

Wayne County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	115,408
Projected change over next 20 years	-3%
2042 population projection	112,255

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	37.8	39.6	87
Population Under 18	25%	21%	7
Population Age 65+	17%	18%	82
Veterans	10%	6%	11



Health and Wellbeing

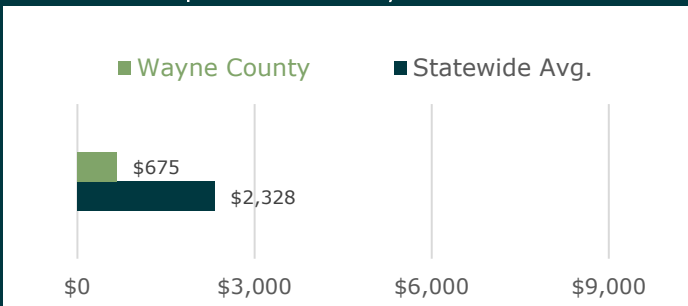
34% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	15% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	14% of households are food insecure.(3)
23 residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	17,640 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



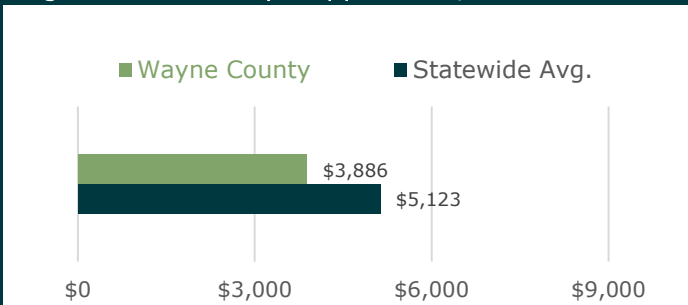
Education

59% of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	42% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	14% 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)	\$42,882	\$50,305	46
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$839	\$1,146	41
Children in Poverty (3)	23%	18%	39
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	4.0%	3.5%	34
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	77%	71%	15
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	81%	71%	60
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	73%	76%	40
Households with access to a computing device (3)	88%	91%	43
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.7075	0.6072	44
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$79.9	\$131.1	88
Property tax levy per capita	\$565	\$822	92
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.