



Wayne County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

Demographics

119,286

County Population

-1.30%

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	37.1	39.6	91
Population Under 18	23.9%	21.1%	10
Population 65+	17.7%	18.4%	85
Veteran Population	8.8%	6.0%	13

Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	22.2%	17.5%	59
Average Weekly Wage	\$995	\$1,358	49
Per Capita Income	\$50,748	\$61,839	51
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$6,339.9 million	\$788.1 billion	24

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.6259	---	63
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$626	\$942	6
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$974,641	---	45
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$599.0 million	\$42.2 billion	21
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	6.75%	---	---

44.3%

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



13.5%

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

\$1,333

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

73.7%

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

16.9%

of residents experience food insecurity

36.6%

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

18.6%

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



12.5%

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

99

emergency department visits for drug overdose

79.3%

of households have at least one device to access the internet

40

deaths due to overdose

88.7%

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.