

POPULATION

Highest Population Estimates, Forsyth County and Communities

Forsyth County is North Carolina's 4th most populous county, and the City of Winston-Salem is the state's 5th most populated municipality. The population of Forsyth County was estimated at 379,099 in 2018, representing an average yearly growth rate of 1% since 2010. This growth represents an additional 3,677 people living in the county each year. The City of Winston-Salem's estimated 2018 population of 246,328 represents 65% of the county's estimated total population.

Community	Population Estimate	Year	Source
Bethania	378	2017	1
Clemmons	20,563	2018	2
Kernersville	24,767	2018	2
Lewisville	13,999	2018	2
Rural Hall	3,118	2017	3
Tobaccoville	2,597	2017	2
Walkertown	5,403	2017	3
Winston-Salem	246,328	2018	1
Unincorporated Forsyth County	61,946	N/A	N/A
Forsyth County Total	379,099	2018	2

Sources: 1. US Census Bureau, 2018 Quick Facts

2. US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5 year estimate

3. NC Office of State Budget and Management, 2017 Municipal Estimates

Population Projections, Forsyth County 2020-2038

Projections by the NC Office of State Budget and Management show Forsyth County growing by approximately 68,000 people between 2020 and 2038. This increase represents an annual growth rate of just under 1%, or 3,775 people per year.

	2020	2025	2030	2035	2038
Forsyth County	385,208	404,158	423,008	441,840	453,140

Source: NC Office of State Budget and Management, Standard Population Estimates, 2017 and Population Projections, 2018

Population by Race, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County 2018

In Winston-Salem, the population of Other Races (e.g. American Indian and Native Alaskan) increased by 1% between 2015 and 2017, while African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and Whites have remained at the same percentages (due to rounding of raw numbers). In Forsyth

County, the Hispanic population increased by 1% between 2015 and 2017, while the percentage of Whites decreased by 1% to 57 percent.

	African-American		Asian		Hispanic		White		Other Races	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Winston-Salem 2017	82,468	34%	5,369	2%	35,706	15%	110,217	46%	6,433	3%
Winston-Salem 2015	81,337	34%	4,917	2%	36,480	15%	108,760	46%	5,138	2%
Forsyth County 2017	94,503	26%	7,992	2%	46,309	13%	211,211	57%	8,347	2%
Forsyth County 2015	92,844	26%	7,418	2%	44,745	12%	209,493	58%	7,184	2%

Source: US Census bureau, 2013-2017 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

HOUSING

Housing Occupancy, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County 2017

The percentage of owner-occupied (54%) and renter-occupied (46%) housing units in Winston-Salem remained constant between 2015 and 2017. The number of owner-occupied units in Forsyth County increased by 1% to 63% between 2015 and 2017, with renter-occupied units decreasing 1% to 37%.

	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	# Units	%	# Units	%
Winston-Salem 2017	51,253	54%	42,852	46%
Winston-Salem 2015	50,737	54%	42,530	46%
Forsyth County 2017	90,689	63%	54,413	37%
Forsyth County 2015	88,932	62%	54,275	38%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

Value and Costs of Housing, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County 2017

Median home values in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County increased by less than 1% during the two-year period between 2015 and 2017, resulting in median monthly housing costs remaining unchanged. Median home values for 2017 are 6.5% less in Winston-Salem (\$142,200) than in Forsyth County (\$151,400). Median monthly gross rents have gone up \$40.00 (6%) between 2015 and 2017 in both Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to \$765 and \$771, respectively.

	Owner-Occupied Median Housing Value (\$)	Median Monthly Owner Costs-with Mortgage (\$)	Median Monthly Gross Rent (\$)
Winston-Salem 2017	\$142,200	\$1,141	\$765
Winston-Salem 2015	\$141,100	\$1,144	\$724
Forsyth County 2017	\$151,400	\$1,185	\$771
Forsyth County 2015	\$151,100	\$1,184	\$732

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

INCOME

Median Household Income and Poverty Status, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County 2017

Median household income increased by 6% between 2015 and 2017 in both Winston-Salem (from \$39,887 to \$42,219) and Forsyth County (from \$45,471 to \$48,369). Persons in poverty decreased between 2015 and 2017 by 2% in Winston Salem (to 23%) and by 1% in Forsyth County (to 19%).

	Median Household Income (\$)	Persons in Poverty (%)
Winston-Salem 2017	\$42,219	23%
Winston-Salem 2015	\$39,887	25%
Forsyth County 2017	\$48,369	19%
Forsyth County 2015	\$45,471	20%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County 2017

The percentage of people 25 years and older with at least a high school degree is 89% in Forsyth County, which is 2% higher than in Winston-Salem (87%). High school graduation rates have increased by 2% since 2015 in both Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The percentage of people 25 years and older with at least a bachelor's degree is 34% in both Winston-Salem and Forsyth County in 2017, a 1% increase in each jurisdiction since 2015.

	High School Degree or Higher (%)	Bachelor's Degree or Higher (%)
Winston-Salem 2017	87%	34%
Winston-Salem 2015	85%	33%
Forsyth County 2017	89%	34%
Forsyth County 2015	87%	33%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates