

McDowell County

Highlights from the 2023 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

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| 2023 population | 44,773 |
| New residents since 2013 | 87 |
| Percentage change since 2013 | 0% |

| 2023 Population Facts | County | NC | Rank ¹ |
|-----------------------|--------|------|-------------------|
| Median Age | 44.5 | 39.8 | 31 |
| Population Under 18 | 19% | 21% | 64 |
| Population Age 65+ | 22% | 18% | 38 |
| Veterans | 7% | 6% | 40 |



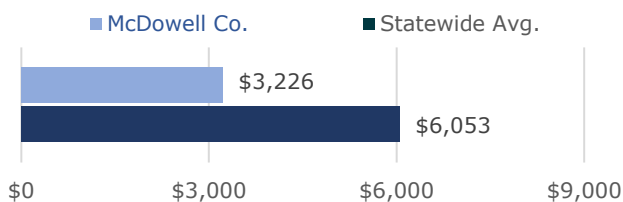
Health & Wellbeing

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| 32% | 13% | 14% |
| of residents are covered by Medicaid. | of residents under 65 are uninsured. | of households are food insecure. |
| 23 | 393 | |
| residents died from reported overdose in 2021. | residents served in 2021 via LME/MCO Opioid Use treatment programs (uninsured & Medicaid only). | |

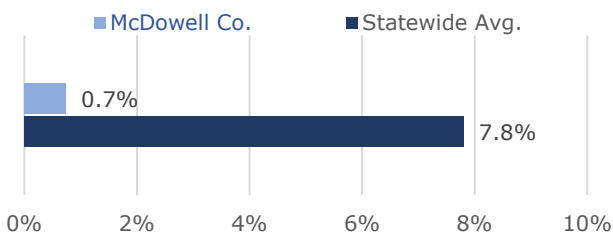


Education

Average Teacher Salary Supplement, 2022-23



Share of Students in Charter Schools, 2021-22



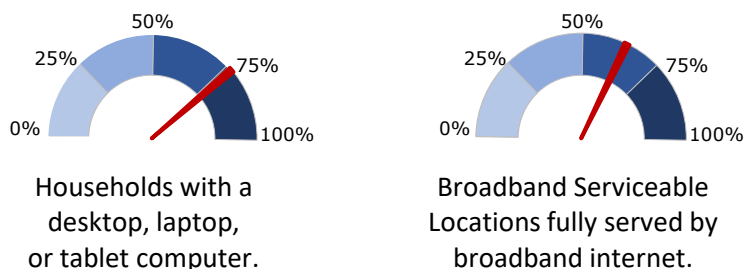
Economy & Taxes

| Income & Jobs | County | NC | Rank ¹ |
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| Average Weekly Wage | \$849 | \$1,215 | 63 |
| Per Capita Income | \$42,960 | \$56,173 | 90 |
| Children in Poverty | 22% | 18% | 48 |
| May 2023 Unemployment | 3.3% | 3.4% | 36 |
| Employed residents whose job is within the county | 73% | 72% | 25 |

| Local Taxes | County | NC | Rank ¹ |
|---|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Property Tax Rate, FY23-24 | 0.5675 | 0.6257 | 31 |
| Taxable property per capita in \$1,000s, FY 22-23 | \$112.0 | \$136.3 | 53 |
| Property tax levy per capita | \$647 | \$854 | 77 |
| Sales tax rate (state + local) | 6.75% | — | — |



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.