

# Wilkes County

## Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



### Demographics

2022 population	64,988
Projected change over next 20 years	-8%
2042 population projection	59,546

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank <sup>1</sup>
Median Age	43.6	39.6	40
Population Under 18	19%	21%	61
Population Age 65+	22%	18%	35
Veterans	6%	6%	82



### Health and Wellbeing

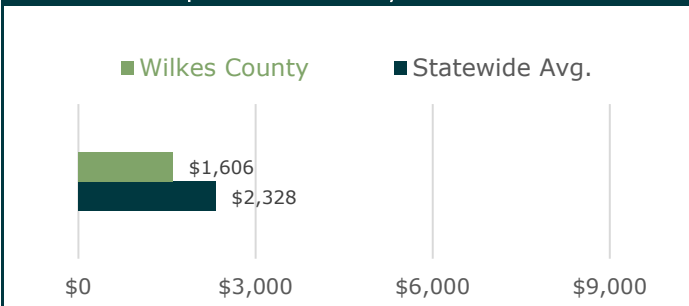
<b>29%</b> of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	<b>16%</b> of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	<b>15%</b> of households are food insecure.(3)
<b>19</b> residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	<b>11,380</b> residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



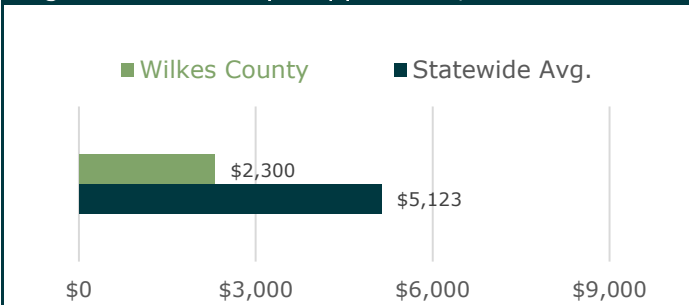
### Education

<b>91%</b> of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	<b>39%</b> of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	<b>16%</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)	\$39,518	\$50,305	68
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$812	\$1,146	51
Children in Poverty (3)	20%	18%	54
<b>Employment</b>			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.8%	3.5%	40
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	75%	71%	20
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	82%	71%	53
<b>Access to Technology</b>			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	73%	76%	38
Households with access to a computing device (3)	86%	91%	54
<b>Local Taxes, FY 2021-22</b>			
Property Tax Rate	0.6600	0.6072	53
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$92.7	\$131.1	71
Property tax levy per capita	\$612	\$822	80
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).