

County Profile

Wilkes County (NC)

July 2018

Demographics

Population & Growth

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

Population

68,888
69,340
70,027

% 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%
12.5%
14.4%
19.8%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 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

2016-17 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2017 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2017 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2015-16 Higher Education Completions (provisional)
2015-16 Higher Education Total Enrollment (provisional)
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

9,617
1,083
20.3%
1,568
6,336
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 Housing Vacancy	1.9%	
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	9.0%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$46,460	
2016 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$41,640	2.4%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$24,776	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$33,482	
2016 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty Level (SAIPE)	11,378	16.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2017 Annual
May 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	30,409	29,845
May 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	1,067	1,342
May 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.3%
2018Q1 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	.	10
2018Q1 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	\$4.2

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2017Q4 Employment	2017 Annual Employment	2017Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2017 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	22,553	22,378	\$698	\$684
Total Government	4,249	4,161	\$809	\$736
Total Private Industry	18,304	18,217	\$673	\$672
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	183	179	\$561	\$549
Mining
Utilities	36	.	\$1,196	.
Construction	633	647	\$839	\$729
Manufacturing	4,939	4,813	\$730	\$732
Wholesale Trade	805	806	\$996	\$1,014
Retail Trade	2,917	2,868	\$474	\$471
Transportation and Warehousing	495	482	\$924	\$848
Information	235	240	\$1,033	\$945
Finance and Insurance	327	325	\$1,064	\$1,092
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	225	226	\$796	\$738
Professional and Technical Services	571	549	\$925	\$845
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	1,869	.	\$1,015
Administrative and Waste Services	856	819	\$576	\$522
Educational Services	2,222	2,113	\$729	\$658
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,698	2,646	\$806	\$738
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	220	244	\$181	\$181
Accommodation and Food Services	1,871	1,870	\$279	\$273
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	388	385	\$568	\$515
Public Administration	1,240	1,246	\$817	\$750
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2018Q1 Available Industrial Buildings	5
2017Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,252
2017Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	60
2016 Est Self Employed	2,096

Local Retail Business

2017 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$1,128.4
2017 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	469
2017 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,405,954
2018Q1 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	8

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6700
FY2016-17 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$598.6
2018 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	44
2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,177

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 per 10,000 population	10.2
2017 RNs per 10,000 population	64.5
2017 Dentists per 10,000 population	2.0
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	4.7

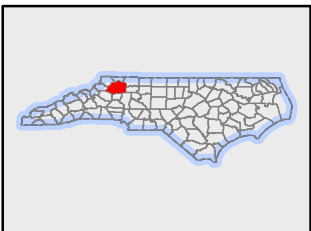
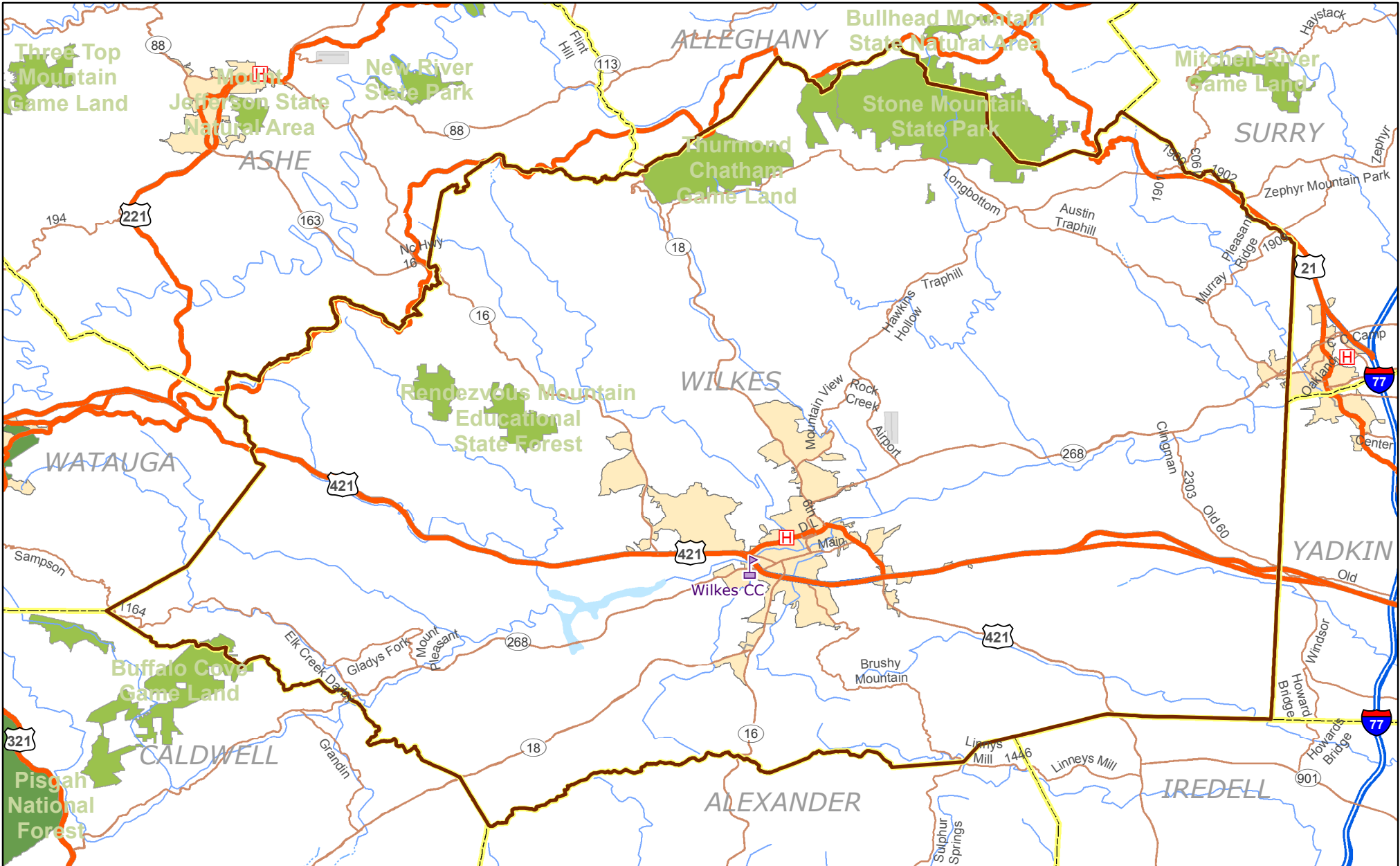
Sources:

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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. 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

