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STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
www.co.stokes.nc.us [2]

COUNTY SEAT: Danbury

FORMED: 1789
FORMED FROM: Surry

LAND AREA: 448.86 square miles

2020 POPULATION ESTIMATE: 44,520
White: 93.7%
Black/African American: 4.1%
American Indian: 0.5%
Asian: 0.4%
Pacific Islander: <0.1%
Two or more races: 1.3%
Hispanic/Latino: 3.3% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2020. [3]

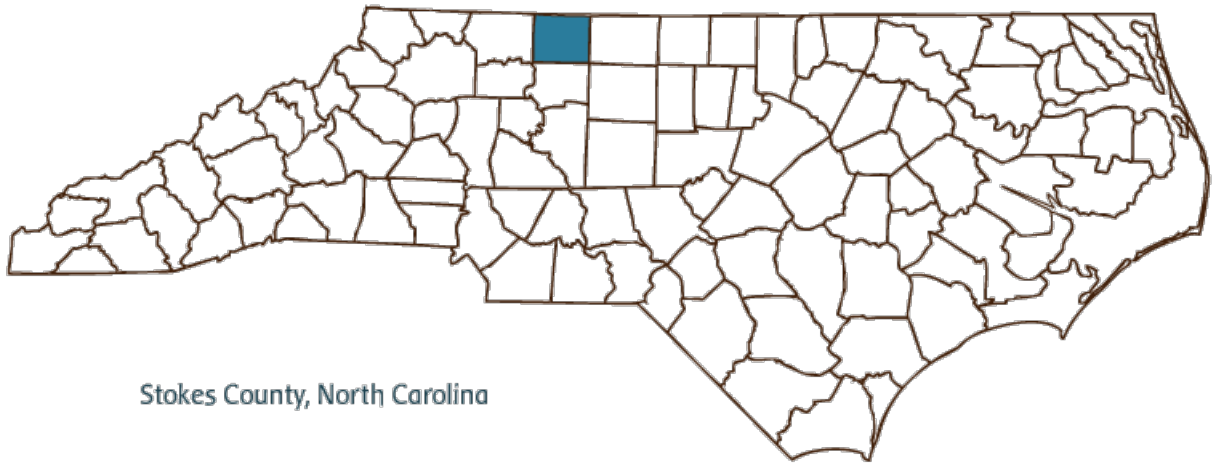
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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REGION: Piedmont [6]
RIVER BASIN: Roanoke [7], Yadkin-Pee Dee [8], Map [9]
NEIGHBORING COUNTIES: Forsyth [10], Rockingham [11], Surry [12]



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Stokes County, located in the Piedmont [6] region of north central North Carolina, was formed in 1789 from Surry County [12] and named for Capt. John Stokes [14], a Revolutionary War officer and a member of the North Carolina House of Commons. It is partially bordered by the state of Virginia. Early inhabitants of the area included the Saura [15] (Cheraw) and other Siouan Indians; European settlers included the Scotch-Irish [16] and the Moravians [17] and other Germans [18]. The county seat, Danbury [19], was named after a plantation belonging to Governor Alexander Martin [20]; it was incorporated only in 1957, although it had been considered the county seat since 1849, when it replaced Germantown. Other Stokes County communities include King [21], Walnut Cove [22], Pinnacle, Gap, Lawsonville, Prestonville, and Meadows. Hanging Rock State Park [23] is one of Stokes County's most popular natural destinations. Other notable physical features include the Dan and Yadkin Rivers, Beaverdam Creek, Hidden Falls, and Window Falls.

Among the historic sites and landmarks located in Stokes County are Historic Danbury, which preserves several fine examples of early twentieth-century architecture; Moratock Iron Furnace [24], built in 1843; the Rock House, the ruins of a two-story fieldstone structure built around 1770; and Sheppard's Mill, built in the early twentieth century. County cultural institutions include the Dan River Arts Market and the Stokes Art Council. The county hosts several festivals and annual events, such as the Stokes County Agricultural Fair, Kingfest, Festival on the Dan, King Christmas Parade, the Stokes County Craft Fair, and the Stokes Stomp.

Stokes County generates forest products and agricultural commodities such as tobacco [25], livestock, and corn. Manufactured products include copper tubing, elastic, cotton yarn, and medical equipment. The estimated population of Stokes County was just under 46,000 in 2004.

Annotated history of Stokes 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... [26]

Index entry for the county: https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca... [27]

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 [28] (accessed June 20, 2017).

Stokes County Government: https://www.co.stokes.nc.us/ [2]

Stokes County Economic Development: www.stokesedc.com/wayoflife.aspx [29]

Stokes County resources, NC Digital Heritage Center: https://www.digitalnc.org/counties/stokes-county/ [30]

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