



# McDowell County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

## Demographics

**44,739**

County Population

**+0.60%**

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	44.3	39.6	39
Population Under 18	18.7%	21.1%	66
Population 65+	22.6%	18.4%	43
Veteran Population	6.5%	6.0%	36

## Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	20.1%	17.5%	44
Average Weekly Wage	\$961	\$1,358	72
Per Capita Income	\$47,124	\$61,839	80
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$2,579.8 million	\$788.1 billion	47

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.5675	---	46
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$823	\$942	44
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$648,496	---	55
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$151.7 million	\$42.2 billion	86
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	6.75%	---	---

**41.4%**

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

**11.4%**

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

**\$1,862**

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



**84.1%**

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

**16.3%**

of residents experience food insecurity

**34.2%**

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

**16.7%**

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

**14.6%**

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion



**67**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**74.9%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet

**24**

deaths due to overdose

**83.0%**

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.