LMI Tuesdays

Introducing the new Commuting Profile Dashboard

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Agenda

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New Tool & How to Use

LODES Data and Why It Matters

- L(ongitudinal Employer Household Dynamics)
 Origin-Destination Employment Statistics
- Data that allows us to track jobs and where the holders of those jobs live
 - Dashboard uses highest paying private sector job for an individual worker (shortened as privateprimary)

LODES Data and Why It Matters

- People often live and work in different places
- Data allows us to see the extent to which this happens and helps us understand labor markets as regional, not local
- Useful for economic developers, policymakers, career center staff (e.g. program managers)

Definitions

- Origin County: the county where a worker resides
- Destination County: the county where a worker's job is located
- Outflow: the number of workers traveling out of an area
- Inflow: the number of workers traveling into an area
- Within Area: both living and working in an area

Previous Commuting Profile

https://accessnc.nccommerce.com/DemographicsReports/

2 page PDF

 Breakdown by earnings, age, and industry groups

 Data tables for top 10 inflows and outflows, with separate tables for out-of-state flows



Alamance County Commuting Report, Private Primary Jobs 2022

OVERALL INFLOW OUTFLOW ANALYSIS

Resident Flow (Live/Work in Alamance County)	Jobs
Resident Live/Work in Alamance County	23,901
Worker Inflow	31,698
Resident Outflow	37,220
Net Flow	-5,522

COMMUTING FLOW ANALYSIS BY FARNING AGE AND INDUSTRY GROUP

Earnings Group	Worker Inflow	Percent of Total	Resident Worker	Percent of Total	Resident Outflow	Percent of Total	Net Flow
Jobs earning \$1,250 per month or less	6,200	19.6%	4,210	17.6%	6,127	16.5%	73
Jobs earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	11,488	36.2%	9,217	38.6%	11,603	31.2%	-115
Jobs earning more than \$3,333 per month	14,010	44.2%	10,474	43.8%	19,490	52.4%	-5,480

Age Group		Percent of Total	Resident Worker		Resident Outflow		Net Flow
Jobs for workers age 29 or younger	8,470	26.7%	5,253	22.0%	9,337	25.1%	-867
Jobs for workers age 30 to 54	15,926	50.2%	11,586	48.5%	19,366	52.0%	-3,440
Jobs for workers age 55 or older	7,302	23.0%	7,062	29.5%	8,517	22.9%	-1,215

https://analytics.nccommerce.com/commuting-profiles/

- Interactive PowerBI dashboard
 - Swap between tabs via the buttons
- Ability to create customized regions of counties or use preselected geographies
- Combination of bar charts, maps, and/or data tables in each section



Summary

- Designed for printability
- Data tables contain high-level summary statistics
- Bar charts display top 10 inflows by origin county and top 10 outflows by destination county for the selected region/county(ies)
 - Includes out-of-state counties



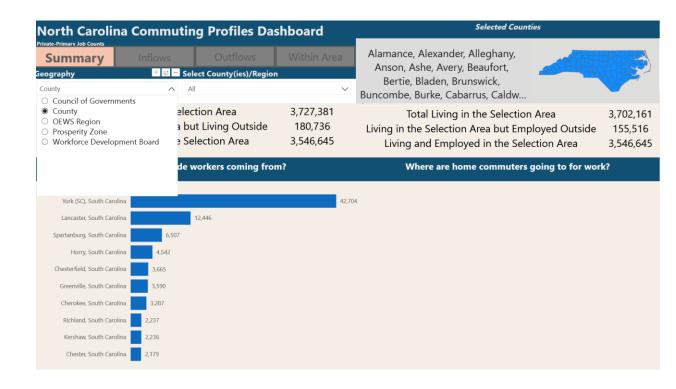
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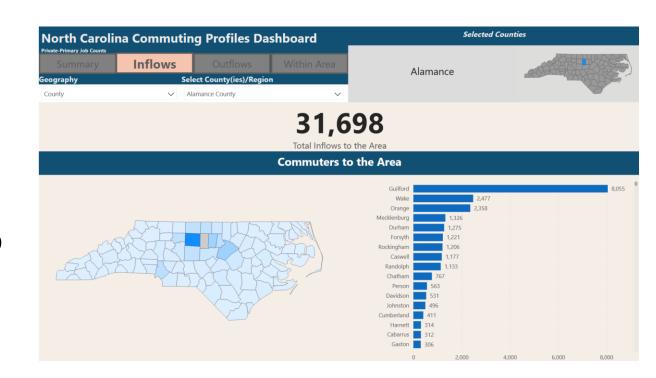
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- De-select all areas
- Then select desired geography type
- Map and text box will show selection
- If using non-County geography, simplest to select one region at a time



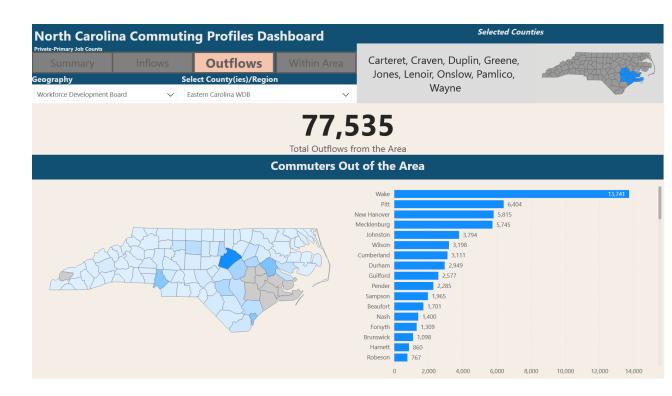
Inflows

- "Where are nonresident workers coming from?"
- Heat map of inflows, where darker colors represent higher inflow counts (i.e. higher number of workers traveling into selection from colored counties)
- Tool automatically excludes any selected counties from the bar chart and map



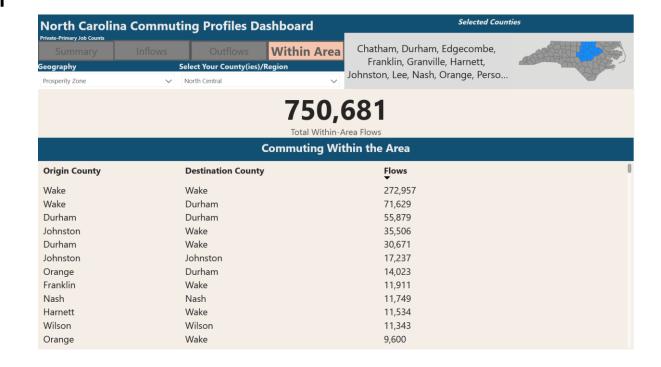
Outflows

- "Where are resident workers traveling to work?"
- Heat map of outflows, where darker colors represent higher outflow counts (i.e. higher number of workers traveling from selection to colored county)
- Tool automatically excludes any selected counties from the bar chart and map



Within-Area

- "For people who live and work in this area, where are their jobs located?"
- Data table of flows between counties, listed in descending order
 - Can sort alphabetically or by ascending order by clicking the respective column



Summary

- LODES data allows us to summarize worker flows based on workers' county of residence and county of work
- New interactive dashboard allows you to create custom regions or choose pre-selected areas
 - Make sure to deselect all areas when swapping between area types
- For easy printout, use Summary
- For deeper dives, use Inflows, Outflows, and Within Area tabs

Thank you!

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