

## County Profile

## Wilkes County (NC)

May 2022

### Demographics

#### Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2019 Est Population	68,469	0.0%
2020 Census Total Population	65,969	( 0.5%)
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate	65,827	( 6.0%)

#### Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	18,867	27.2%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	50,473	72.8%

#### Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2019 Est Median Age	45	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	15,499	22.6%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	3,670	5.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	7,379	10.8%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	7,786	11.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	9,616	14.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	10,151	14.9%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	14,368	21.0%

### Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2019 Census ACS Est

#### Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	25.3
Workers Not Working at Home	28,202
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	12.8%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	17.3%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	19.3%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	13.8%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	5.0%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	11.2%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	4.1%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	7.2%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	9.5%

#### Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	29,088
Work at Home	3.0%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	84.7%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	10.9%
Public Transportation	0.1%
Walked	0.6%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.6%

#### Place of Work

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

#### Commuters

21,641
7,243
204

#### Residents

74.4%
24.9%
0.7%

### Education

		Pop Age 25+
2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	8,472	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	1,081	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	7.6%	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	1,537	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	3,375	
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	39,505	80.1%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	7,796	15.8%

## Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	31,545	( 0.5%)
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	27,612	87.5%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	3,933	12.5%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$126,300	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$632	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	21,765	75.7%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	6,988	24.3%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	0.8%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	6.1%	

## Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$56,068	
2020 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$46,830	3.5%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$29,092	
2020 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$39,518	
2020 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	9,671	14.4%

## Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2021 Annual
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Employment	26,252	26,544
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment	944	1,939
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment Rate	3.5%	6.8%
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Announced Job Creation	.	.
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	.

## Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q4 Employment	2021 Employment	2021Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2021 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	20,070	19,997	\$877	\$769
Total Government	3,401	3,332	\$909	\$786
Total Private Industry	16,669	16,665	\$871	\$765
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	145	.	\$613
Mining	.	.	.	.
Utilities	.	.	.	.
Construction	690	680	\$1,012	\$821
Manufacturing	3,818	4,209	\$1,018	\$829
Wholesale Trade	713	681	\$1,534	\$1,352
Retail Trade	3,341	3,017	\$609	\$571
Transportation and Warehousing	547	495	\$1,098	\$973
Information	239	242	\$1,234	\$1,138
Finance and Insurance	306	307	\$1,333	\$1,195
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	211	209	\$1,103	\$933
Professional and Technical Services	536	543	\$1,020	\$905
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	824	.	\$1,070
Administrative and Waste Services	662	793	\$638	\$599
Educational Services	2,038	1,845	\$854	\$754
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,684	2,455	\$966	\$863
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	155	188	\$261	\$191
Accommodation and Food Services	1,575	1,551	\$379	\$300
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	402	425	\$679	\$597
Public Administration	1,218	1,290	\$966	\$828
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2021Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,257
2021Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	60
2019 Est Self Employed	2,233

### Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$634.1
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	430
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,474,648
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6600
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$844.0
2021 Tier designation	1

### Childcare

2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	32
2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	976

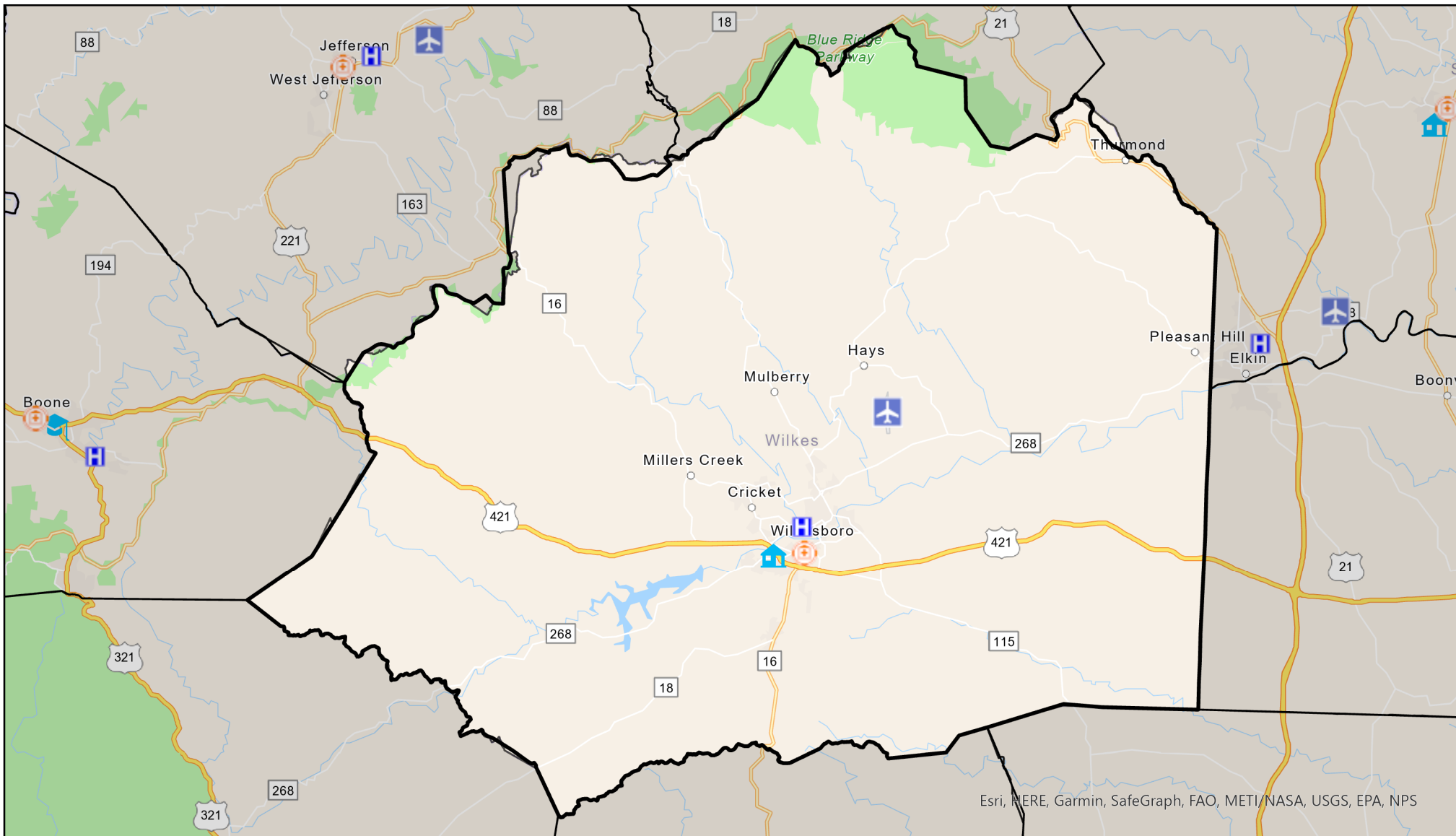
### Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	77
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	11.0
2020 RNs/10,000 population	58.0
2020 Dentists/10,000 population	1.8
2020 Pharmacists/10,000 population	4.4

**Sources:**  
 Census (2020, ACS 2015-19) for income, commuters, place of work, population, housing, and educational attainment at <https://data.census.gov>. AGS for retail data at [www.AppliedGeographic.com](http://www.AppliedGeographic.com). NC Dept. of Education for SAT data by NC county system at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org>. US Dept. of Education, National Center for Education Statistics for higher education data at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter>. NC Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division for NC tiers, occupational data, employment and unemployment, and wages and establishments by industry at <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>. EDPNC for announced new jobs and investment and available buildings at <https://edpnc.com>. NC Dept. of Health & Human Services for childcare data at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/>. UNC Sheps Center for healthcare professions at <https://nchealthworkforce.unc.edu/>. For more data resources, see <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>.

**Notes:**  
 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: <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>.










# Wilkes County, North Carolina



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## Legend

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|---|---|---|
|  Commercial Airports |  Hospitals                 |  Public Universities                   |
|  General Aviation    |  Public Health Departments |  Independent Colleges and Universities |
|  NC Ports            |  Community Colleges        |  Military Installations                |



7 Miles