

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



Average: 3.9 (27 votes)

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### **STANLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

[www.stanlycountync.gov](http://www.stanlycountync.gov) <sup>[2]</sup>

**COUNTY SEAT:** Albemarle

**FORMED:** 1841

**FORMED FROM:** Montgomery

**LAND AREA:** 395.09 square miles

**2020 POPULATION ESTIMATE:** 62,504

White: 84.4%

Black/African American: 11.4%

American Indian: 0.5%

Asian: 2.0%

Pacific Islander: 0.3%

Two or more races: 1.5%

Hispanic/Latino: 4.4% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2020. <sup>[3]</sup>

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** 8TH

**BIOGRAPHIES FOR**  <sup>[4]</sup>  
[Stanly County](#) <sup>[4]</sup>



<sup>[5]</sup> **WILDLIFE PROFILES FOR**  
[Piedmont region](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**REGION:** [Piedmont](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

**RIVER BASIN:** [Yadkin-Pee Dee](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, [Map](#) <sup>[8]</sup>

**NEIGHBORING COUNTIES:** [Anson](#) <sup>[9]</sup>, [Cabarrus](#) <sup>[10]</sup>, [Montgomery](#) <sup>[11]</sup>, [Rowan](#) <sup>[12]</sup>, [Union](#) <sup>[13]</sup>



Stanly County, North Carolina

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by Jay Mazzocchi, 2006

Stanly County, located in the [Piedmont](#) <sup>[6]</sup> region of North Carolina, was formed in 1841 from [Montgomery County](#) <sup>[11]</sup> and named for [John Stanly](#) <sup>[16]</sup>, a Speaker of the North Carolina House of Commons and, later, a U.S. congressman. Early inhabitants of the area included the [Saura](#) <sup>[17]</sup> (Cheraw), [Keyauwee](#) <sup>[18]</sup>, and [Tuscarora](#) <sup>[19]</sup> Indians, followed by [German](#) <sup>[20]</sup>, Dutch, [Scotch-Irish](#) <sup>[21]</sup> and English settlers. [Albemarle](#) <sup>[22]</sup>, the county seat, was incorporated in 1857 and named for George Monck, the duke of Albemarle and one of the [Lords Proprietors](#) <sup>[23]</sup>. Other communities in the county include [Badin](#) <sup>[24]</sup>, [Misenheimer](#), [Richfield](#) <sup>[25]</sup>, [New London](#) <sup>[26]</sup>, [Locust](#) <sup>[27]</sup>, [Stanfield](#) <sup>[28]</sup>, and Lambert. The [Yadkin-Pee Dee River](#) <sup>[29]</sup>, [Badin Lake](#), the [Uwharrie Mountains](#), [Morrow Mountain](#), and [Little and Cucumber Creeks](#) are a few of Stanly County's significant physical features.

Pfeiffer University, which was founded in 1885, is located in Stanly County. The county also has a variety of historic landmarks, such as the "City of Albemarle" Antique Fire Engine (1922), the Hall House (1912), and the Albemarle Town Cemetery (1844). Cultural attractions include the [Stanly County Museum](#) <sup>[30]</sup>, the [Morrow Mountain State Park](#) <sup>[31]</sup> and Museum, and the Uwharrie Players theater company. The county hosts annual events and festivals such as the Best of Badin Festival, Oktoberfest, the Norwood Arbor Day Festival, Beach Blast, Festival of Trees, and Downtown Albemarle Christmas.

Stanly County produces agricultural goods such as corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, forage, and cattle and other livestock. Manufactured products include yarn, aircraft tires, ladies knitwear, manufactured homes, draperies, popcorn, and circuit breakers. [Gold](#) <sup>[32]</sup> has also historically been mined in Stanly County. The [Barringer Mine](#) <sup>[33]</sup> (1829) introduced subsurface gold mining to North Carolina. In 2004 the county's population was an estimated 59,000.

## Annotated history of Stanly 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>[34]</sup>

Index entry for the county: <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca...> <sup>[35]</sup>

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## 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>[36]</sup> (accessed June 20, 2017).

Stanly County Government: <https://www.stanlycountync.gov/> <sup>[2]</sup>

Stanly County Chamber of Commerce: <https://stanlychamber.org/> <sup>[37]</sup>

DigitalNC, Stanly County: <https://www.digitalnc.org/counties/stanly-county/> <sup>[38]</sup>

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