

Watauga County

2023 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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		Indicator	County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development		Median Household Income	\$55,183	\$61,997	43
		Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.9	3
		Housing Cost Burden	36%	28%	95
		Food Insecurity	9.2%	15.4%	5
Physical Health		Teen Pregnancy	5.2	24	3
		Physicians per 100K	28.4	27.7	12
		Child Fatality	65.6	56.2	62
		Uninsured	9.0%	9.3%	11
Mental Health and Safety		Suicide Rate	15.15	15.3	34
		Student-Counselor Ratio	317:1	321:1	40
		Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	0.22	1.56	10
		Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	16.56	38.3	6
Education Inputs		State Expenditures	\$7,656	\$7,426	64
		Local Expenditures	\$3,373	\$2,459	8
		Federal Expenditures	\$1,864	\$2,460	94
		Teacher Vacancy Rate	0.51%	3.43%	7
Education Outcomes		Math Proficiency	59.7%	33.1%	4
		3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	57.5%	46.4%	5
		% Meeting ACT Benchmark	20.7%	15.8%	7
		High School Graduation Rate	89.2%	86.4%	28

Ranking Summary

Overall	4
Economic Development	36
Physical Health	8
Mental Health	2
Education Input	33
Education Outcomes	2

Public School Student Demographics

