

Wilkes County

Reporting Quarter: 4th Quarter 2007

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Demographics

Certified Population, July 2006	66,924	37
Population, 2000 Census	65,632	36
Population, 1990 Census	59,393	34
Percent population change, 1990-2000	10.5	73
Percent population change, NC, 1990-2000	21.3	

County Rank



Workforce & Education

Employment, Nov 2007	29,829	40
Unemployed, Nov 2007	1,659	37
Percent unemployed, Nov 2007	5.3	36
Percent unemployed, 2006	5.5	37
Percent unemployed, NC, Nov 2007	5.1	
Percent unemployed, NC, 2006	4.8	
Percent high school graduates or higher, 2000	66	91
Percent high school graduates or higher, NC, 2000	78.1	
Average SAT score (2400 scale), 2007	1,499	25
Average SAT score (2400 scale), NC, 2007	1,486	
Percent bachelor's degree or higher, 2000	11.3	70
Percent bachelor's degree or higher, NC, 2000	22.5	

Taxes, Sales & Services

Property taxes/\$100 Value ('07-'08)	\$0.5700
Taxable sales (Mil \$, Sept 07)	\$40.5
Taxable sales (Mil \$, FY 06-07)	\$427.1
Pharmacist/10,000 Pop, 2006	5
Physician/10,000 Pop, 2006	10
RN/10,000 Pop, 2006	62
Dentist/10,000 Pop, 2006	3
Tier designation, 2008	2
Partnership Region	Advantage West
Licensed Child Care Facilities, Sept 07	83
Child Care Slots, Sept 07	2,754

Income, Housing & Poverty

Average weekly wage per employee, 2nd Quarter 2007	\$555	50
Median household income, 2005	\$35,712	57
Per capita personal income, 2000	\$23,627	37
Per capita personal income, 2005	\$29,314	23
Per capita personal income, NC, 2006	\$32,234	
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$80,383	54
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, NC, 2000	\$108,300	
Percent in poverty, 2005	15.4	54
Percent in poverty, NC, 2005	14.9	

Notes: Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. Demographics are from U.S. Census. Workforce & Education are from NC Employment Security Commission, U.S. Census, and NC Dept. of Public Instruction respectively; county unemployment rates are seasonally unadjusted. Average wage are from ESC's "Insured Employment and Wages in NC for Private Industry by Sector (2 digit)" which is based on the Current Population Survey. Income, Housing & Poverty are from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census, respectively. Jobs and Investments are from NC Dept. of Commerce. Closings & Layoffs by effective date are from the NC Employment Security Commission. Employment & Wages are from NCESC's "Insured Employment and Wages in NC for Industry by Sector (2 digit)" series; missing data or * indicates data not available or suppressed for confidentiality reasons. Taxes are from the NC Dept. of Revenue and prior to 7/05 represent gross sales but after are taxable sales. Medical data from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, UNC-Chapel Hill. **County Ranking 1=highest.

Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2006	0
Jobs announced, Thru Oct 12, 2007	0
Total investment announced, 2006	\$4,000,000
Total investment announced, Thru Oct 12, 2007	\$0

Announced Closings & Layoffs

Number of affected establishments, 2006	1
Number of affected establishments, Thru Dec 2007	1
Job losses, 2006	13
Job losses, Thru Dec 2007	20

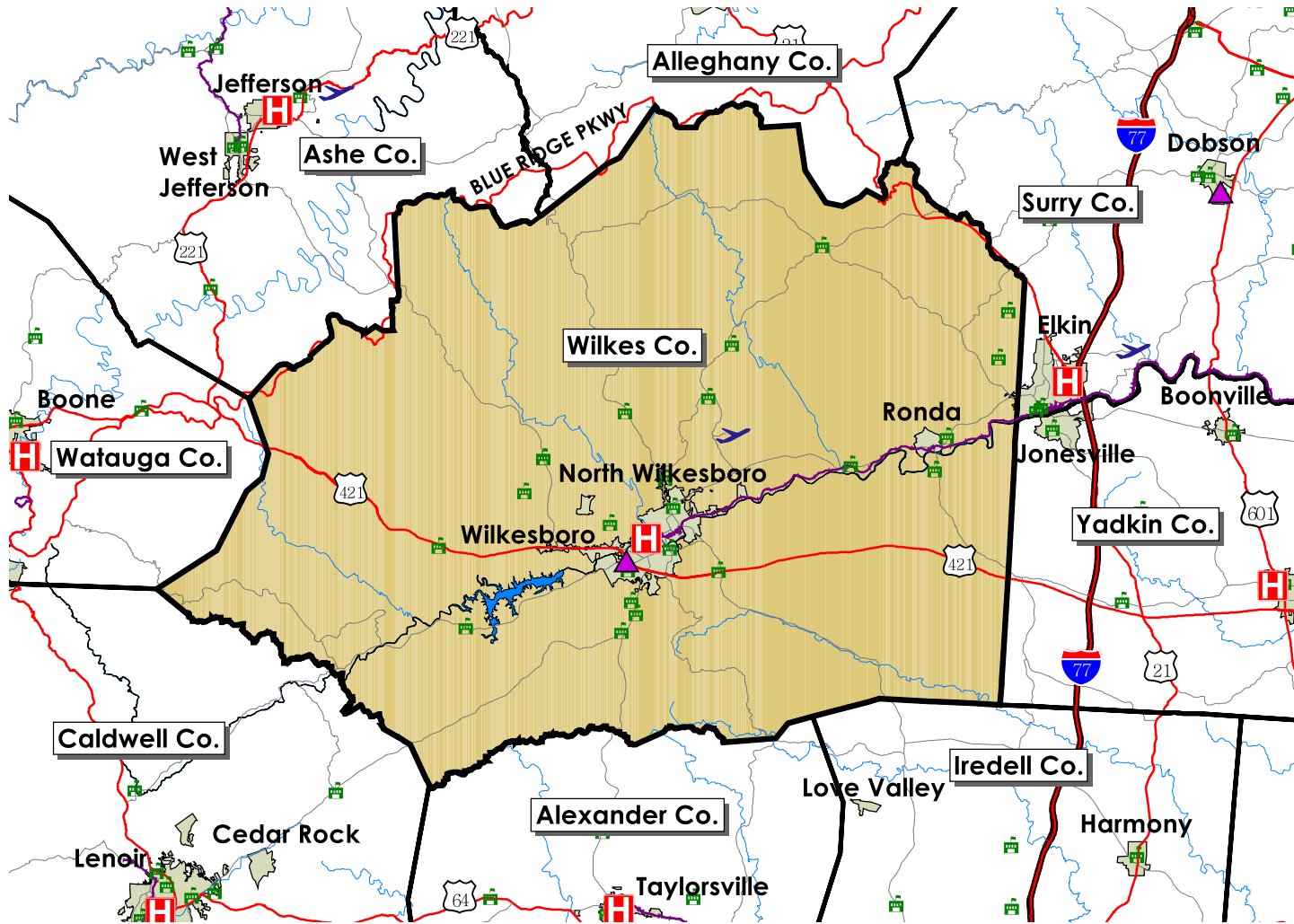
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North Carolina











Employment and Wages, by Sector (2nd Quarter 2007)

	Wilkes			North Carolina		
	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage
Total All Industries	23,328	100.0	\$555	4,070,849	100.0	\$718
Total Government	4,405	18.9	\$624	678,349	16.7	\$754
Total Private Industry	18,923	81.1	\$539	3,392,501	83.3	\$711
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	143	0.6	\$469	30,294	0.7	\$517
Mining	0	0.0	\$0	4,055	0.1	\$1,176
Utilities	40	0.2	\$704	13,939	0.3	\$1,378
Construction	997	4.3	\$583	255,709	6.0	\$729
Manufacturing	5,043	21.6	\$538	537,281	13.2	\$876
Wholesale Trade	924	4.0	\$689	182,823	4.5	\$1,021
Retail Trade	2,646	11.3	\$412	462,301	11.4	\$468
Transportation and Warehousing	604	2.6	\$768	115,772	2.8	\$721
Information	273	1.2	\$799	72,926	1.8	\$1,025
Finance and Insurance	960	4.1	\$665	152,965	3.8	\$1,183
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	189	0.8	\$499	54,786	1.3	\$673
Professional and Technical Services	439	1.9	\$739	182,439	4.5	\$1,082
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0.0	\$0	69,658	1.7	\$1,374
Administrative and Waste Services	634	2.7	\$440	243,995	6.0	\$505
Educational Services	90	0.4	\$261	57,097	1.4	\$711
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,979	8.5	\$495	434,459	10.7	\$688
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	80	0.3	\$336	53,965	1.3	\$551
Accommodation and Food Services	1,603	6.9	\$215	346,693	8.5	\$260
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	561	2.4	\$347	103,559	2.5	\$475
Public Administration				228,584	5.6	\$765
Unclassified	50	0.2	\$712	17,783	0.4	\$651

Trends Profile Map Wilkes County



Legend

-  Public Schools
-  Airports
-  Hospitals
-  Colleges and Universities
-  Community Colleges
-  Rail Lines
-  Interstate highways
-  US Highways
-  State and County Highways
-  Major Rivers and Streams
-  Major Waterbodies
-  Municipal Boundaries



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Employment Characteristics

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Top Manufacturers (2nd Quarter 2007)

TYSON FARMS INC
LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORPORATION
TYSON POULTRY INC
LADD FURNITURE
EAST COAST MILLWORK DIST INC
KEY CITY FURNITURE CO INC
GARDNER GLASS PRODUCTS, INC.
INTERFLEX GROUP INC
SUNCREST FARMS COUNTRY HAMS INC
CHECK MATE

Employment Range

1,000+
250-499
250-499
250-499
250-499
100-249
100-249
50-99
50-99
50-99



Top Non-Manufacturing Employers (2nd Quarter 2007)

LOWE'S COMPANIES INC
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILKES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
WILKES COUNTY
LOWES HOME CENTERS INC
WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMPUCREDIT CORPORATION
N C DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TYSON FARMS INC
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Employment Range

1,000+
1,000+
500-999
500-999
250-499
250-499
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250-499

Industry

Professional and Business Services
Education and Health Services
Education and Health Services
Public Administration
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
Education and Health Services
Financial Activities
Public Administration
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
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