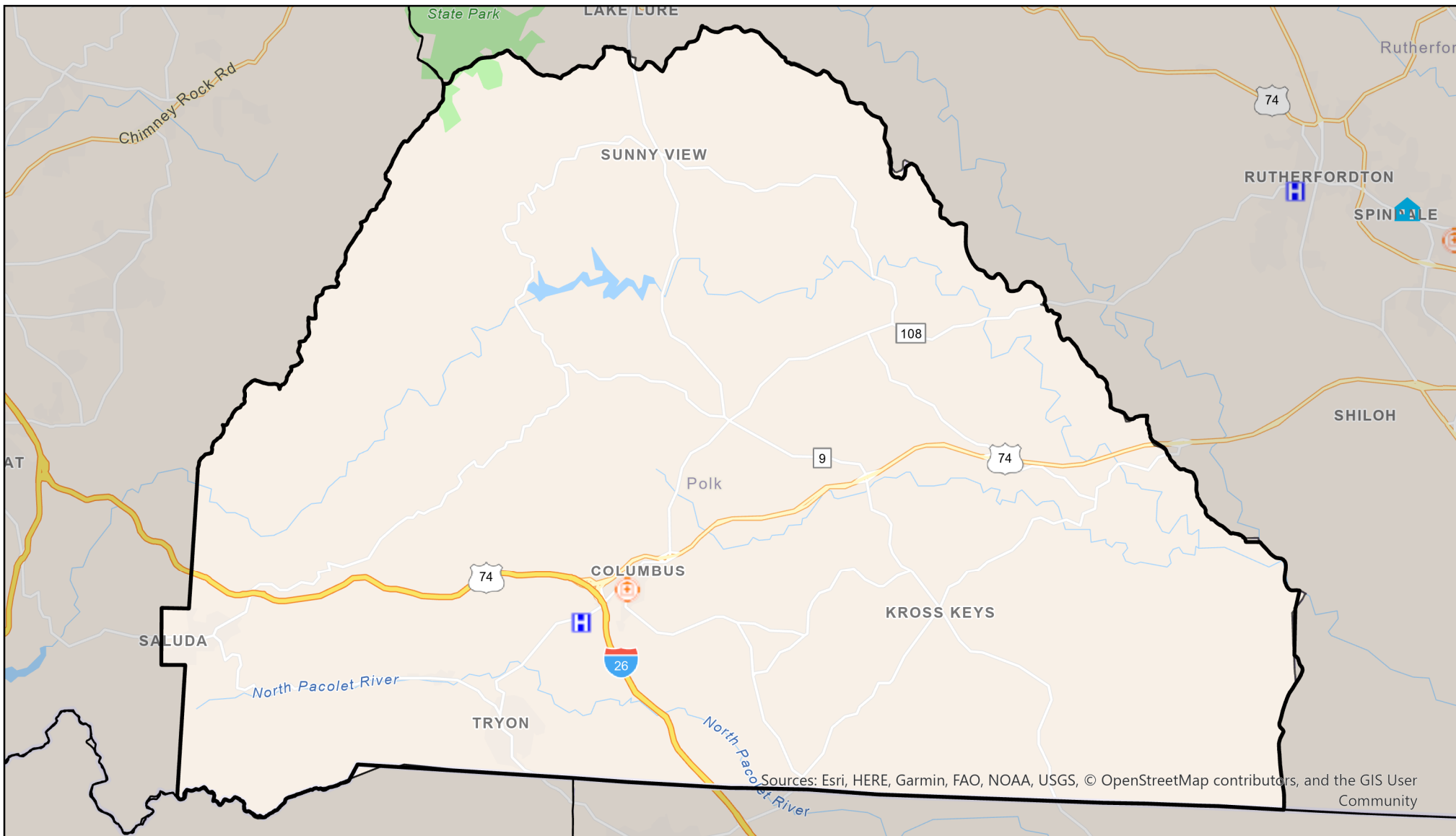
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Notes:










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



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