



# Columbus County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

## Demographics

**51,555**

County Population

**-5.40%**

Population Change Since 2015

| Population Facts    | County | NC    | Rank* |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Median Age          | 41.6   | 39.6  | 60    |
| Population Under 18 | 20.5%  | 21.1% | 49    |
| Population 65+      | 21.0%  | 18.4% | 55    |
| Veteran Population  | 6.0%   | 6.0%  | 53    |

## Economics and Taxation

| Economics                    | County            | NC              | Rank* |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Children in Poverty          | 30.2%             | 17.5%           | 83    |
| Average Weekly Wage          | \$951             | \$1,358         | 76    |
| Per Capita Income            | \$45,922          | \$61,839        | 88    |
| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | \$1,878.6 million | \$788.1 billion | 60    |

| Taxation                                   | County          | NC             | Rank* |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25              | 0.8050          | ---            | 92    |
| Property Tax Levy Per Capita               | \$749           | \$942          | 26    |
| Property Tax Revenue Per Penny             | \$478,863       | ---            | 65    |
| Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation | \$167.8 million | \$42.2 billion | 83    |
| Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)             | 6.75%           | ---            | ---   |

**33.1%**

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



**12.9%**

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

**\$1,169**

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

**95.6%**

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

**17.1%**

of residents experience food insecurity

**39.6%**

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

**22.4%**

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



**14.2%**

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

**27**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**68.9%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet

**28**

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](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.