

Avery County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	17,756
Projected change over next 20 years	0%
2042 population projection	17,755

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	45.6	39.6	24
Population Under 18	15%	21%	96
Population Age 65+	23%	18%	33
Veterans	6%	6%	72



Health and Wellbeing

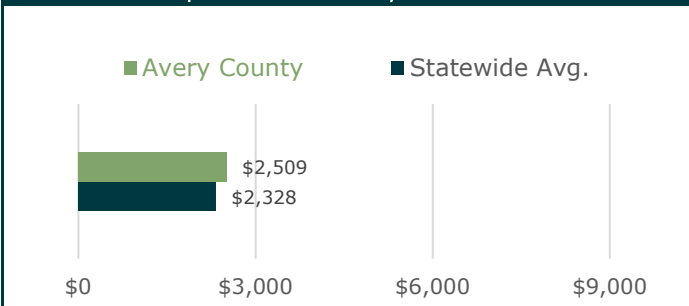
21% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	19% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	14% of households are food insecure.(3)
1 resident died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	3,049 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



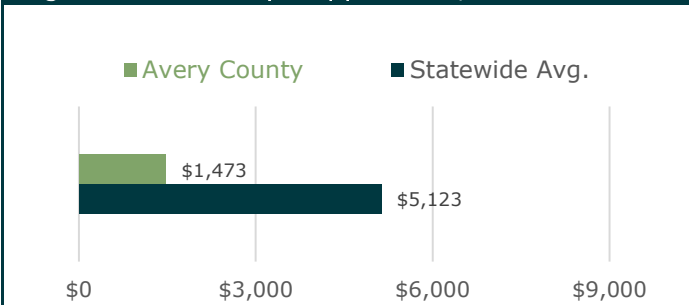
Education

85% of eligible children are enrolled in Pre-K.(4)	31% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	6% of residents age 16-24 are not in school or working.(2)
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Local K-12 \$ Per Student, FY 2020-21



Avg Teacher Salary Supplement, FY 2021-22



Economy and Taxes

	County	NC	Rank ¹
Income			
Per Capita Income (3)	\$39,437	\$50,305	71
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$740	\$1,146	92
Children in Poverty (3)	24%	18%	35
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.3%	3.5%	73
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	77%	71%	17
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	78%	71%	90
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	66%	76%	63
Households with access to a computing device (3)	87%	91%	48
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.5500	0.6072	81
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$241.0	\$131.1	5
Property tax levy per capita	\$1,326	\$822	4
Sales tax rate (State + local)	6.75%	-	-

Notes: (1) A rank of 1 indicates the highest level or rate Statewide; a rank of 100 represents the lowest. (2) 2019 data; (3) 2020 data; (4) 2021 data; (5) 2018 data. For full notes and sources, or to download the Map Book or this fact sheet, visit www.ncacc.com/mapbook.