



Buncombe County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

Demographics

283,020

County Population

+10.50%

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	43.6	39.6	45
Population Under 18	17.1%	21.1%	85
Population 65+	22.6%	18.4%	41
Veteran Population	6.2%	6.0%	45

Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	16.4%	17.5%	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,223	\$1,358	10
Per Capita Income	\$66,288	\$61,839	11
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$20,220.4 million	\$788.1 billion	7

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.5466	---	41
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$965	\$942	70
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$5,281,913	---	6
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$853.8 million	\$42.2 billion	12
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---

60.7%

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



7.8%

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

\$4,030

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

44.7%

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

15.0%

of residents experience food insecurity

20.6%

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

10.3%

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



9.4%

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

337

emergency department visits for drug overdose

152

deaths due to overdose

84.4%

of households have at least one device to access the internet

87.7%

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.