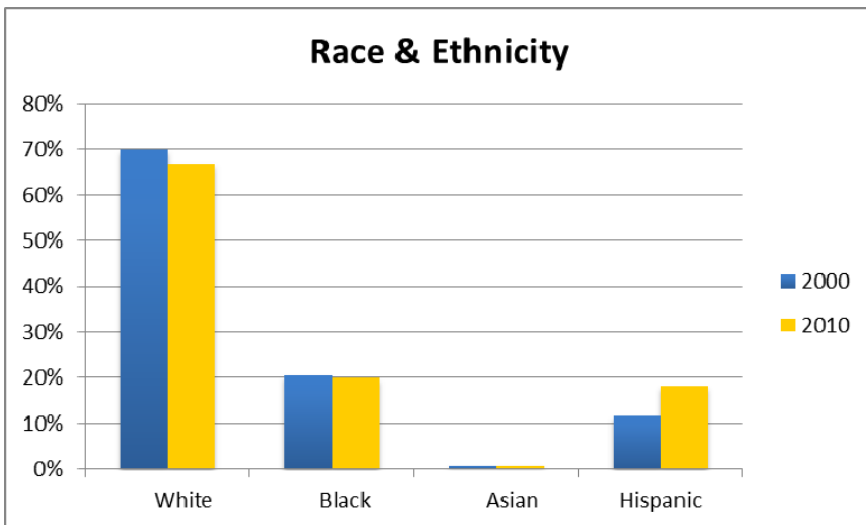
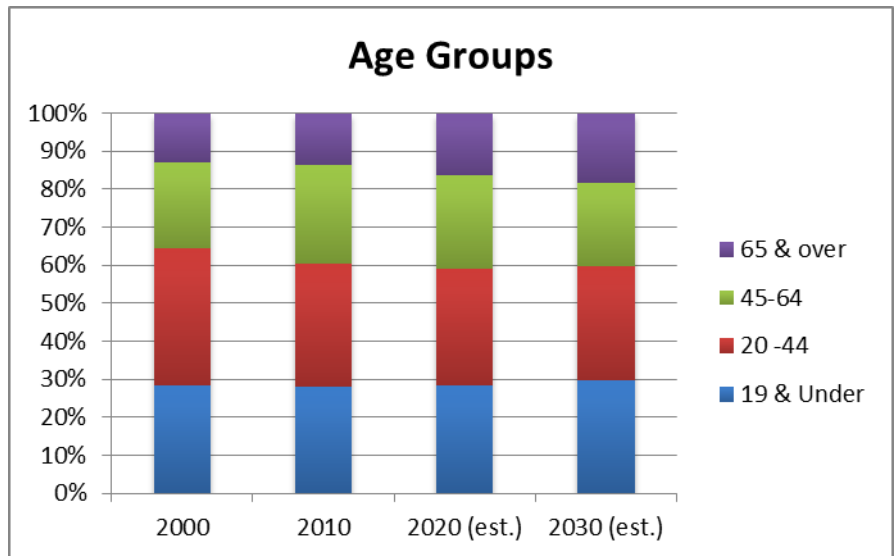
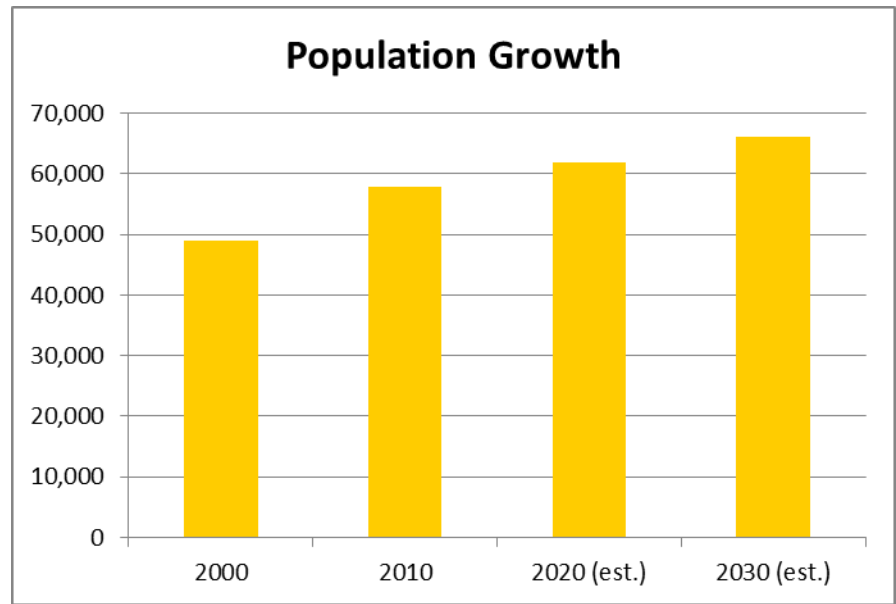


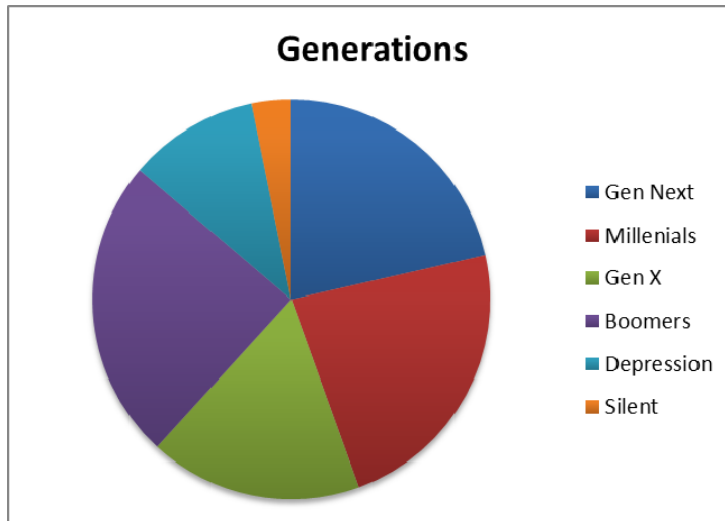
- **255 square miles**— Lee Co. is the smallest county in the region by land area.
- **57,866**—Lee Co. is also the smallest county in the region by population.
- The county's tax base is **26.2%** non-residential.
- Lee Co.'s population grew by **18%** between 2000 and 2010 and is projected to grow by another **14.1%** from 2010-2030.
- Lee Co.'s Hispanic population grew from **11.7%** in 2000 to **18.3%** in 2010, the highest percentage of Hispanics in the region.



Sources:

- Tax Base: [NC Dept. of Revenue](#)
- Population-US Census & NC State Demographer (estimates)
- Age Groups: US Census & NC State Demographer (estimates)
- Race & Ethnicity: US Census

- **44.4%**—The percentage of Lee Co. residents who are under age 35.
- In Lee Co., Hispanics make up **27.5%** of the Gen Next, and **24.4%** of the Millennial generation.
- Up to age 65, males outnumber females in Lee Co. After 65 years old there are more women than men.
- Between 2000 and 2010, murder and robbery were the only crimes whose rates went up in Lee Co.



Generation ages:

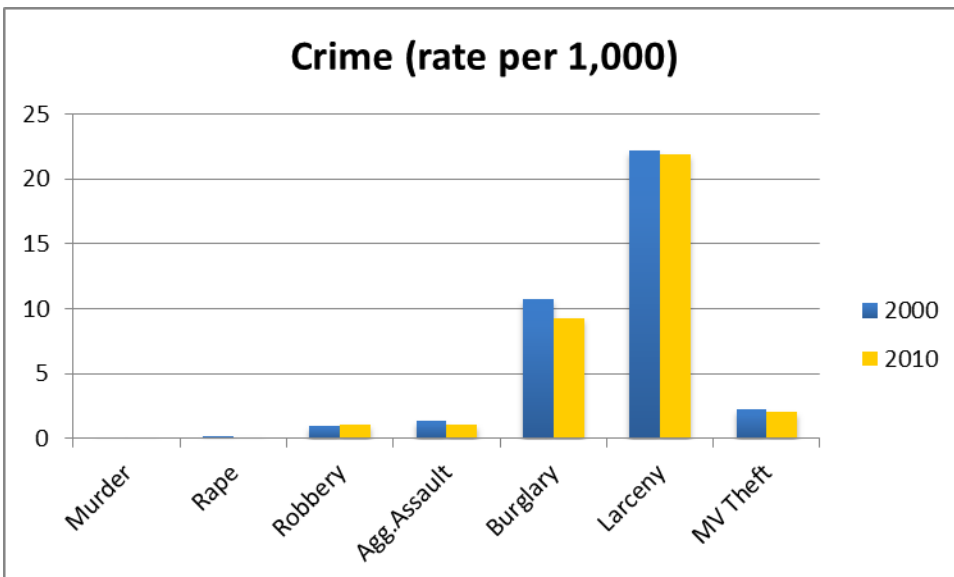
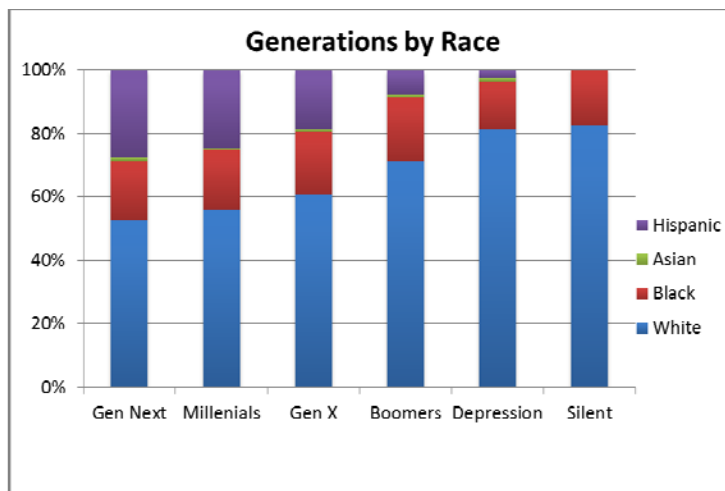
- Gen Next:* 0-14
- Millennials:* 15-34
- Gen X:* 35-44
- Boomers:* 45-64
- Depression*:* 65-80
- Silent**:* 81+

*-Named for those people who were children of the Great Depression (born 1930-1945).

** -Born before 1929.

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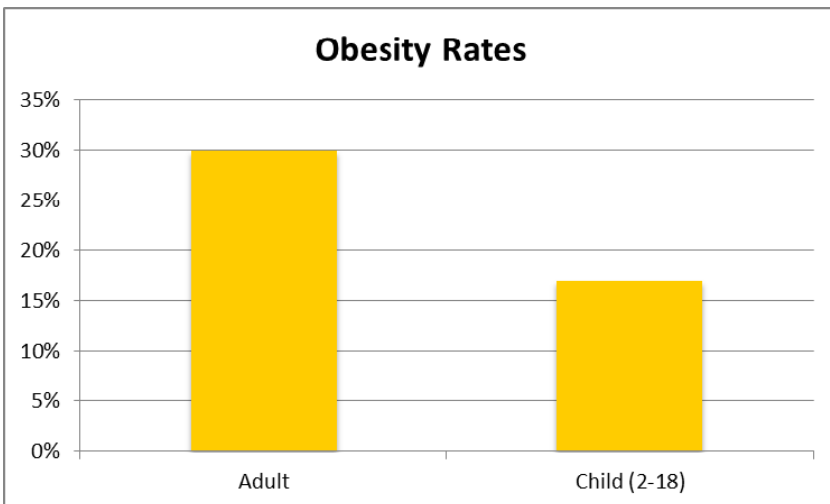
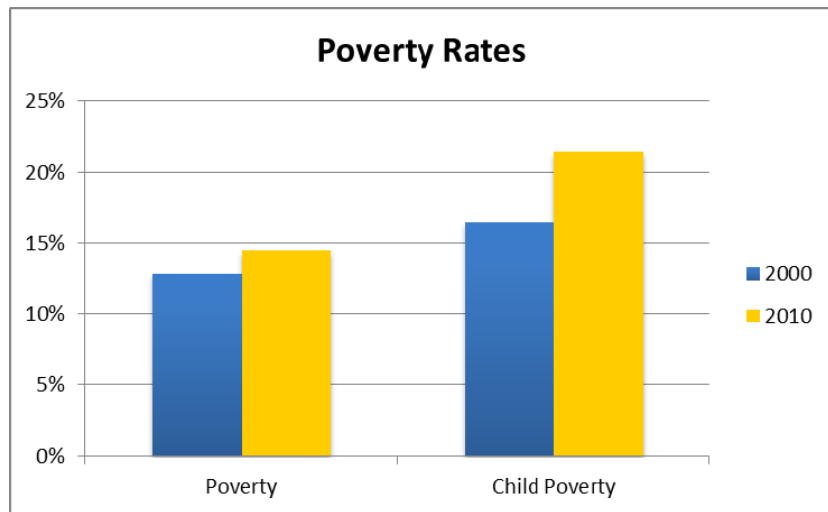
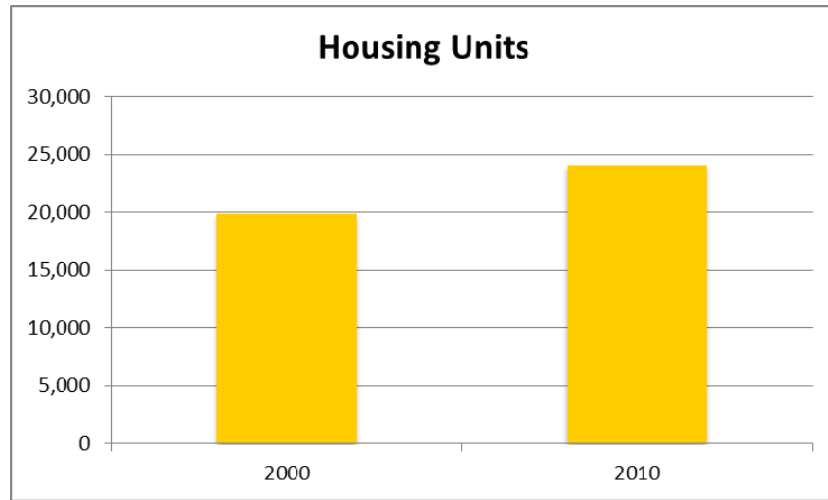
"Generation Y: America's New Housing Wave,"
Urban Land Jan/ Feb 2011, pp. 64-66



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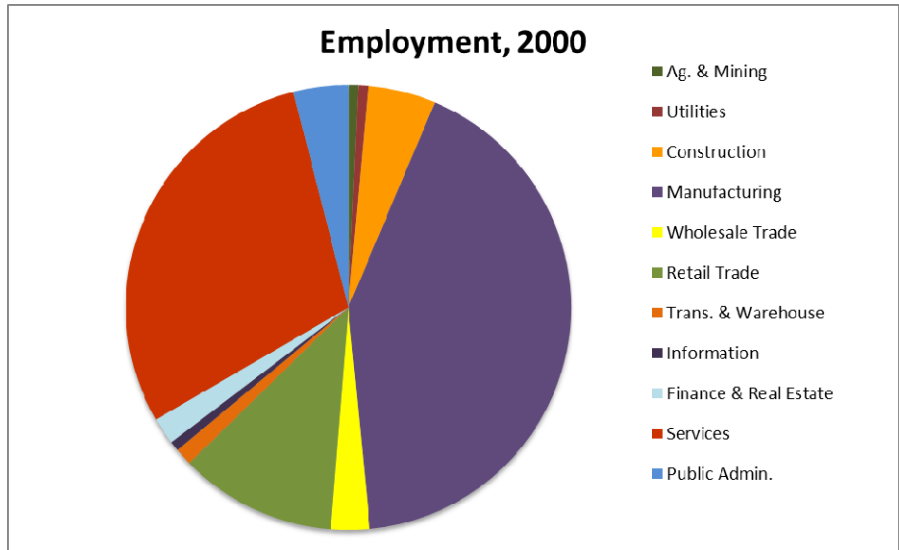
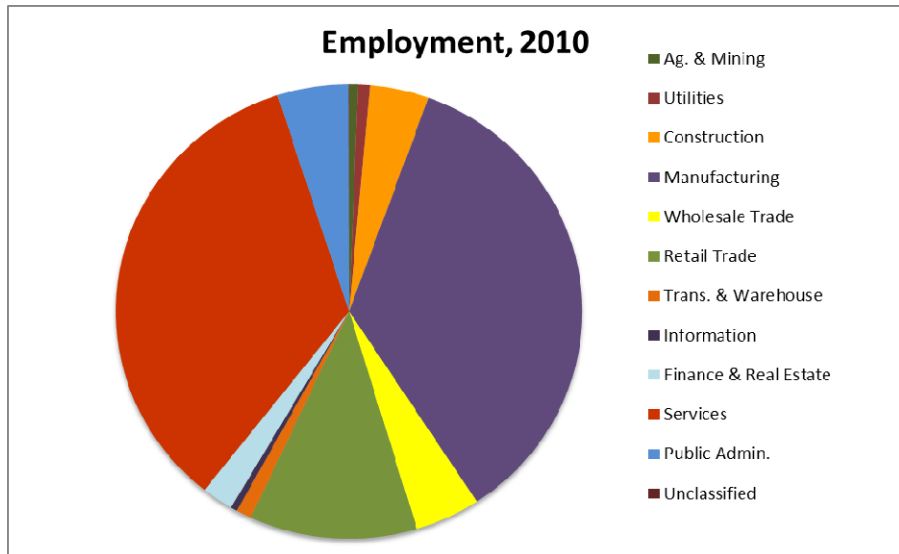
- *Generations:* US Census
- *Crime:* [NC Department of Justice](#)

- Lee Co. had the 2nd lowest teenage pregnancy rate of all counties in 2010— **35** per 1,000 15-19 year old girls.
- Lee Co. had a **21.2%** increase in housing units from 2000 to 2010, the 2nd lowest increase in the region.
- **17%**--Lee Co. has the second lowest childhood obesity rate in the region.
- In 2010 Lee Co. had the highest percent of people without health insurance.— **18.6%**



- Sources:**
- *Housing Units*: US Census
 - *Teenage Pregnancy*: [Kids Count](#)
 - *Poverty*: US Census
 - *Adult Obesity*: [Centers for Disease Control](#)
 - *Childhood Obesity*: [Eat Smart Move More NC](#)
 - *Non-insured*: US Census

- Lee Co. is the only county in the region that has more manufacturing jobs (35%) than service jobs (34%) in 2010.
- The Lee Co. unemployment rate in 2011 was 12.9%, it was 4% in 2000.
- Median household income for Lee Co. in 2010 was \$45,308, up from \$38,900 in 2000. This was the lowest income in the region.
- The Lee Co. per capita income in 2010 was \$21,061.

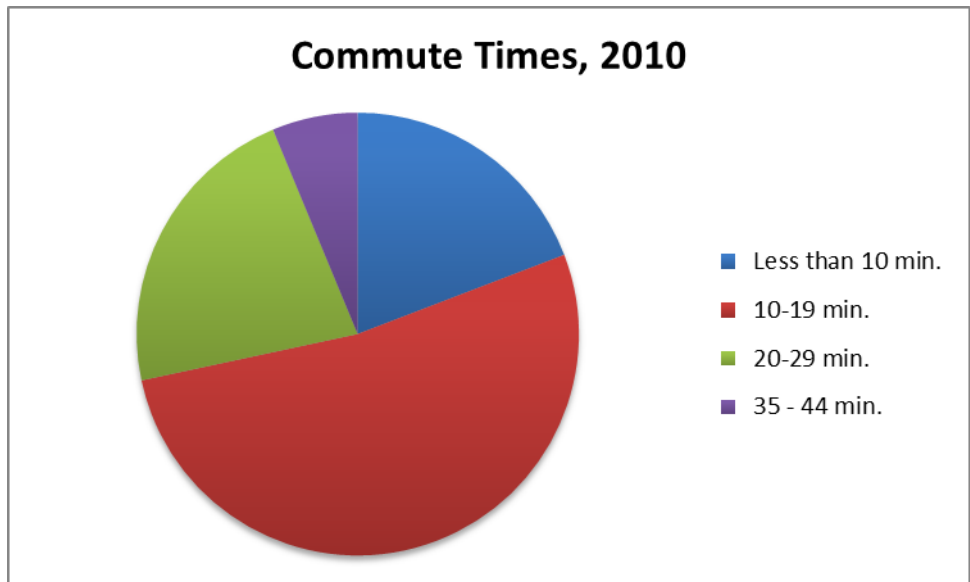


Average Annual Wage		Employment		% of Population receiving food stamps
2000	2010	2000	2010	2010
\$27,196	\$37,648	23,622	22,929	9.7%

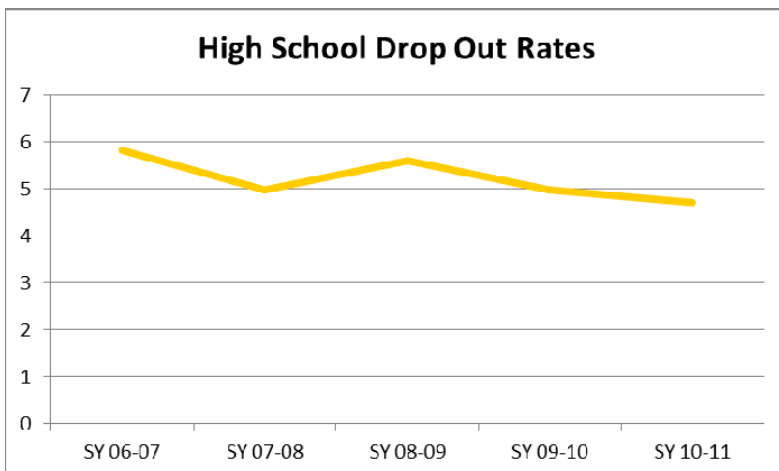
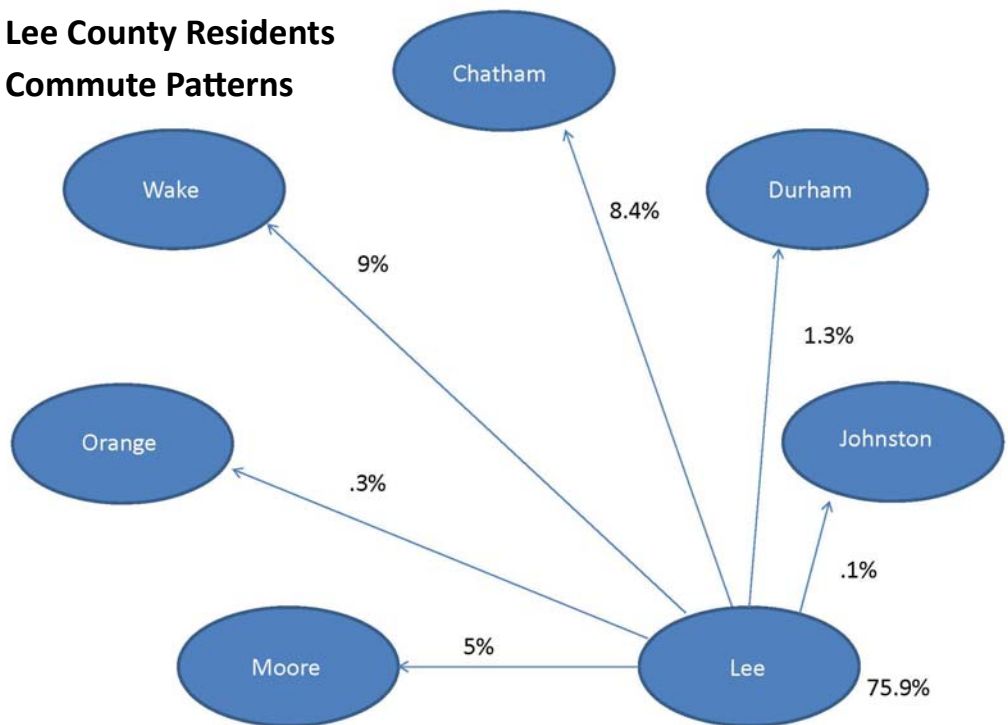
Sources:

- Employment Sectors: [NC Employment Security Commission](#)
- Unemployment: [NC Employment Security Commission](#)
- Median HH Income: US Census
- Per Capita Income: US Census
- Food Stamps: US Census

- The average commute time to work in Lee Co. in 2010 was **22.5** minutes.
- **75.9**—the percent of Lee Co. residents who work in Lee Co.
- Lee Co. has **25** family child care homes and **36** child care centers.
- Lee Co. had the highest high school drop out rate in SY 2010-2011 (**4.72**) of all counties in the region.
- Dropout rates are calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by the total number of students.



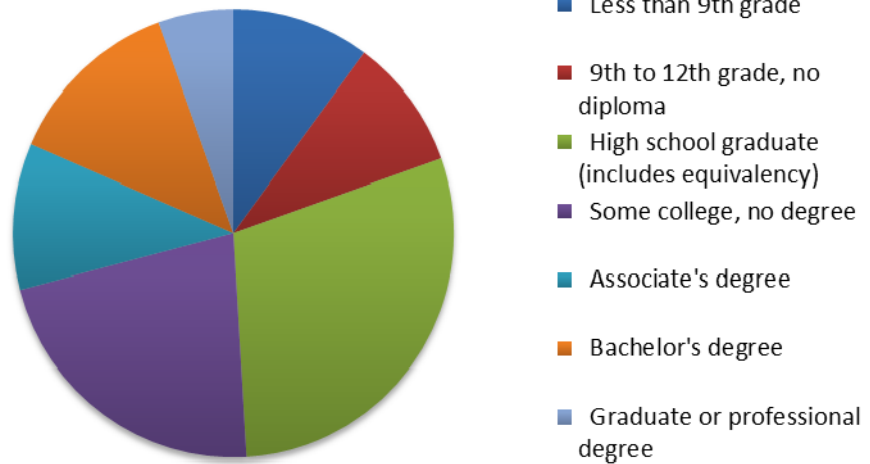
Lee County Residents Commute Patterns



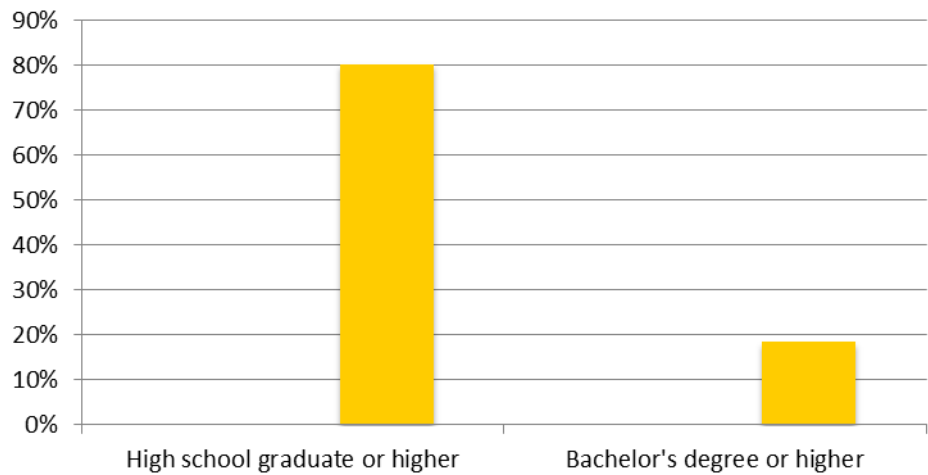
- Sources:**
- Commute Times: US Census
 - High School Drop Out Rates: [NC Dept. of Public Instruction](#)
 - Commute Patterns: CTPP
 - Child Care Facilities: [NC Dept. of Child Development and Early Education](#)

- **29.1%** of Lee Co. residents have an Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree or Graduate Degree.
- **80.4%** have graduated from high school.
- **49.7%** of 3-4 year olds in Lee Co. were enrolled in Pre-K programs in 2010.
- The number of doctorate degrees among Lee Co. residents grew by **66.4%** between 2000 and 2010, more than 3x the rate of population growth (**18%**) for the same period.

Educational Attainment, 2010



Education Level, 2010



Doctorate Degrees		
	Number	% of Population
2000	140	0.4%
2010	233	0.6%

Sources:

- *Educational Attainment*: US Census
- *Doctorate Degrees*: US Census