



Ashe County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

Demographics

26,578

County Population

+0.90%

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	50.3	39.6	9
Population Under 18	16.2%	21.1%	89
Population 65+	29.5%	18.4%	10
Veteran Population	5.5%	6.0%	64

Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	22.0%	17.5%	55
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,054	\$1,358	32
Per Capita Income	\$48,453	\$61,839	69
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$994.7 million	\$788.1 billion	76

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.4400	---	20
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$1,009	\$942	74
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$609,399	---	57
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$433.0 million	\$42.2 billion	33
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---

44.0%

of adults aged 25-44 hold a secondary degree or high-quality credential



9.0%

of adults aged 25-44 have less than a high school diploma

\$2,583

in K-12 current expense funding as estimated appropriation per student (ADM), as self-reported by the county

92.4%

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

16.8%

of residents experience food insecurity

25.8%

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

14.3%

of residents participate in NC's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program



10.4%

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

19

emergency department visits for drug overdose

77.2%

of households have at least one device to access the internet

10

deaths due to overdose

80.2%

of households have a broadband internet subscription



*Additional county-level data, notes, and explanations about how each indicator is ranked are online at www.ncacc.org/mapbook or via the QR code. The digital PDF can be downloaded or you can email communications@ncacc.org to request a free spiral-bound book.

These data points are excerpted from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book and represent the most recent year available.