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IREDELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
https://www.iredellcountync.gov/ [2]

COUNTY SEAT: Statesville

FORMED: 1788
FORMED FROM: Rowan

LAND AREA: 573.83 square miles

2020 POPULATION ESTIMATE: 186,693
White: 82.3%
Black/African American: 12.3%
American Indian: 0.5%
Asian: 2.8%
Pacific Islander: 0.1%
Two or more races: 2.1%
Hispanic/Latino: 8.0% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2020.[3]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 10TH, 13TH

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by Robert Blair Vocci, 2006

Iredell County, located in North Carolina's Piedmont [6] region, was formed by the division of Rowan County [16] in 1788. The area was originally inhabited by Cherokee [21] and Catawba [22] Indians. It was named for James Iredell, North Carolina attorney general during the Revolution and delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention who was later appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President George Washington. Iredell County communities include Statesville [23] (established as the county seat in 1789), Harmony, Love Valley, Mooresville [24], Troutman [25], Union Grove, Turnersburg, Mount Mourne, and Barium Springs. Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in the state in terms of surface area, has 520 miles of shoreline within Iredell County.

Scotch-Irish [26] and German [27] immigrants seeking good soil, game, and proximity to freshwater had settled the area of modern-day Iredell County by 1753. Fort Dobbs [20] (named after Governor Arthur Dobbs [28]) was erected as a defense facility during the French and Indian War [29] (1754-63). Today it is a North Carolina State Historic Site [30]. The arrival of the Western North Carolina Railroad [31] in 1858, soon followed by the Atlantic, Tennessee, and Ohio Railroad, marked the beginning of a long period of growth that continued through the first half of the twentieth century. Industries producing tobacco [32], liquor, and herbs (Statesville's Wallace Herbarium was one of the largest such facilities in the world during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries) were later supplemented by the production of livestock, dairy products, and breeder chickens [33], of which the county remains a leading producer. Iredell County hosts a number of recreational and cultural events, including the Ole Time Fiddler's and Bluegrass Festival in Union Grove and the National Balloon Rally in Troutman. The North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame [34] in Mooresville (known as "Race City USA") and Love Valley's western-themed campgrounds also attract numerous visitors. The population of Iredell County was estimated to be 136,000 in 2004.

Annotated history of Iredell 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: https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca... [35]

Index entry for the county: https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/the-formation-of-the-north-ca... [36]

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Mooreseville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce: https://www.mooresvillenc.org/ [39]

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