

Columbus County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	48,355
Projected change over next 20 years	-37%
2042 population projection	30,664

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	42.6	39.6	49
Population Under 18	21%	21%	38
Population Age 65+	21%	18%	50
Veterans	7%	6%	33



Health and Wellbeing

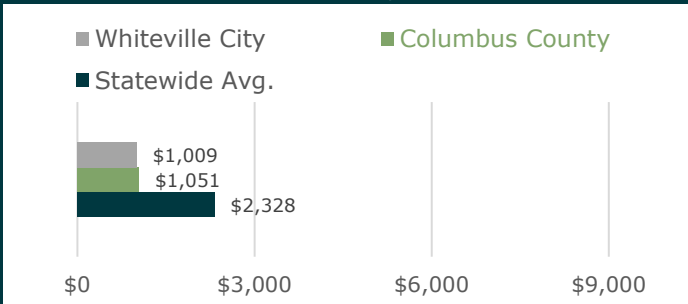
41% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	17% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	17% of households are food insecure.(3)
19 residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	10,726 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



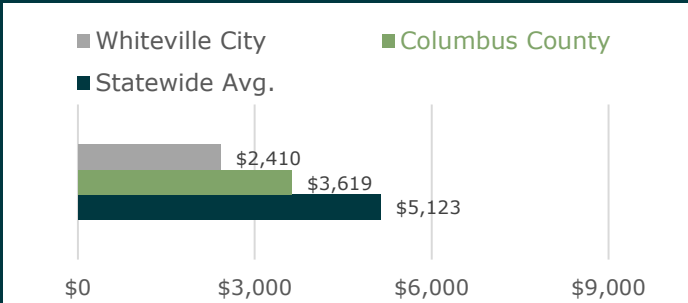
Education

84% of eligible children are enrolled in Pre-K.(4)	29% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	22% 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)	\$37,112	\$50,305	92
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$773	\$1,146	77
Children in Poverty (3)	27%	18%	27
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	4.6%	3.5%	20
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	61%	71%	59
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	86%	71%	9
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	54%	76%	94
Households with access to a computing device (3)	82%	91%	87
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.8050	0.6072	19
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$87.1	\$131.1	79
Property tax levy per capita	\$701	\$822	65
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.