

**County Profile**

**Polk County (NC)**

**January 2019**

**Demographics**

**Population & Growth**

2016 Est Population  
2010 Census Total Population  
July 2017 NC Certified Population Estimate

**Population**

20,324  
20,510  
21,319

**% Annual Growth**

( 0.0%)  
1.2%

**Urban/Rural Representation**

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

1,585  
18,925

**Urban/Rural Percent**

7.7%  
92.3%

**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+

51  
3,894  
932  
1,769  
1,902  
2,779  
3,457  
5,591

**% Pop by Age**

19.2%  
4.6%  
8.7%  
9.4%  
13.7%  
17.0%  
27.5%

**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 7,882  
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.1%  
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 17.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 13.3%  
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 10.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 4.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 13.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 8.9%  
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 12.9%  
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 5.4%

**Workers, By Transportation**

Worker Transp, Base 8,327  
Work at Home 5.3%  
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 76.7%  
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 12.9%  
Public Transportation 0.7%  
Walked 1.8%  
Bicycle 0.2%  
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 2.4%

**Place of Work**

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

**Commuters**

3,997  
2,407  
1,924

**Residents**

48.0%  
28.9%  
23.1%

**Education**

2017-18 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment  
2018 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)  
2018 Percent of Graduates taking SAT  
2016-17 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)  
2016-17 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

2,101  
1,157  
22.1%  
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13,605  
4,927

**Pop Age 25+**

87.8%  
31.8%

## Housing

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Total</b>
2016 Est Total Housing Units	11,497	0.4%
2010 Census Total Housing	8,989	
2010 Census Total Households	11,432	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	6,546	72.8%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	2,443	27.2%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$208,000	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$769	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	6,321	73.0%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	2,341	27.0%
2016 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	3.6%	
2016 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	6.0%	

## Income

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Pov</b>
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$55,564	
2017 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$45,587	( 3.4%)
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$25,389	
2017 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$43,278	
2017 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	2,529	12.5%

## Employment / Unemployment

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>2017 Annual</b>
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	8,510	8,567
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	302	377
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.2%
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	129	.
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$9.2	.

## Employment / Wages by Industry

	<b>2018Q2 Employment</b>	<b>2017 Employment</b>	<b>2018Q2 Avg Weekly Wage</b>	<b>2017 Avg Weekly Wage</b>
Total All Industries	5,071	5,027	\$603	\$602
Total Government	941	914	\$676	\$667
Total Private Industry	4,130	4,113	\$587	\$587
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	126	.	\$601
Mining	0	0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	.	.	.	.
Construction	192	200	\$682	\$686
Manufacturing	301	297	\$637	\$621
Wholesale Trade	123	116	\$1,107	\$1,133
Retail Trade	354	372	\$435	\$447
Transportation and Warehousing	59	.	\$968	.
Information	35	.	\$802	.
Finance and Insurance	95	99	\$1,350	\$1,084
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	.	.	.	.
Professional and Technical Services	138	169	\$906	\$856
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	0	0	\$0	\$0
Administrative and Waste Services	151	165	\$522	\$530
Educational Services	.	.	.	.
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,502	1,507	\$603	\$627
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	430	379	\$496	\$451
Accommodation and Food Services	497	463	\$302	\$290
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	159	150	\$590	\$541
Public Administration	401	382	\$637	\$615
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

2018Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2018Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	540
2018Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	20
2016 Est Self Employed	940

### Local Retail Business

2018 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$145.5
2018 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	167
2018 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$871,250
2018Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	14

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2018-19 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5294
FY2017-18 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$147.2
2019 Tier designation	2

### Childcare

2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	6
2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	132

### Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	57
Annual Snowfall, inches	9
Average Annual Temperature, °F	59
Average Annual High Temperature, °F	69
Average Annual Low Temperature, °F	48

### Healthcare Providers

2017 Number of Physicians	28
2017 Physicians/10,000 population	13.2
2017 RNs/10,000 population	68.1
2017 Dentists/10,000 population	2.4
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	5.7

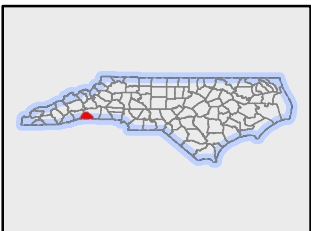
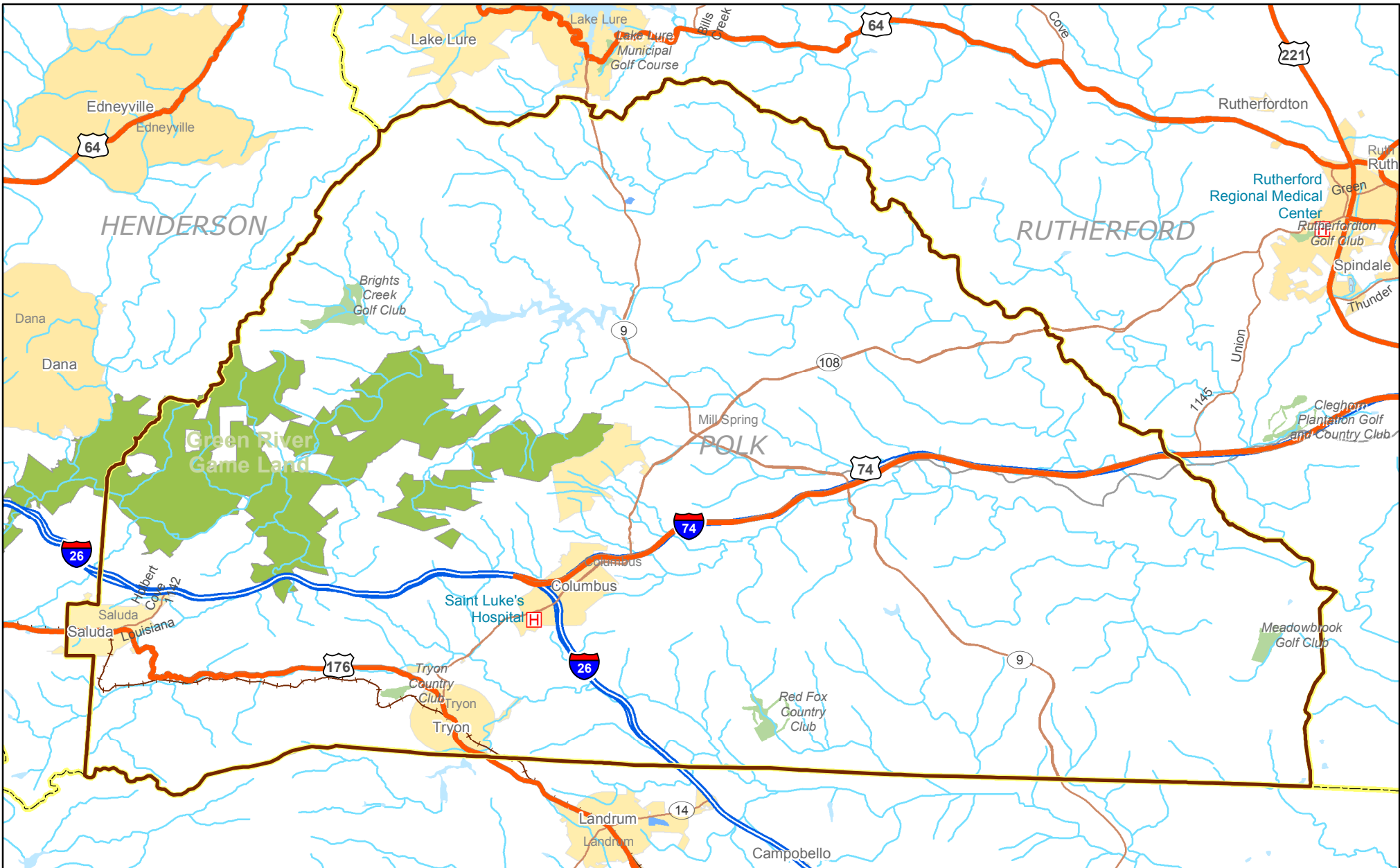
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### Notes:

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 2012-16, 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>.

# Polk 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	County Boundary

