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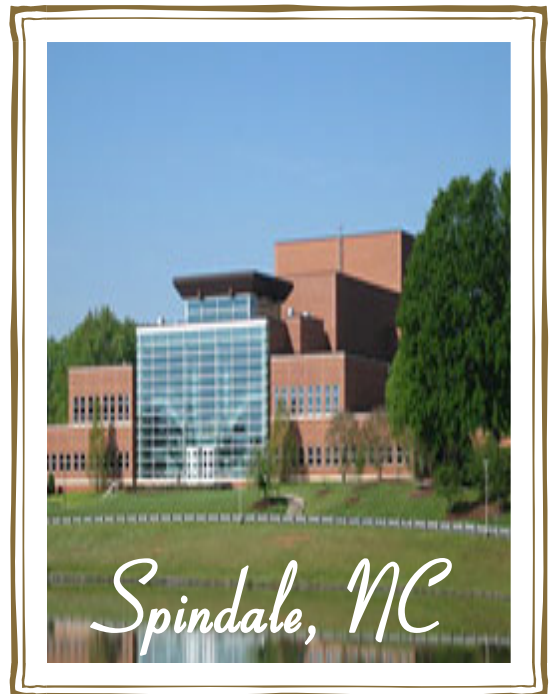
*Forest City, NC*



*Lake Lure, NC*



*Bostic, NC*



*Spindale, NC*

# 2011-2012 Rutherford County Demographic Information

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# Rutherford County's Largest Employers

Rank	Year	Period	Company Name	Industry	Employment Range
1	2010	04	Rutherford County Schools	Education & Health Services	1,000+
2	2010	04	Rutherford Hospital Inc	Education & Health Services	500-999
3	2010	04	County Of Rutherford	Public Administration	500-999
4	2010	04	Isothermal Community College	Education & Health Services	250-499
5	2010	04	American Greetings Corporation	Information	250-499
6	2010	04	Watts Regulator Company	Manufacturing	250-499
7	2010	04	Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250-499
8	2010	04	The Timken Company	Manufacturing	100-249
9	2010	04	A G Industries Inc	Information	100-249
10	2010	04	Heritage Healthcare Inc	Education & Health Services	100-249
11	2010	04	Ingles Markets Inc	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100-249
12	2010	04	Reeves Brothers Inc	Manufacturing	100-249
13	2010	04	Parker Hannifin Corporation	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100-249
14	2010	04	Professional Transportation Inc	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100-249
15	2010	04	Zaxbys	Leisure & Hospitality	100-249
16	2010	04	Town Of Forest City	Public Administration	100-249
17	2010	04	Rutherford Polk McDowell District	Public Administration	100-249
18	2010	04	Willow Ridge Of NC	Education & Health Services	100-249
19	2010	04	Rutherford Management Corp	Leisure & Hospitality	100-249
20	2010	04	Hospice Of Rutherford County	Education & Health Services	100-249
21	2010	04	White Oak Manor Inc	Education & Health Services	100-249
22	2010	04	C/O Talx Ucm Services	Manufacturing	100-249
23	2010	04	Duke Energy Carolinas	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100-249
24	2010	04	Autumn Corporation	Education & Health Services	100-249
25	2010	04	Peoplease Corporation	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100-249

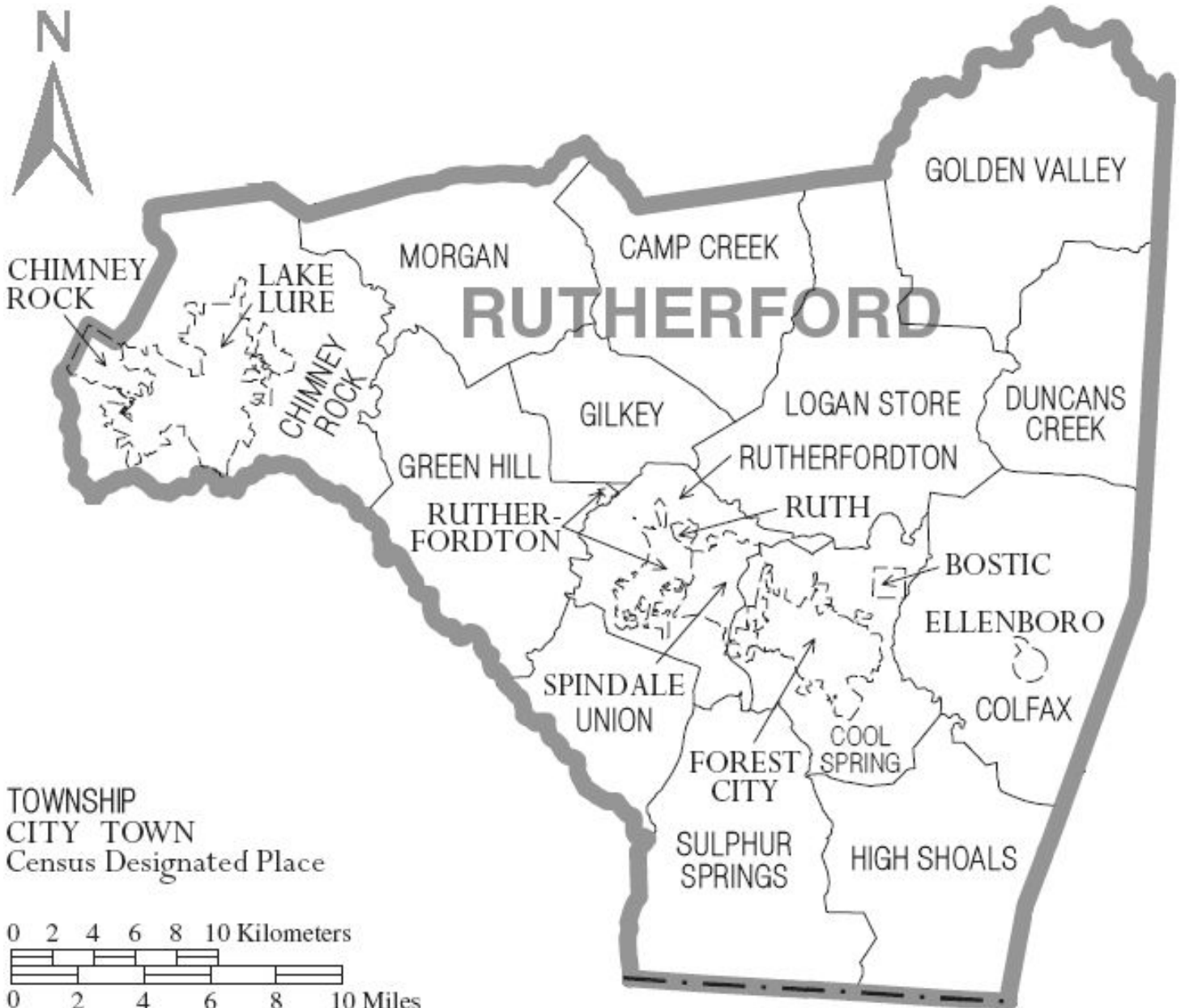
NOTE: Preliminary date for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 2010

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages unite

[www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com)

# Rutherford County Overview

Forest City is Rutherford County's largest town and Rutherfordton is the county seat. Rutherford County has a total area of 565.27 square miles with 563.16 square miles of land area. The county's average maximum temperature is 70.5 degrees F and the average minimum temperature is 45.2 degrees F. The average rainfall is 50.34 inches. The county's lowest elevation is 806 ft. the highest is Sugar Loaf Mountain, 3965 ft.



# Rutherford County Town Population

<b>Bostic</b>	
Total Population	386
Total Households	168
Average Household Size	2.30
Average Family Size	2.83
Median Age	42

<b>Chimney Rock</b>	
Total Population	175
Total Households	74
Average Household Size	2.36
Average Family Size	2.80
Median Age	38.3

Chimney Rock data based on 2000 Census

<b>Ellenboro</b>	
Total Population	873
Total Households	339
Average Household Size	2.56
Average Family Size	3.10
Median Age	34.9

<b>Lake Lure</b>	
Total Population	1,192
Total Households	606
Average Household Size	1.97
Average Family Size	2.35
Median Age	62.4

<b>Forest City</b>	
Total Population	7,476
Total Households	3,173
Average Household Size	2.32
Average Family Size	2.97
Median Age	40

<b>Ruth</b>	
Total Population	440
Total Households	177
Average Household Size	2.49
Average Family Size	2.98
Median Age	46.1

<b>Rutherfordton</b>	
Total Population	4,213
Total Households	1730
Average Household Size	2.26
Average Family Size	2.86
Median Age	44.4

<b>Spindale</b>	
Total Population	4,321
Total Households	1,740
Average Household Size	2.32
Average Family Size	2.93
Median Age	39.7

# Rutherford County Population (continued)

POPULATION BY RACE		
	Number	%
<b>Total</b>	67,810	100
<b>One Race</b>	66,581	98.2
White	58,221	85.9
Black or African American	6,854	10.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	171	0.3
Asian	296	0.4
Asian Indian	83	0.1
Chinese	35	0.1
Filipino	66	0.1
Japanese	11	0
Korean	5	0
Vietnamese	54	0.1
Other Asian	42	0.1
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	5	0
Native Hawaiian	5	0
Some Other Race	1,034	1.5
<b>Two or More Races</b>		
White; American Indian & Alaska Native	267	0.4
White; Asian	68	0.1
White; Black or African American	577	0.9
White; Some Other Race	133	0.2

POPULATION BY AGE		
	Number	%
<b>AGE</b>		
Total population	67,810	100
Under 5 years	3,878	5.7
5 to 9 years	4,137	6.1
10 to 14 years	4,432	6.5
15 to 19 years	4,484	6.6
20 to 24 years	3,444	5.1
25 to 29 years	3,288	4.8
30 to 34 years	3,720	5.5
35 to 39 years	4,226	6.2
40 to 44 years	4,688	6.9
45 to 49 years	5,019	7.4
50 to 54 years	5,061	7.5
55 to 59 years	4,915	7.2
60 to 64 years	4,792	7.1
65 to 69 years	3,763	5.5
70 to 74 years	2,900	4.3
75 to 79 years	2,120	3.1
80 to 84 years	1,523	2.2
85 years and over	1,420	2

General Demographic Characteristics	
Total Population	67,810
Median Age	42.5
Male Population	32,781
Median Age for Male	42.5
Female Population	35,029
Median Age for Female	43.7
Under 5 years	3,878
18 Years and over	52,586
65 Years and over	11,726



# Rutherford County Housing & Income

Households by Type		
	Number	%
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</b>	27,466	100
Family Households	18,832	68.6
With own children under 18 years	7,191	26.2
Husband-wife family	13,813	50.3
With own children under 18 years	4,625	16.8
Male householders, no wife present	1,366	5.0
With own children under 18 years	671	2.4
Female householder, no husband present	3,653	13.3
With own children under 18 years	1,895	6.9
Nonfamily households	8,634	31.4
Householders living alone	7,509	27.3
Male	3,319	12.1
65 years and over	919	3.3
Female	4,190	15.3
65 years and over	2,319	8.4
Households with individuals under 18 yrs	8,462	30.8
Households with individuals 65yrs & over	8,371	30.5
Average household size	2.4	—
Average Family Size	2.91	—



Housing	
Median Housing Value	\$96,000
Median Gross Rent	\$596
Average Mortgage	\$108,700
Median Monthly Cost for Owning a Home	\$925
Persons Per Household	2.42
Median Real Estate Taxes	\$509

Income & Poverty	
Median Household Income	\$35,442
Per Capita Income	\$17,709
Median Family Income	\$38,895
Persons Below Poverty	26.4%

## Retail Sales 2010-2011

County & Major Business Group	Gross Collections *	Taxable Sales **
<b>RUTHERFORD</b>	<b>\$26,193,005</b>	<b>\$455,142,754</b>
1% Tax	0	(21)
2%, 2.5% and 3% Tax	36,586	1,581,286
Apparel	544,768	9,463,802
Automotive	1,780,636	30,839,358
Food	5,388,887	93,278,139
Furniture	564,953	9,752,132
General Merchandise	7,854,683	136,385,905
Lumber & Building Material	4,093,570	71,171,482
Unclassified	5,928,923	102,670,670

\* Gross collections reported during the period July 1 through June 30 including collections of penalties, interest, and sales and use tax.

\*\* Amounts shown are total taxable sales reported on sales and use tax returns filed during the period July 1 through June 30. The returns received reflect sales for the period June 1 through May 31.

## Monthly Retail Sales

Month	Gross Collection *	Taxable Sales **
July 2011	2,484,381	43,129,617
June 2011	2,310,367	40,185,340
May 2011	2,228,664	38,655,192
April 2011	2,745,858	47,664,820

\* Gross collections reported during the month reported, including collections of penalties, interest and sales and tax use.

\*\* Amounts shown are total taxable sales reported on sales and use tax returns submitted during the month reported. Data reflect sales primarily in that month, but may include sales from prior periods.

# Labor Statistics

Commuting Patterns		Current Industry Structure		
<b>Commuting Out of Rutherford County</b>		(Qtr Ending 12/09)	Number of Units	Employment
<b>Destination County</b>	<b>Number of Workers</b>			
Cleveland County	1,693	Total, All Industries	1,329	17,639
Mecklenburg County	1,563	Natural Resources & Mining	15	80
Buncombe County	765	Construction	154	695
Spartanburg County	770	Manufacturing	74	2,675
Polk County	672	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	322	3,321
Other Areas	6,135	Information	17	749
<b>Commuting Into Rutherford County</b>		Financial Activities	140	490
<b>Origin County</b>	<b>Number of Workers</b>	Professional & Business Services	166	829
Cleveland County	1,070	Education & Health Services	162	5,298
Mecklenburg County	597	Leisure & Hospitality	144	1,759
McDowell County	436	Other Services	93	333
Wake County	574	Public Administration	32	1,410
Buncombe County	392			
Other Areas	4,111			
Commuting Out of Rutherford County				
				11,598
Commuting Into Rutherford County				7,180

Rutherford County Civilian Labor Force Estimates								
	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	June 11	July 11	Aug 11
<b>Labor Force</b>	25,276	25,193	25,319	25,249	25,655	25,708	25,971	25,410
<b>Employed</b>	21,373	21,468	21,785	21,787	22,156	21,955	22,101	21,656
<b>Unemployed</b>	3,903	3,725	3,534	3,462	3,499	3,753	3,870	3,754
<b>Rate%</b>	15.4	14.8	14.0	13.7	13.6	14.6	14.9	14.8

Average Weekly Wage (Qtr Ending 12/10)	Rutherford County	North Carolina
	\$569	\$791

# Miscellaneous Facts

Rutherfordton, the County seat, is located:	Highway Accessibility		
1.7 Miles from Spindale	<b>Route</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Direction</b>
5.7 Miles from Forest City	US 74	Local	East & West
6.8 Miles from Bostic	US 64	Local	East & West
11.5 Miles from Ellenboro	Hwy 221	Local	North & South
14.6 Miles from Lake Lure	I - 26	20 Miles	East & West
17 Miles from Chimney Rock	I - 40	21 Miles	East & West
	I - 85	26 Miles	North & South
Rutherford County is located:	Land and Water Area in Square Miles		
62 Miles from Charlotte, NC	Land area, 2000 (square miles)	564.1	
52 Miles from Asheville, NC	Water area, 2000 (square miles)	1.8	
42 Miles from Greenville, SC	Total Area	565.9	
32 Miles from Spartanburg, SC			

Crime Statistics											
Year	Index Rate	Violent Rate	Property Rate	Murder Rate	Rape Rate	Robbery Rate	Assault Rate	Burglary Rate	Larceny Rate	MVT Rate	Arson Rate
2001	3,746.7	298.2	3,448.5	4.8	19.0	68.2	206.2	1,169.1	2,189.0	90.4	11.1
2002	3,123.3	224.0	2,899.3	3.2	17.4	37.9	165.6	996.9	1,738.3	164.1	12.6
2003	3,256.8	214.7	3,042.1	3.2	23.7	42.6	145.2	1,083.0	1,720.7	238.4	45.8
2004	4,021.6	354.7	3,666.9	3.2	33.1	66.2	252.2	1,191.8	2,199.2	275.9	37.8
2005	3,568.5	299.0	3,269.5	11.1	20.6	71.2	196.1	1,099.3	1,956.7	213.5	26.9
2006	3,173.6	334.9	2,838.7	4.7	33.2	56.9	240.1	955.7	1,677.6	205.4	33.2
2007	3,969.7	372.0	3,597.8	1.6	30.1	66.5	273.8	1,134.9	2,255.5	207.4	31.7
2008	3,945.9	327.4	3,618.5	3.2	22.2	55.6	246.3	1,053.6	2,332.9	232.0	49.3
2009	3,390.9	242.9	3,147.9		30.2	46.9	165.9	1,082.3	1,893.1	172.6	40.2
2010	3,600.1	251.8	3,348.3	1.7	20.0	48.4	181.8	1,218.9	1,977.6	151.7	33.3

# 2010 Active Health Professionals

<b>Physicians</b>	
Non-Federal Physicians	78
Primary Care Physicians	44
<i>Family Practice</i>	20
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	13
<i>Obstetrics/ Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	34
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.5
Primary Care Physicians Per 10,000 Population	6.5

<b>Dentists and Dental Hygienists</b>	
Dentists	16
Dental Hygienists	44

<b>Nurses</b>	
Registered Nurses	441
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	16
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	206

<b>Other Health Professionals</b>	
Chiropractors	8
Occupational Therapists	7
Occupational Therapy Assistant	11
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	42
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	21
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	8
Respiratory Therapists	22

<b>Hospital/Facility Data</b>			
General Hospital Beds	129	Nursing Facility Beds (2010)	420

<b>Vital Statistics 2009</b>					
Resident Births	710	Total Pregnancies	835	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.4
Resident Deaths	810	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	141	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	62.8

# Rutherford County Taxes

Assessed and Actual Value of Taxable Property					
Fiscal Year Ended	<u>Assessed Value in Thousands</u>				
	<u>Real Property</u>		<u>Personal Property</u>		
	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Motor Vehicles	Other	Public Service Companies
2010	\$3,989,458	\$877,699	\$373,025	\$359,316	\$299,422
2009	\$3,936,145	\$865,282	\$429,456	\$371,894	\$292,286
2008	\$3,866,901	\$819,357	\$429,870	\$371,205	\$276,120
2007	\$2,845,477	\$440,189	\$409,569	\$344,294	\$228,694
2006	\$2,645,502	\$424,199	\$422,395	\$353,888	\$255,553

Note: Property was revalued in fiscal year 2003 and 2008

Rutherford County Tax Rate 2011	
Rutherford County	\$0.53
Bostic	\$0.25
Chimney Rock Village	\$0.075
Ellenboro	\$0.22
Forest City	\$0.29
Lake Lure	\$0.21
Ruth	\$0.26
Rutherfordton	\$0.52
Spindale	\$0.60

All real and personal property is taxed in Rutherford County and must be listed in January. Contact the Rutherford County Tax Supervisor at 287-6180 for more information.  
**Rate is based on \$100 per valuation**

2011 Fire District Tax Rates	
County Contracted	\$0.02
Bills Creek Fire	\$0.08
Bostic Fire	\$0.05
Cherry Mountain Fire	\$0.09
Chimney Rock Fire	\$0.05
Cliffside Fire	\$0.07
Cliffside Sanitary	\$0.08
Ellenboro Fire	\$0.06
Green Hill Fire	\$0.07
Hollis Fire	\$0.03
Hudlow Fire	\$0.08
Sandy Mush Fire	\$0.05
SDO Fire	\$0.05
Shingle Hollow	\$0.10
Rutherfordton Fire	\$0.08
Union Mills Fire	\$0.05
County	\$0.53

Fees 2011	
Solid Waste Fee (SWW)	\$120.00
Solid Waste Fee (SWH)	\$ 30.00
Ellenboro Waste Tax (WF3)	\$ 70.00
Ruth Waste Fee (WF6)	\$ 25.00
Chimney Rock WF (WF9)	\$120.00

# Rutherford County Schools (School year 09 - 10)

## Rutherford County Schools

Janet Mason, Superintendent  
382 West Main Street  
Forest City, NC 28043  
(828) 288-2200

## District Profile

**School Size** - The average number of students in an elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high (9-12) school in this district and the state.

	District	State
Elementary	413	497
Middle	690	657
High	678	792

## Average Class Size

The average number of students enrolled in "typical" K-8 classrooms.

	District	State
Kinder-garten	21	19
Grade 1	19	20
Grade 2	20	19
Grade 3	20	20
Grade 4	21	21
Grade 5	19	21
Grade 6	22	22
Grade 7	21	21
Grade 8	25	21

## Financial Support

**Source of Funds (Amount per Student)** - Public schools in North Carolina operate with funding from local, state and federal sources. The financial support reflected in these numbers includes all expenses concerned with operating schools, including teacher and administrator salaries, textbooks and other educational supplies and materials. Facilities costs are not included.

Local		State		Federal	
District	State Avg.	District	State Avg.	District	State Avg.
\$1,424	\$1,946	\$5,726	\$5,225	\$1,556	\$1,275

**Use of Funds** - Education is a labor-intensive enterprise, as reflected in the accompanying chart. Salaries for teachers, principals and other educators are usually the largest expense in school districts. State and federal funds are generally allotted for specific purposes, services or programs.

Salaries	66%
Benefits	18%
Supplies & Materials	9%
Purchased Services	6%
Equipment	1%
Other	0%

## Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results

North Carolina sets target goals that schools must meet to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No child Left Behind Act.

This district met 36 out of 54 AYP targets

School that made AYP	Elementary	Middle	High School
District	90%	67%	25%
State	68%	42%	43%

## High Student Performance

**Overall performance of Students in Grade 3 - 8 on ABCs End-of-Grade Tests**  
Percentage of Students' Scores At or Above

	Reading	Math
District	69.8%	83.3%
State	70.1%	81.8%

**Years of Teaching Experience** - The percentage of teachers who have taught for 0 - 3 years, 4 - 10 years or over 10 years

	Elementary School			Middle School			High School		
	0-3 Yrs	0-4 Yrs	10+ Yrs	0-3 Yrs	0-4 Yrs	10+ Yrs	0-3 Yrs	0-4 Yrs	10+ Yrs
Dis-trict	13%	33%	55%	14%	27%	59%	12%	24%	65%
State	20%	32%	48%	20%	32%	48%	19%	28%	54%

# Rutherford County Charter Schools

## **Lake Lure Classical Academy**

Lake Lure Classical Academy, LLCA, is a public charter school opening in the fall of 2010. LLCA will open offering a college-preparatory education to students in grades K-7. LLCA will add a grade level each year becoming a K-12 school in the fall of 2015. LLCA will be utilizing the Core Knowledge Program in our Elementary and Middle grades then transition to a Classical Curriculum as we expand into High School. LLCA is free and open to North Carolina students.

**Grade Span:** K-8

**Year Open:** 2010

**Lead Administrator:** Caroline Upchurch

**Address:** P O Box 6 2520 Memorial Highway  
Lake Lure, NC 28746  
828.625.9292 (phone)  
<http://llca.teamcfa.org/>

## **Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy**

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, TJCA, is a public, charter school, offering a college-preparatory education to students in grades six through twelve and a K-5 Core Knowledge Program beginning in the 2007/08 school year. TJCA offers a Classical Curriculum, giving students the Tools of Learning that they can apply in any profession. TJCA is open to North Carolina students.

**Grade Span:** K-12

**Year Open:** 1999

**Lead Administrator:** Joseph A. Maimone

**Address:** 2527 Hwy 221-A  
Mooresboro, NC 28114-7698  
828.657.9998 (phone)  
828.657.9012 (fax)  
<http://tjca.teamcfa.org/>

# Rutherford County Private Schools

**Liberty Christian Academy**  
(828) 453-0999

Established: Enrollment: 20  
For more information contact the school or email  
[lcamelinda@bellsouth.net](mailto:lcamelinda@bellsouth.net).  
Tuition: YES Grades K - 8

**Trinity Christian School**  
299 Deter Street  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
(828) 286-3900  
[www.trinityschoolnc.com](http://www.trinityschoolnc.com)

Established: 1974 Enrollment: 150  
Mission: To "Educate and develop the whole person for the glory of God." The school, which has been in existence for over 30 yrs, is a Christian non-denominational school with a strong academic focus. Annual Tuition: YES Grades K - 8

# Rutherford County Tourism Revenues

(\$ Millions)

- ◆ Domestic tourism in Rutherford County generated an economic impact of \$129.25 million in 2010. This was a 8.25 % change from 2009.
- ◆ In 2010, Rutherford County ranked 26 in travel impact among North Carolina's 100 Counties.



Year	Revenues \$(Millions)	Change from Previous Year
2010	\$129.25	8.25 %
2009	\$119.40	-11.37 %
2008	\$134.72	-0.25 %
2007	\$135.06	2.58%
2006	\$131.66	11.36%
2005	\$118.23	10.80%
2004	\$106.71	7.59%
2003	\$99.18	4.82%
2002	\$94.62	4.69%
2001	\$90.38	-2.67%
2000	\$92.86	7.44%

"This study was prepared for the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development by the US Travel Association."

- ◆ More than 1,080 jobs in Rutherford County were directly attributable to travel and tourism.
- ◆ Travel generated a \$18.44 million payroll in 2010.
- ◆ State and local tax revenues from travel to Rutherford County amounted to \$12.28 million. This represents a \$180.57 tax saving to each county resident.
- ◆ Local attractions include Chimney Rock Park, Hickory Nut Falls, Bottomless Pools and Lake Lure, all of which provide ample opportunities for rock climbing, hiking, fishing, exploring, boating, swimming and golf.



# Climate Summary

	Air Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)											
	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUNE 11	JULY 11	AUG 11	SEPT 11
Maximum Temp.	75.1	62	43.4	46.7	57.7	61	73.5	77.7	86.9	88.4	87.9	88.9
Minimum Temp.	47.4	38.8	25.4	27.6	35.6	41.9	49.3	56.3	65.3	70.5	68.6	67.6
Average Temp.	61	50.1	34.2	37.3	47	51.9	62.4	67.2	74.9	79.2	77.8	76.4
	Precipitation (inches)											
	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUNE 11	JULY 11	AUG 11	SEPT 11
Avg. Mo. Totals	1.15	2.76	0.83	0.9	1.77	4.88	3.07	1.01	2.4	1.73	1.14	0.67
	Relative Humidity (percent)											
	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUNE 11	JULY 11	AUG 11	SEPT 11
Average	64	68	62	65	57	62	60	71	72	72	68	76
	Wind Speed (mph)											
	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUNE 11	JULY 11	AUG 11	SEPT 11
Monthly Avg.	3.5	2.7	3	3.2	4.2	4.3	6.3	3	2.4	2.2	2.9	3



◆ Located in the Isothermal Belt, there are 200 frost-free days in the growing season



A climate summary is broken down into max, min, mean, and the average by month of each available parameter. Above are the summaries for the Rutherford County Airport in Rutherfordton, NC.

# Agricultural Statistics

Census of Agriculture—2007	
Total Acres in County	361,034
Number of Farms	705
Total Land in Farms, Acres	65,898
Average Farm Size, Acres	93
Harvested Cropland, Acres	13,180
Average Age of Farmers	57.0
Average Value of Farm & Buildings	\$410,058
Average Market Value of Machinery & Equipment	\$33,735
Average Total Farm Production Expense	\$14,608



Cash Receipts - 2009	Dollars	Rank
Livestock, Dairy & Poultry	12,886,000	58
Crops	3,808,000	92
Government Payments	182,908	86
Total	16,876,908	85

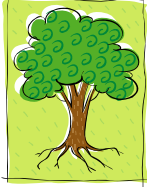
Crops - 2009	Acres Harvested	Yield	Production	Rank
Corn for Grain: Bu.	*	*	*	*
Cotton: Lbs.	*	*	*	*
Hay, Other: Tons	14,500	1.65	24,000	28
Peanuts: Lbs.	*	*	*	*
Soybeans: Bu	900	34.5	31,000	73
Sweet Potatoes: Cwt.	*	*	*	*
Tobacco, Burley, Flue-Cured: lbs	*	*	*	*
Wheat: Bu	*	*	*	*
Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture & Christmas Trees (Dollars)			456,000	65

Livestock	Number	Rank
Broilers, Produced (2009)	2,700,000	42
Cattle, All (Jan. 1, 2010)	8,500	36
Beef Cows, (Jan. 1, 2010)	4,500	31
Milk Cows, (Jan. 1, 2010)	*	*
Chickens, Excluding Broilers (Dec. 1, 2009)	*	*
Hogs & Pigs (Dec. 1, 2009)	*	*
Turkeys Raised (2009)	*	*

# Rutherford County Forestry Facts

County Ranger -

Assistant County Ranger - Doug Thompson



## Location

The Rutherford County office is located on Airport Road. Take Highway 64 East out of Rutherfordton to Oscar Justice Road. Follow Oscar Justice Road to Airport Road.

## Contact Information

**Mail:** Rutherford County Ranger Doug Thompson  
519 Airport Road  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**Phone:** Voice: 828-286-9201  
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**Web:** <http://ncforestservice.gov>



## Rutherford County Forestry Facts

Total acres in county: 361,110*	Total forest land in county: 235,100*
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\* Forest Statistics for North Carolina, 2002

Area of Timberland by Ownership Class * (Acres)					
All Ownership	Federal Gov.	State Gov.	County & Municipal	Forest Industry	Private Ownership
235,100	0	12,900	0	6,500	215,700

# Data Resources

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## **POPULATION**

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

North Carolina State Data Center, Raleigh, NC: [www.census.state.nc.us](http://www.census.state.nc.us)

## **RETAIL SALES**

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, DC  
[www.bea.doc.gov](http://www.bea.doc.gov)

North Carolina State Data Center, Raleigh, NC : [www.census.state.nc.us](http://www.census.state.nc.us)

North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh NC : <http://www.dornrc.com>

## **EDUCATION**

*NC Statistical Profile* – State Board of Education, Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC: [www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org)

## **ECONOMIC & TOURISM**

*State Sales and Use Tax Statistics* – NC Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Division: [www.dor.state.nc.us](http://www.dor.state.nc.us)

*Economic Impact/Tourism Research* – NC Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism: [www.nccommerce.com](http://www.nccommerce.com)

Employment Security Commission of NC, Labor Market Information Division, Raleigh, NC: [www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com)

North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh NC: [www.dor.state.nc](http://www.dor.state.nc)

## **LAND CLASSIFICATION & USAGE**

*Forest Statistics for North Carolina* – USDA, Forest Service, Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, NC: [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

## **Crime Statistics**

2010 Crime Statistics in Detailed Reports - <http://crimereporting.ncdoj.gov/Reports.aspx>

# Data Resources

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## **PROPERTY TAX RATES**

*Property Tax Rates* – Rutherford County Tax Office,  
Rutherfordton, NC. 828-287-6180

<http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/>

## **CLIMATE**

Southeastern Climate Center; [sercc@dnr.state.sc.us](mailto:sercc@dnr.state.sc.us)  
National Weather Service; [www.erh.noaa.gov](http://www.erh.noaa.gov)  
State Climate Office NC; [www.nc-climate.ncsu.edu/cronos](http://www.nc-climate.ncsu.edu/cronos)

## **FORESTRY & AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

Division of Forest Resources  
<http://ncforestservice.gov>

NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services  
[www.ncagr.com](http://www.ncagr.com)

## **BUSINESS PATTERNS**

County Business Patterns, North Carolina, *Bureau of the Census*  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Active Health Professionals, The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research  
[www.shepscenter.unc.edu](http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu)

## **COUNTY PROFILE**

County Profile, Economic Development Information System - A Service of the North  
Carolina Dept. of Commerce  
<http://cmedis.commerce.state.nc.us>