

Stanly County

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Stanly County offers the best combination of lifestyle and business benefits that the region can offer. Located in the Uwharrie Region, it is just east of I-485 with uptown Charlotte only about a 30-minute drive away. The area boasts newly upgraded highways, an extensive rail network, and an airport with its own air traffic control tower, all of which connect the county to North Carolina's three major business centers.

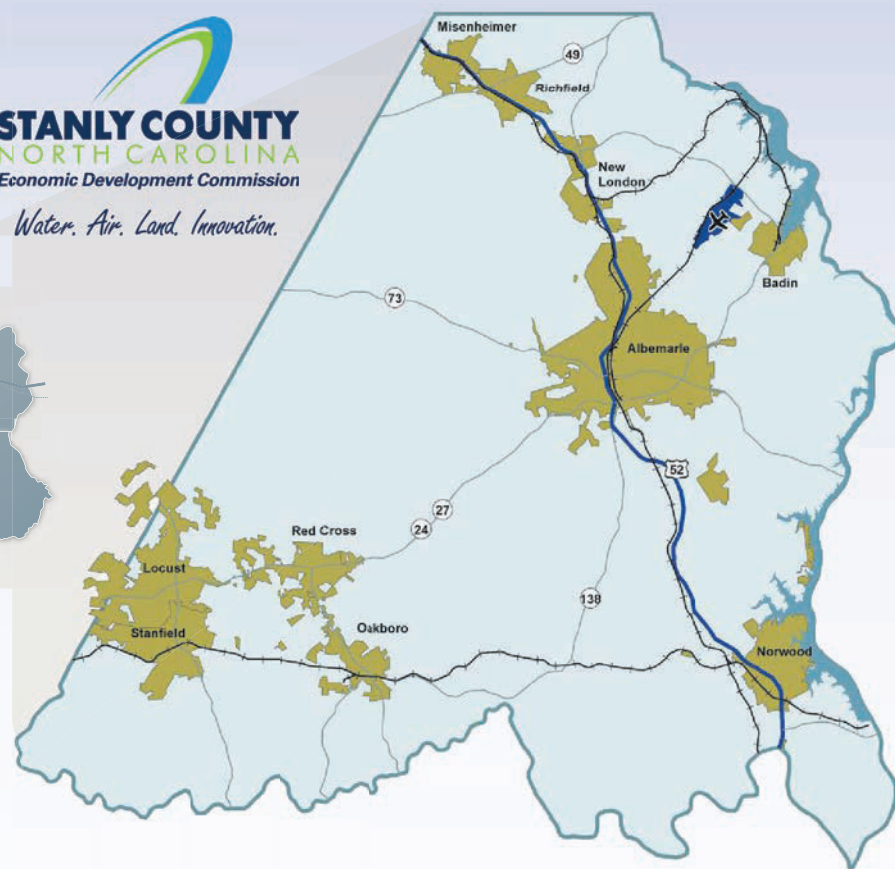
Moreover, the county is the region's link to the Uwharrie Lakes region of the state, and because of its rich cultural, historical, natural and recreational assets, the area is often described as the "Central Park of North Carolina." Stanly County also offers access to a variety of affordable suburban, small town, rural and lake environments along with diverse local attractions ranging from vineyards to parks to over 10,000 acres of lakes.

In addition to its high quality of life and easy access to Charlotte's airport and other amenities, Stanly County offers substantial economic advantages. These include low real estate prices, a low tax rate, a strong right-to-work philosophy, and responsive local government, all of which result in an ease and lower cost of doing business. Stanly County presents a business-friendly and productive environment for corporate relocations or expansions.

A large percentage of the county's workforce has historically been engaged in manufacturing. Though our industry mix has changed to include more health care and service sector employers, a wide variety of manufacturers are still represented throughout Stanly County, from manufacturers of power transmission components and aircraft parts to automotive textile manufacturers and composite wood products companies. Major employers include industry leaders such as Michelin Aircraft Tires Corporation, Fiberon LLC, Auria and Preformed Line Products.

Educational assets in Stanly County include Pfeiffer University, a four-year private university with undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and liberal arts concentrations. There's also Stanly Community College, which offers a variety of associates degrees, as well as diploma and training programs, including an Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Center, to help support local industry needs.

Stanly County features abundant water resources and affordable greenfield and industrial sites that have undergone proactive analysis to assess development feasibility, environmental issues and utility service. These efforts have identified committed partners for future development projects. The Riverstone Industrial Park, for example, is located 12 minutes from I-485. The Albemarle Business Center is a 282



acre site off of Business U.S. 52, which offers a master planned manufacturing and distribution park. Stanly County Airport has, along with its own air traffic control tower, a 5,500-foot runway and a sophisticated instrument landing system that can accommodate military cargo jets and a large variety of private corporate jets.



NOTABLE EMPLOYERS



2023 Total Population	64,117
2023 Total Households	28,548
Median Age	43
2028 Total Projected Population	64,967
2023-2028 Annual Growth Rate	.26%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2023*

High School Diploma/Equivalent	29.8%
Some College/No Degree	25.1%
Associate's Degree	14.5%
Bachelor's Degree	13.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.7%

INCOME, 2023

Median Household Income 2023	\$58,439
Average Household Income 2023	\$80,477

JOBSEQ: EMPLOYED POPULATION 16+ BY INDUSTRY, 2023*

Manufacturing	18%
Retail Trade	15%
Health Care/Social Assistance	12%
Accommodation/Food Services	10%
Construction	7%
Educational Services	9%
Public Administration	8%
Administrative/Support/Waste Management/Remediation Services	7%
Other Services except Public Administration	3%
Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting	2%
Professional/Scientific/Technical Services	2%
Wholesale Trade	2%
Finance/Insurance	2%
Transportation/Warehousing	1%
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	<1%
Management of Companies/Enterprises	<1%
Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	<1%

*Highest level of educational attainment received