



Caldwell County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

Demographics

82,606

County Population

+1.80%

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	44.1	39.6	40
Population Under 18	19.0%	21.1%	62
Population 65+	21.8%	18.4%	50
Veteran Population	5.6%	6.0%	62

Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	18.1%	17.5%	34
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,015	\$1,358	43
Per Capita Income	\$47,398	\$61,839	76
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$3,135.5 million	\$788.1 billion	40

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.4975	---	27
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$671	\$942	17
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$879,470	---	47
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$265.1 million	\$42.2 billion	59
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	6.75%	---	---

40.2%

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



12.8%

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

\$1,431

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

63.6%

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

16.1%

of residents experience food insecurity

31.4%

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

14.0%

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



12.5%

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

149

emergency department visits for drug overdose

50

deaths due to overdose

74.5%

of households have at least one device to access the internet

85.2%

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.