

Yadkin County ^[1]

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YADKIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

<http://www.yadkincountync.gov/> ^[3]

COUNTY SEAT: Yadkinville

FORMED: 1850

FORMED FROM: Surry

LAND AREA: 334.83 square miles

2018 POPULATION ESTIMATE: 37,543

White: 93.9%

Black/African American: 3.5%

American Indian: 0.7%

Asian: 0.5%

Pacific Islander: 0.1%

Two or more races: 1.3%

Hispanic/Latino: 11.2% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2018. ^[4]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5TH

BIOGRAPHIES FOR  ^[5]
[Yadkin County](#) ^[5]

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REGION: Piedmont ^[7]

RIVER BASIN: Yadkin-Pee Dee ^[8], Map ^[9]

NEIGHBORING COUNTIES: Davie ^[10], Forsyth ^[11], Iredell ^[12], Surry ^[13], Wilkes ^[14]



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by Elizabeth Bayley, 2006

Yadkin County, located in the Piedmont ^[7] region of northwestern North Carolina in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, was formed in 1850 from Surry County ^[13] and named for the Yadkin River. Early inhabitants of the area included the Tutelo and Saponi ^[16] Indians, followed by German ^[17], Scotch-Irish ^[18], Welsh ^[19], and English settlers. Quakers ^[20] also migrated to the area in the eighteenth century. Yadkinville ^[21], the county seat, was chartered in 1857 and named after the county. Other Yadkin County communities include Arlington, Jonesville ^[22], Boonville ^[23], East Bend, Courtney, Lone Hickory, Center Brooks, Marler, Smithtown, and Forbush. Notable physical features of the county include the Yadkin River, Brushy Mountains, Fox Knob, and Cobb, Beaverdam, Fall, Lineberry, Froeman, Cranberry, and Deep Creeks.

Yadkin County produces agricultural goods such as grains, tobacco ^[24], corn, soybeans, apples, livestock, and poultry ^[25]. Manufactured products include textiles, hosiery, plastics and styrofoam, furniture ^[26], apparel, and stainless steel. Minerals such as feldspar, agate, jasper, limestone, mica, and iron ore are found in the county.

Yadkin County landmarks include the Tulbert House, built around 1852; Bourman Mill Dam, built in the late nineteenth century; and Deep Creek Friends Meeting Cemetery, established around 1801. Richmond Hill ^[27], once a law school and home of North Carolina Supreme Court ^[28] chief justice Richmond Pearson ^[29], is now a historic park. Cultural institutions in Yadkin County include the Charles Bruce Davis Museum of Art, History, and Science and the Yadkin Arts Council. The county hosts popular events and festivals such as the Yadkinville Harvest Festival, Yadkinville Annual Magic Show, Boonville Heritage Days Festival, and Yadkinville Bluegrass Contest and Fiddlers' Convention. Yadkin County's estimated population was 37,000 in 2004.

Annotated history of Yadkin 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: <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/290012> ^[30]

Index entry for the county: <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/290099> ^[31]

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Yadkin County Government: <http://www.yadkincountync.gov/> ^[3]

Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce: <https://yadkinchamber.org/> ^[33]

DigitalNC, Yadkin County: <http://www.digitalnc.org/counties/yadkin-county/> ^[34]

North Carolina Digital Collections (explore by place, time period, format): <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/> ^[35]

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