

County Profile

Lee County (NC)

December 2019

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2017 Est Population	59,805	0.4%
2010 Census Total Population	57,866	1.8%
Jul2018 NC Certified Population Estimate	60,878	

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	33,120	57.2%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	24,746	42.8%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2017 Est Median Age	38	
2017 Est Total Pop 0-19	16,311	27.3%
2017 Est Total Pop 20-24	3,788	6.3%
2017 Est Total Pop 25-34	7,371	12.3%
2017 Est Total Pop 35-44	7,489	12.5%
2017 Est Total Pop 45-54	8,082	13.5%
2017 Est Total Pop 55-64	7,572	12.7%
2017 Est Total Pop 65+	9,192	15.4%

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	24,710
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	14.1%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	19.4%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	18.8%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	12.1%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	3.8%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	9.4%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	6.2%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	10.0%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	6.2%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	25,486
Work at Home	3.0%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	85.8%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	9.2%
Public Transportation	0.2%
Walked	1.1%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.5%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

17,891
7,391
204

Residents

70.2%
29.0%
0.8%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2018-19 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	9,952	
2019 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)	1,038	
2019 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	35.8%	
2017-18 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)	2,916	
2017-18 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)	6,811	
2017 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	32,561	82.0%
2017 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree	8,426	21.2%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2017 Est Total Housing Units	24,405	0.7%
2010 Census Total Housing	22,058	
2010 Census Total Households	24,136	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	19,980	90.6%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	2,078	9.4%
2017 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$138,400	
2017 Est Median Gross Rent	\$723	
2017 Est Owner Occupied Housing	14,600	67.3%
2017 Est Renter Occupied Housing	7,091	32.7%
2017 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	2.9%	
2017 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	8.4%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$57,288	
2017 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$53,297	14.1%
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$26,360	
2018 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$40,098	
2017 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	8,760	14.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2018 Annual
OCT2019 Prelim., 2018 Employment	25,427	25,276
OCT2019 Prelim., 2018 Unemployment	1,093	1,144
OCT2019 Prelim., 2018 Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.3%
2019Q2YTD, 2018 Announced Job Creation	35	36
2019Q2YTD, 2018 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$41.6	\$101.1

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2019Q2 Employment	2018 Employment	2019Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2018 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	25,896	26,133	\$791	\$807
Total Government	3,372	3,265	\$796	\$781
Total Private Industry	22,524	22,868	\$791	\$811
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	.	.	.
Mining	.	.	.	.
Utilities	.	111	.	\$1,581
Construction	1,186	1,191	\$980	\$953
Manufacturing	7,588	7,986	\$989	\$1,046
Wholesale Trade	980	1,016	\$1,168	\$1,203
Retail Trade	3,119	3,134	\$534	\$506
Transportation and Warehousing	.	423	.	\$829
Information	.	109	.	\$707
Finance and Insurance	323	325	\$1,135	\$1,161
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	.	.	.	.
Professional and Technical Services	753	672	\$889	\$913
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	.	.	.
Administrative and Waste Services	1,588	1,601	\$709	\$782
Educational Services	.	.	.	.
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,855	2,965	\$763	\$737
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	289	299	\$293	\$274
Accommodation and Food Services	2,238	2,197	\$308	\$304
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	479	465	\$554	\$533
Public Administration	1,171	1,173	\$826	\$798
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2019Q2 Available Industrial Buildings	5
2019Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,370
2019Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	75
2016 Est Self Employed	999

Local Retail Business

2019 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$0.8
2019 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	381
2019 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,978,346
2019Q2 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	3

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2019-20 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.7750
FY2018-19 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$854.6
2020 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2019Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	40
2019Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,650

Healthcare Providers

2018 Number of Physicians	92
2018 Physicians/10,000 population	15.5
2018 RNs/10,000 population	67.2
2018 Dentists/10,000 population	5.9
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	8.3

Sources:

Census (2010, ACS 2012-16) for income, commuters, place of work, (2010, ACS 2013-17) for population, housing, and educational attainment at <https://factfinder.census.gov>. ESRI for retail data at www.ESRI.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 <http://accessnc.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/>. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

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. Additional data, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

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