

County Profile

Lee County (NC)

February 2021

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2019 Est Population	60,481	0.6%
2010 Census Total Population	57,866	1.8%
Jul2019 NC Certified Population Estimate	61,141	0.4%

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
2019 Est Median Age	39	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	16,265	26.9%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	3,484	5.8%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	7,643	12.6%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	7,496	12.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	7,995	13.2%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	7,853	13.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	9,745	16.1%

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

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	25.5
Workers Not Working at Home	25,654
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	12.9%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	18.1%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	17.6%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	11.5%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	3.9%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	9.9%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	7.1%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	10.5%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	8.6%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	26,409
Work at Home	2.9%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	82.0%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	13.1%
Public Transportation	0.5%
Walked	1.0%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.6%

Place of Work

	Commuters	Residents
Worked in State/County of Residence	16,796	63.6%
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	9,402	35.6%
Worked Outside State of Residence	211	0.8%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2019-20 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	10,106	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	1,014	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	29.9%	
2018-19 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	1,246	
2018-19 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	6,911	
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	33,999	83.5%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	8,755	21.5%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	22,058	
2010 Census Total Households	24,136	
2019 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	24,509	0.2%
2019 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	21,894	89.3%
2019 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	2,615	10.7%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$144,200	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$775	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	14,601	66.7%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	7,293	33.3%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	2.4%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	4.5%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$58,313	
2019 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$53,114	8.4%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$29,125	
2019 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$42,021	
2019 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	8,634	14.2%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2019 Annual
DEC2020 Prelim., 2019 Employment	24,262	24,995
DEC2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment	1,662	1,179
DEC2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment Rate	6.4%	4.5%
2020Q3YTD, 2019 Announced Job Creation	417	835
2020Q3YTD, 2019 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$112.6	\$715.9

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2020Q2 Employment	2019 Employment	2020Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2019 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	23,459	25,638	\$822	\$812
Total Government	3,037	3,248	\$877	\$801
Total Private Industry	20,422	22,390	\$814	\$814
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	.	.	.
Mining	.	.	.	.
Utilities	116	116	\$1,439	\$1,536
Construction	1,307	1,237	\$964	\$1,012
Manufacturing	7,055	7,635	\$997	\$1,016
Wholesale Trade	1,013	996	\$1,138	\$1,209
Retail Trade	2,978	3,090	\$551	\$534
Transportation and Warehousing	.	427	.	\$834
Information	.	.	.	.
Finance and Insurance	317	324	\$1,213	\$1,178
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	237	197	\$759	\$729
Professional and Technical Services	488	733	\$1,006	\$930
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	.	.	.
Administrative and Waste Services	1,436	1,456	\$605	\$736
Educational Services	1,913	.	\$821	.
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,566	2,850	\$798	\$785
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	.	.	.	.
Accommodation and Food Services	1,692	2,170	\$313	\$313
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	382	477	\$576	\$562
Public Administration	1,078	1,159	\$918	\$819
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	4
2020Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,422
2020Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	77
2019 Est Self Employed	1,237

Local Retail Business

2020 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$597.1
2020 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	531
2020 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,124,424
2020Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	2

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2020-21 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.7750
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$879.7
2021 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2020Q4 Licensed Child Care Facilities	37
2020Q4 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,395

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	90
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	14.6
2019 RNs/10,000 population	61.1
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	5.4
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	8.3

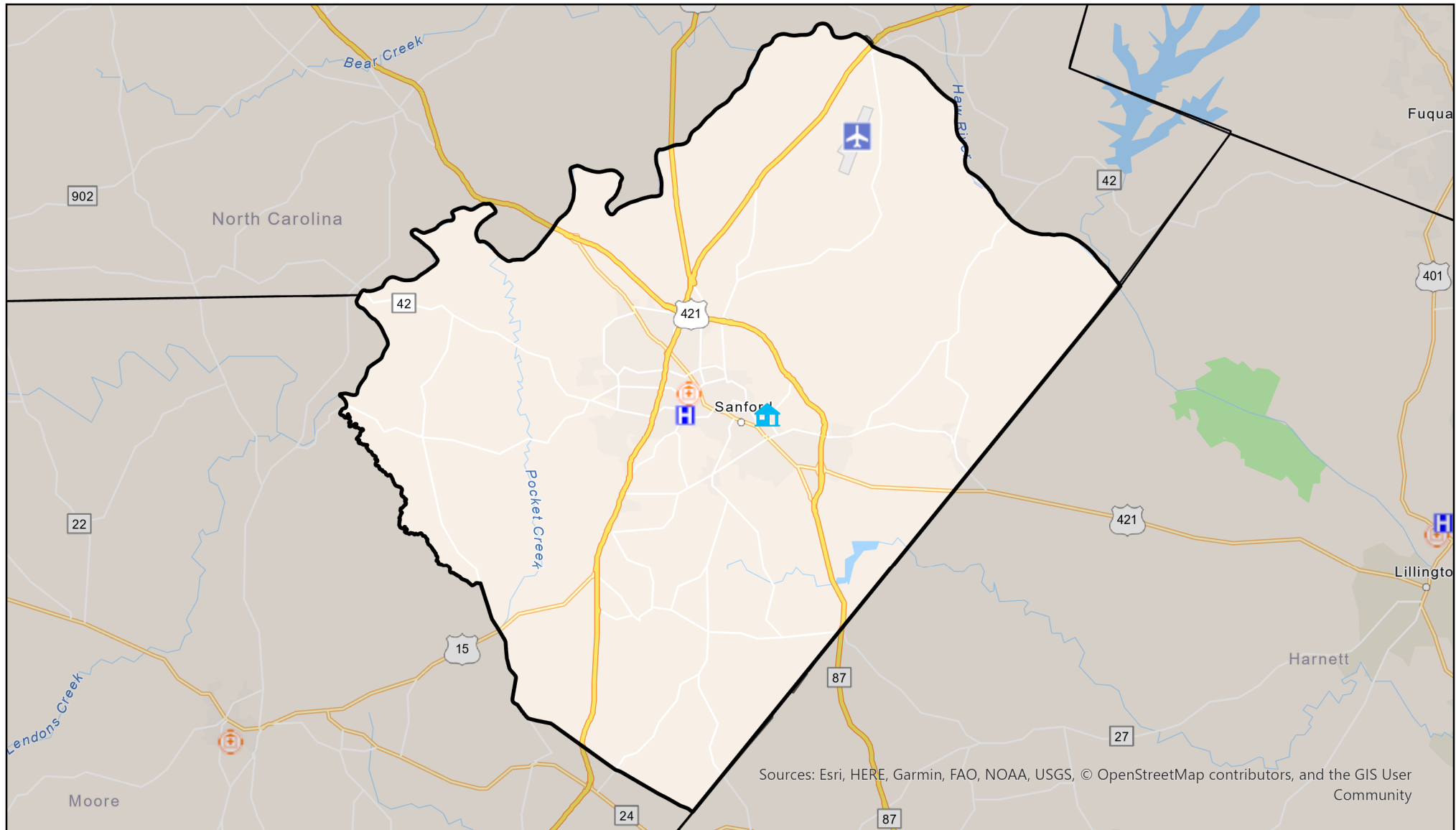
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Notes:










Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. 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: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

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|  | General Aviation |  | Public Health Departments |  | Independent Colleges and Universities |
|  | NC Ports |  | Community Colleges |  | Military Installations |



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Miles