



# Polk County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

## Demographics

**19,818**

County Population

**+0.70%**

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	53.5	39.6	3
Population Under 18	14.6%	21.1%	98
Population 65+	33.5%	18.4%	4
Veteran Population	7.0%	6.0%	30

## Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	19.8%	17.5%	41
Average Weekly Wage	\$967	\$1,358	69
Per Capita Income	\$67,589	\$61,839	9
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$695.5 million	\$788.1 billion	83

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.4277	---	16
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$1,034	\$942	79
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$383,193	---	76
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$314.5 million	\$42.2 billion	47
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	6.75%	---	---

**45.3%**

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



**11.2%**

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

**\$3,123**

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

**100.0%**

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

**16.3%**

of residents experience food insecurity

**22.7%**

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

**11.1%**

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



**10.9%**

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

**16**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**4**

deaths due to overdose

**80.2%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet

**82.9%**

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.