

McDowell County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	44,207
Projected change over next 20 years	0%
2042 population projection	44,207

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	44.2	39.6	34
Population Under 18	19%	21%	62
Population Age 65+	22%	18%	37
Veterans	7%	6%	41



Health and Wellbeing

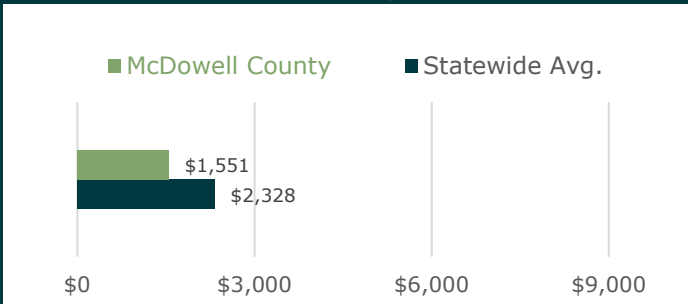
30% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	15% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	15% of households are food insecure.(3)
6 residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	7,921 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



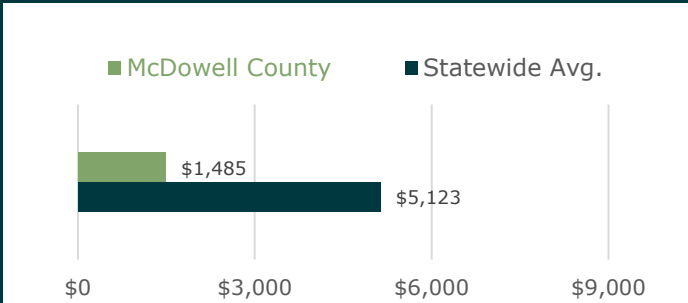
Education

97% of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	39% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	18% 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)	\$37,858	\$50,305	88
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$788	\$1,146	66
Children in Poverty (3)	23%	18%	40
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.4%	3.5%	63
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	72%	71%	28
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	85%	71%	17
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	63%	76%	72
Households with access to a computing device (3)	87%	91%	47
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.5775	0.6072	76
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$107.4	\$131.1	50
Property tax levy per capita	\$620	\$822	78
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.