

McDowell County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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Indicator		County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development	Median Household Income	\$53,697	\$70,838	72
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	38
	Housing Cost Burden	19%	28%	2
	Food Insecurity	19.3%	18.9%	40
Physical Health	Teen Pregnancy	26.6	22.2	58
	Physicians per 100K	7.7	26.1	72
	Child Fatality	43.1	58.7	17
	Uninsured	11.7%	10.9%	69
Mental Health and Safety	Suicide Rate	19.7	16.6	58
	Student-Counselor Ratio	287:1	315:1	24
	Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	3.6	2.23	86
	Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	53.5	41.0	70
Education Inputs	State Expenditures	\$9,110	\$7896	37
	Local Expenditures	\$2,350	\$3058	60
	Federal Expenditures	\$2,094	\$2269	80
	Teacher Vacancy Rate	3.2%	6.4%	28
Education Outcomes	Math Proficiency	41.3%	37.0%	36
	3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	46.8%	48.6%	42
	% Meeting ACT Benchmark	10.8%	15.2%	39
	High School Graduation Rate	85.2%	86.9%	65

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