

Cherokee County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	29,065
Projected change over next 20 years	15%
2042 population projection	33,439

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	51.8	39.6	2
Population Under 18	16%	21%	94
Population Age 65+	32%	18%	4
Veterans	9%	6%	17



Health and Wellbeing

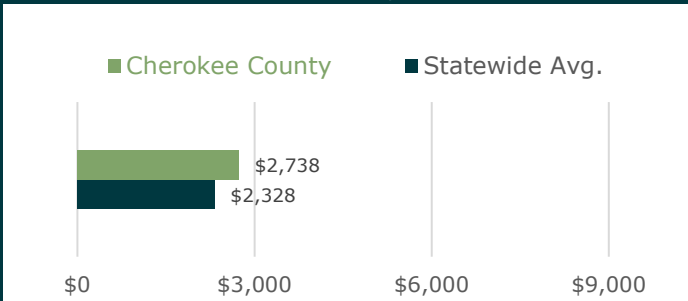
30% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	17% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	16% of households are food insecure.(3)
8 residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	5,397 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



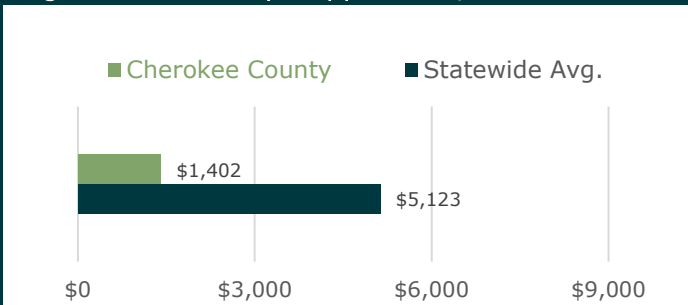
Education

57% of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	46% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	7% 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)	\$36,620	\$50,305	94
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$741	\$1,146	91
Children in Poverty (3)	25%	18%	32
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.8%	3.5%	40
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	74%	71%	21
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	78%	71%	89
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	70%	76%	48
Households with access to a computing device (3)	87%	91%	49
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.5000	0.6072	88
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$133.4	\$131.1	37
Property tax levy per capita	\$667	\$822	70
Sales tax rate (State + local)	7.00%	-	-

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.