



# Cherokee County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

## Demographics

**30,152**

County Population

**+10.30%**

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	54.7	39.6	2
Population Under 18	15.4%	21.1%	93
Population 65+	34.3%	18.4%	2
Veteran Population	9.5%	6.0%	8

## Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	24.5%	17.5%	70
Average Weekly Wage	\$966	\$1,358	71
Per Capita Income	\$41,999	\$61,839	98
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$1,078.5 million	\$788.1 billion	73

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.6100	---	59
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$852	\$942	52
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$420,742	---	71
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$135.0 million	\$42.2 billion	88
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---

**42.0%**

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

**\$2,456**

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



**60.6%**

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

**16.3%**

of residents experience food insecurity

**29.3%**

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

**15.8%**

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

**14.8%**

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion



**11**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**80.0%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet

**24**

deaths due to overdose

**82.2%**

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](http://www.ncacc.org/mapbook) or via the QR code. The digital PDF can be downloaded or you can email [communications@ncacc.org](mailto: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.