

# Rutherford County

## Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



### Demographics

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 2022 population                     | 64,137 |
| Projected change over next 20 years | 5%     |
| 2042 population projection          | 67,522 |

| 2022 Population Facts | County | NC   | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------|--------|------|-------------------|
| Median Age            | 42.9   | 39.6 | 48                |
| Population Under 18   | 20%    | 21%  | 54                |
| Population Age 65+    | 22%    | 18%  | 38                |
| Veterans              | 6%     | 6%   | 55                |



### Health and Wellbeing

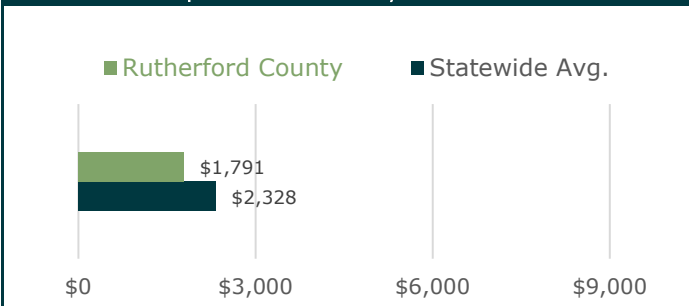
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| <b>31%</b><br>of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)     | <b>14%</b><br>of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)       | <b>17%</b><br>of households are food insecure.(3) |
| <b>17</b><br>residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020. | <b>11,440</b><br>residents were prescribed opioids in 2020. |   |



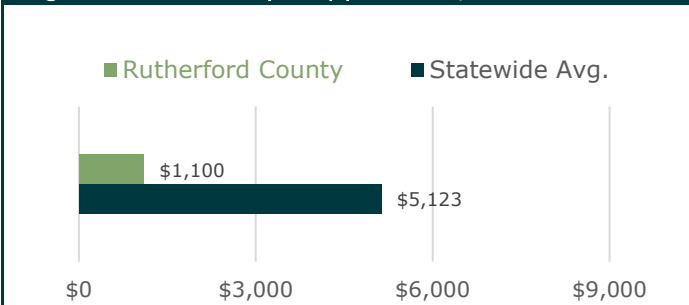
### Education

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| <b>60%</b><br>of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4) | <b>40%</b><br>of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5) | <b>14%</b><br>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)                                      | \$36,714 | \$50,305 | 93                |
| Average Weekly Wage (4)                                    | \$790    | \$1,146  | 65                |
| Children in Poverty (3)                                    | 25%      | 18%      | 30                |
| <b>Employment</b>  |          |          |                   |
| Unemployment Rate (May 2022)                               | 5.1%     | 3.5%     | 13                |
| Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)      | 67%      | 71%      | 41                |
| Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)        | 81%      | 71%      | 60                |
| <b>Access to Technology</b>                                |          |          |                   |
| Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3) | 61%      | 76%      | 80                |
| Households with access to a computing device (3)           | 85%      | 91%      | 69                |
| <b>Local Taxes, FY 2021-22</b>                             |          |          |                   |
| Property Tax Rate  | 0.5970   | 0.6072   | 72                |
| Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)      | \$124.5  | \$131.1  | 43                |
| Property tax levy per capita                               | \$744    | \$822    | 52                |
| 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](http://www.ncacc.com/mapbook).