



# Wilkes County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

## Demographics

**66,513**

County Population

**-1.20%**

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	44.6	39.6	35
Population Under 18	19.5%	21.1%	57
Population 65+	23.5%	18.4%	36
Veteran Population	5.2%	6.0%	77

## Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	20.7%	17.5%	49
Average Weekly Wage	\$955	\$1,358	74
Per Capita Income	\$49,350	\$61,839	63
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$3,094.7 million	\$788.1 billion	42

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.4200	---	15
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$644	\$942	13
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$649,149	---	54
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$626.6 million	\$42.2 billion	17
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---

**41.8%**

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



**14.7%**

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

**\$1,890**

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

**17.2%**

of residents experience food insecurity

**30.8%**

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

**18.3%**

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



**12.4%**

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

**98**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**30**

deaths due to overdose

**78.3%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet

**86.4%**

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.