

TOWN OF ELKIN



The Town of Elkin is nestled in the gentle foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in southwestern Surry County. Traversed by I-77, the town is convenient to other major highways such as I-40, I-85 and I-81 and bustling metro areas like Winston-Salem and Charlotte. The picturesque community of over 4,000 residents blends quiet mountain charm with the accessibility and dynamism of the Piedmont Crescent. These advantages make it an appealing destination for new residents, including active retirees, as well as arriving businesses.



BUSINESS AND COMMERCE: LOOKING FORWARD, MOVING FORWARD

Elkin's business community includes a blend of traditional and 21st Century industries. Its legacy as a hub for manufacturing has left in tact ample utility capacity and infrastructure. Several swift creeks and the Yadkin River supply abundant water to businesses and residents, in addition to their iconic natural beauty. Running parallel to the river is the Yadkin Valley Railroad, which augments Elkin's excellent transportation network.

High-quality industrial sites serve the community's corporate residents. Elkin Corporate Park spans more than 100 acres and has been certified "shovel ready" by the N.C. Department of Commerce. Eighty-acre Elkin Business Park is the backdrop for a diverse roster of companies. Historic downtown Elkin, one of a handful of "North Carolina Main Street Communities," dates to 1840. Its attractive shopfronts and commercial buildings house business services firms, medical providers, boutique retailers, galleries and gourmet eateries.

Elkin's economy includes a vibrant, growing tourism sector. Visitors can enjoy tours and tastings at more than 30 wineries accessible within 20 minutes of downtown, including six within the immediate area. Two North Carolina State Parks—Stone Mountain and Pilot Mountain—are nearby, offering a wide range of outdoor recreational activities. The Blue Ridge Parkway, the 75-year-old national gem, can conveniently be accessed from Elkin.

The quality of life offered in Elkin makes recruiting and retaining our physicians and staff an easy task. The Town of Elkin, its residents, and businesses enrich every aspect of how we live and work.

David Loving, CEO
Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital



Photo: Robert Merritt





EDUCATION AND LEARNING: AIMING HIGH

Elkin City Schools are among the best-performing in North Carolina. With its small class sizes and community focus, the system holds students, parents and faculty to high expectations. At its main campus in Dobson, Surry Community College serves post-secondary learners with college-transfer and technical curricula. In 2010, the College is opening a 21,000 sq.-ft. workforce development center in Elkin. Two campuses of the state's renowned public university system—Appalachian State and Winston-Salem State—are a brief drive from Elkin, as is Wake Forest University, one of the South's finest private institutions.

CULTURE AND RECREATION: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Locals and visitors alike enjoy Elkin's exciting festivals. Most popular among them are annual wine and pumpkin festivals, which draw vendors, entertainers and guests from across the Yadkin Valley. The town's artists, writers, musicians and craftsmen comprise Elkin's vibrant year-round cultural scene; organizations such as the Foothills Arts Council connect creative professionals with the overall community. The Elkin Public Library, part of an extensive regional library system, bustles with users of all ages.



2009 DEMOGRAPHICS

Surry County

Population: 73,569

Median Age: 41

Median Family Income: \$48,302

Median Home Value: * \$119,154

Elkin

Population 4,013

Median Age: 43.7

Median Family Income: \$40,457

Median Home Value: * \$129,065

**Owner Occupied*

Source: ESRI, 2009

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital
Weyerhaeuser Corporation
Midwest-CBK, Inc.

AIRPORTS

Piedmont Triad International

Six Major Carriers

16 Non-stop destinations

70 Minutes from Elkin

Charlotte Douglas International

10 Major Carriers

130 Non-stop destinations

80 Minutes from Elkin

MAJOR ROADS

I-77, I-74

US Hwy 21, US Hwy 601

NC 67, NC 268

DISTANCE TO REGIONAL CITIES

Charlotte, NC—75 miles

Greensboro, NC—70 miles

Roanoke, VA—110 miles

Winston-Salem, NC—45 miles

