

Cherokee County

Highlights from the 2023 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2023 population	29,387
New residents since 2013	2,170
Percentage increase since 2013	8%

2023 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	52.2	39.8	2
Population Under 18	16%	21%	94
Population Age 65+	32%	18%	4
Veterans	9%	6%	16



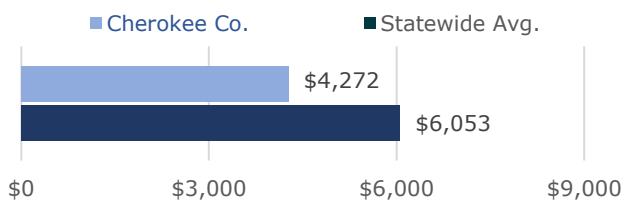
Health & Wellbeing

32%	15%	15%
of residents are covered by Medicaid.	of residents under 65 are uninsured.	of households are food insecure.
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residents died from reported overdose in 2021.	residents served in 2021 via LME/MCO Opioid Use treatment programs (uninsured & Medicaid only).	

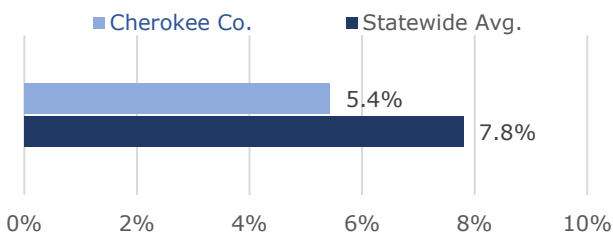


Education

Average Teacher Salary Supplement, 2022-23



Share of Students in Charter Schools, 2021-22



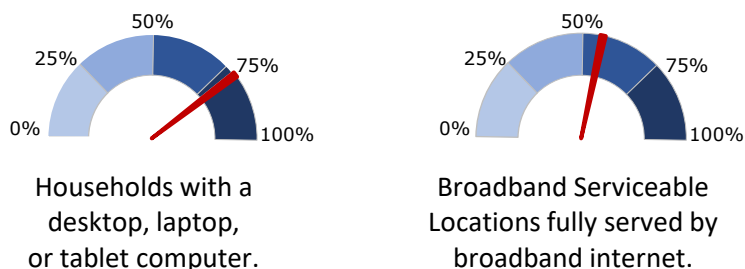
Economy & Taxes

Income & Jobs	County	NC	Rank ¹
Average Weekly Wage	\$796	\$1,215	89
Per Capita Income	\$40,485	\$56,173	98
Children in Poverty	27%	18%	71
May 2023 Unemployment	3.7%	3.4%	63
Employed residents whose job is within the county	76%	72%	19

Local Taxes	County	NC	Rank ¹
Property Tax Rate, FY23-24	0.6100	0.6257	39
Taxable property per capita in \$1,000s, FY 22-23	\$138.0	\$136.3	36
Property tax levy per capita	\$842	\$854	40
Sales tax rate (state + local)	7.00%	—	—



Broadband Access



To support counties in addressing North Carolinians' broadband needs, the NCACC released the Connecting Counties playbook, an online resource developed by the Connecting Counties Task Force under the leadership of NCACC President Tracey Johnson.

To access the playbook, use this QR code or visit <https://www.ncacc.org/connecting-counties>.

(1) A rank of 1 indicates the "best" or preferred value for each measure (i.e., the highest income, the lowest unemployment rate). For full notes, explanations of each indicator, and sources, or to download the Map Book or this fact sheet, visit www.ncacc.org/mapbook.