

# Polk County

## Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



### Demographics

2022 population	18,780
Projected change over next 20 years	-2%
2042 population projection	18,388
<b>2022 Population Facts</b>	<b>County NC Rank<sup>1</sup></b>
Median Age	50.8 39.6 4
Population Under 18	15% 21% 97
Population Age 65+	31% 18% 5
Veterans	9% 6% 14



### Health and Wellbeing

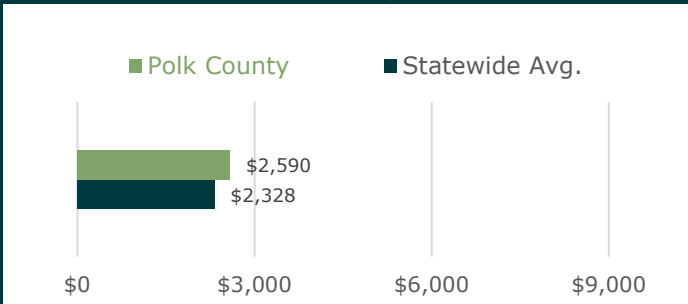
<b>22%</b> of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	<b>14%</b> of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	<b>13%</b> of households are food insecure.(3)
<b>4</b> residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	<b>2,310</b> residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



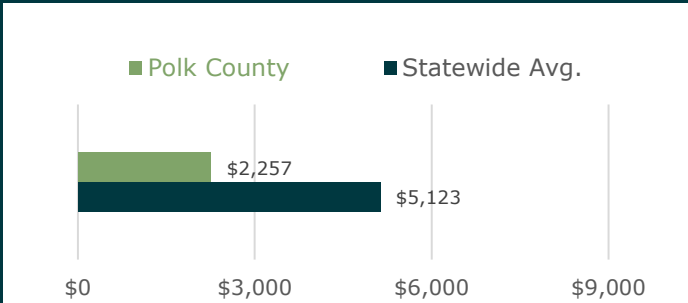
### Education

<b>103%</b> of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	<b>47%</b> of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	<b>14%</b> 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 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Income</b>			
Per Capita Income (3)	\$48,125	\$50,305	22
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$769	\$1,146	80
Children in Poverty (3)	19%	18%	69
<b>Employment</b>			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.7%	3.5%	45
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	55%	71%	69
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	79%	71%	81
<b>Access to Technology</b>			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	72%	76%	44
Households with access to a computing device (3)	90%	91%	33
<b>Local Taxes, FY 2021-22</b>			
Property Tax Rate	0.5143	0.6072	85
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$186.0	\$131.1	12
Property tax levy per capita	\$957	\$822	21
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](http://www.ncacc.com/mapbook).