

County Profile

Wilkes County (NC)

January 2019

Demographics

Population & Growth

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

Population

68,888
69,340
69,870

% Annual Growth

(0.1%)
0.6%

Urban/Rural Representation

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

18,867
50,473

Urban/Rural Percent

27.2%
72.8%

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+

44
16,022
3,989
6,783
8,470
10,014
9,938
13,672

% Pop by Age

23.3%
5.8%
9.8%
12.3%
14.5%
14.4%
19.8%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 23.5
Workers Not Working at Home 26,702
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.3%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 15.7%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 19.4%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 16.3%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 6.3%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 11.1%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 4.4%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 6.5%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 7.0%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 27,311
Work at Home 2.2%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 84.0%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 12.3%
Public Transportation 0.1%
Walked 0.9%
Bicycle 0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 0.4%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

20,592
6,500
218

Residents

75.4%
23.8%
0.8%

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

9,452
1,097
18.2%
1,384
3,346
37,571
6,726

Pop Age 25+

76.9%
13.8%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2016 Est Total Housing Units	33,046	0.1%
2010 Census Total Housing	28,360	
2010 Census Total Households	33,065	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	23,655	83.4%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	4,705	16.6%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$119,100	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$593	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	20,625	74.8%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	6,958	25.2%
2016 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	1.9%	
2016 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	9.0%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$46,460	
2017 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$42,453	2.0%
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$24,776	
2017 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$35,736	
2017 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	12,516	18.5%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2017 Annual
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	29,632	29,845
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	1,024	1,342
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.3%
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	10	10
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$0.4	\$4.2

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2018Q2 Employment	2017 Employment	2018Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2017 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	22,142	22,378	\$663	\$684
Total Government	3,503	4,161	\$688	\$736
Total Private Industry	18,639	18,217	\$659	\$672
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	184	179	\$534	\$549
Mining
Utilities	37	.	\$1,116	.
Construction	684	647	\$723	\$729
Manufacturing	4,698	4,813	\$701	\$732
Wholesale Trade	829	806	\$937	\$1,014
Retail Trade	2,866	2,868	\$475	\$471
Transportation and Warehousing	492	482	\$876	\$848
Information	259	240	\$1,013	\$945
Finance and Insurance	325	325	\$1,373	\$1,092
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	245	226	\$736	\$738
Professional and Technical Services	528	549	\$827	\$845
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	1,869	.	\$1,015
Administrative and Waste Services	812	819	\$550	\$522
Educational Services	2,091	2,113	\$634	\$658
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,653	2,646	\$715	\$738
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	241	244	\$167	\$181
Accommodation and Food Services	1,798	1,870	\$270	\$273
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	379	385	\$549	\$515
Public Administration	1,326	1,246	\$735	\$750
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2018Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	4
2018Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,243
2018Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	59
2016 Est Self Employed	2,096

Local Retail Business

2018 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$1,128.4
2018 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	469
2018 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,405,954
2018Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	4

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2018-19 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6700
FY2017-18 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$634.5
2019 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	39
2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,095

Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	49
Annual Snowfall, inches	7
Average Annual Temperature, °F	56
Average Annual High Temperature, °F	68
Average Annual Low Temperature, °F	44

Healthcare Providers

2017 Number of Physicians	72
2017 Physicians/10,000 population	10.2
2017 RNs/10,000 population	64.5
2017 Dentists/10,000 population	2.0
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	5.1

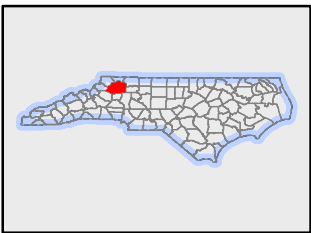
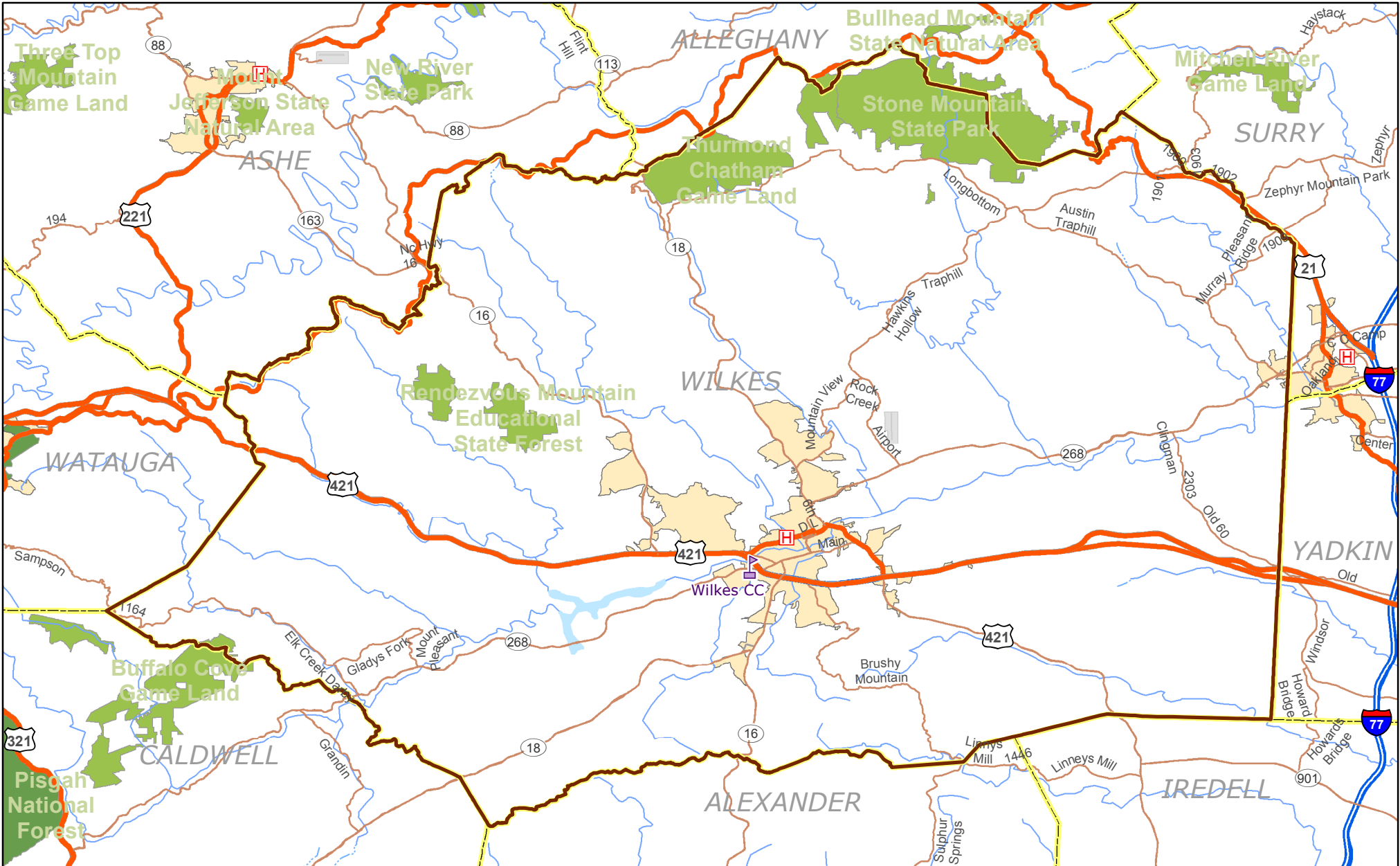
Sources:

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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>.

Wilkes 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

