

## **Hoke County** <sup>[1]</sup>



Average: 3.9 (27 votes)

Hoke County



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### **HOKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

<http://www.hokecounty.net/> <sup>[3]</sup>

**COUNTY SEAT:** Raeford

**FORMED:** 1911

**FORMED FROM:** Cumberland, Robeson

**LAND AREA:** 390.74 square miles

**2020 POPULATION ESTIMATE:** 52,082

White: 49.0%

Black/African American: 35.5%

American Indian: 9.1%

Asian: 1.5%

Pacific Islander: 0.4%

Two or more races: 4.5%

Hispanic/Latino: 13.9% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2020. <sup>[4]</sup>

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** 8TH

### **BIOGRAPHIES FOR**



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[Hoke County](#) <sup>[5]</sup>



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### **WILDLIFE PROFILES FOR**

[Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**REGION:** [Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[7]</sup>

**RIVER BASIN:** [Cape Fear](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, [Lumber](#) <sup>[9]</sup>, [Map](#) <sup>[10]</sup>

**NEIGHBORING COUNTIES:** [Cumberland](#) <sup>[11]</sup>, [Moore](#) <sup>[12]</sup>, [Robeson](#) <sup>[13]</sup>, [Scotland](#) <sup>[14]</sup>



See also: [North Carolina Counties](#) <sup>[15]</sup> (to access links to NCpedia articles for all 100 counties)

by Robert Blair Vocci, 2006

Hoke County is located in North Carolina's [Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[7]</sup> region in an area originally inhabited by [Saura](#) <sup>[16]</sup> (Cheraw) and [Lumbee](#) <sup>[17]</sup> Indians. The county was formed from [Cumberland](#) <sup>[11]</sup> and [Robeson](#) <sup>[13]</sup> Counties in 1911-the third attempt (after failures in 1907 and 1909) to create a new jurisdiction for disaffected residents of the two counties. Popular support for the successful 1911 campaign hinged on naming the proposed county Hoke in honor of prominent Confederate general and railroad president [Robert F. Hoke](#) <sup>[18]</sup>. [Raeford](#) <sup>[19]</sup> (incorporated in 1901) became the county seat and is the principal city; other communities include Dundarrach and McCain. The [Fort Bragg Military Reservation](#) <sup>[20]</sup>, established and developed in the late 1910s and early 1920s, occupies the northern third of the county.

Near the end of the twentieth century, Hoke County earned distinction as the host of the annual North Carolina Turkey Festival, honoring the state's status as the national leader in turkey production. Originating as the "Hoke Heritage Hobnob" in 1984, the festival was at first a relatively minor one-day affair in Raeford; but in the years following, the event's scope and appeal grew substantially, with up to 60,000 people attending yearly in the early twenty-first century.

Besides turkeys, Hoke County agricultural products include [tobacco](#) <sup>[21]</sup>, corn, soybeans, cotton, [hogs](#) <sup>[22]</sup>, and beef cattle. Manufactured goods include wool and polyester fabrics, beauty aids, and concrete blocks. The county is home to a substantial number of Lumbee Indians. In 2004 the estimated population of Hoke County was 38,600.

## Annotated history of Hoke County's formation:

For an annotated history of the county's formation, with the laws affecting the county, boundary lines and changes, and other origin information, visit these references in *The Formation of the North Carolina Counties* (Corbitt, 2000), available online at North Carolina Digital Collections (note, there may be additional items of interest for the county not listed here):

County formation history: <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca...> <sup>[23]</sup>

Index entry for the county: <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca...> <sup>[24]</sup>

## Additional resources:

Corbitt, David Leroy. 2000. *The formation of the North Carolina counties, 1663-1943*. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-carolina-counties-1663-1943/3692099?item=4553233> <sup>[25]</sup> (accessed June 20, 2017).

Hoke County Government: <http://www.hokecounty.org/> <sup>[2]</sup>

Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.rhchamber.com/> <sup>[26]</sup>

DigitalNC, Hoke County: <https://www.digitalnc.org/counties/hoke-county/> <sup>[27]</sup>

North Carolina Digital Collections (explore by place, time period, format): <https://digital.ncdcr.gov> <sup>[28]</sup>

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